

THE PROPHET AMOS / *Amos 1*

Served as a prophet to Israel (the northern kingdom) from 760–750 B.C.

Climate of the times Israel was enjoying peace and economic prosperity. But this blessing had caused her to become a selfish, materialistic society. Those who were well-off ignored the needs of those less fortunate. The people were self-centered and indifferent toward God.

Main message Amos spoke against those who exploited or ignored the needy.

Importance of message Believing in God is more than a matter of individual faith. God calls all believers to work against injustices in society and to aid those less fortunate.

Contemporary prophets Jonah (793–753 B.C.), Hosea (753–715 B.C.)