

AMOS

AUTHOR:

The author is the prophet Amos.

DATE:

Amos most likely wrote during the reigns of Jeroboam II (Israel) and Uzziah (Judah) in approximately 760-750 BC.

AUDIENCE:

Amos wrote to the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

CONTEXT:

For the wealthy of Israel there was still prosperity. However, instead of being thankful the people were selfish and began to oppress the poor of Israel and even began to make them their slaves. This was not long before all of Israel was captured and taken into slavery.

PURPOSE:

Amos wrote to tell the wicked people of Israel that God's judgment was coming. The people had been self-righteous, worshiped idols and oppressed the poor. Amos illustrates the real and lasting consequences of sin (specifically here it was idolatry and social injustice).

