

## Biblical Economics – 20 (Amos)

**Judah** – Uzziah 783-742      **Israel** Jeroboam II 786-746      **Fall of Samaria** 722

**Amos 1** <sup>1</sup> The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

<sup>2</sup> And he said: The Lord shall roar from Zion,  
and he shall give forth his voice from Jerusalem,  
and the dwellings of the shepherds shall be cut off,  
and the choicest fertile land will wither.

**Amos 3** <sup>3</sup> Will the lion roar in the forest if he has no prey? . . . <sup>7</sup> For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to the prophet that serve him.

<sup>8</sup> A lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken; who will not prophesy? . . .

<sup>13</sup> Hear and testify against the house of Jacob,” / Says the Lord God, the God of hosts,

<sup>14</sup> “In the day I punish Israel for their transgressions, I will also visit the altars of Bethel; /  
And the horns of the altar shall be cut off / And fall to the ground.

**Amos 5** <sup>4</sup> For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel:

“Seek me and live;

Seek not Bethel

Enter not into Gilgal,

Nor pass over to Beersheba;

For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity,

And Bethel shall come to nothing.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord and live,

Lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph and devour it,

With no one to extinguish it in Bethel—

<sup>7</sup> You who turn justice to wormwood,

And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!”

**Amos 7** <sup>7</sup> Behold, the Lord stood on a wall with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.”

Then the Lord said:

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line

In the midst of my people Israel;

I will not pass by them anymore.

<sup>9</sup> The high places of Isaac shall be desolate,

And the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste.

I will rise with the sword against the house of Jeroboam.”

**Amos 7** <sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said: ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, / And Israel shall surely be led away captive from their own land.’ ”

<sup>12</sup> Then Amaziah said to Amos: “Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah. There eat bread and prophesy there. <sup>13</sup> But never again prophesy at Bethel, For it is the king’s sanctuary, And it is the royal house.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah: “No prophet am I, Nor son of a prophet, But I am a breeder of sheep and a tender of the sycamore. <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord took me as I followed the flock, And the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

**Amos 1** <sup>3</sup> Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four,  
I will not turn away its punishment,  
Because they have threshed Gilead with tools of iron.

<sup>4</sup> But I will send a fire into the house of Hazeal,  
Which shall devour the palaces of Ben-Hadad.

<sup>5</sup> I will also break the gate bar of Damascus,  
And cut off the inhabitant from the Valley of Aven,  
And the one who holds the scepter from Beth Eden.  
The people of Syria shall go captive to Kir,”  
Says the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four,  
I will not turn away its punishment,  
Because they took captive the whole captivity  
To deliver them up to Edom.

<sup>7</sup> But I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza,  
Which shall devour its palaces.

<sup>8</sup> I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod,  
And the one who wields the scepter from Ashkelon;  
I will turn my hand against Ekron,  
And the remnant of the Philistines shall perish,”  
Says the Lord God.

<sup>9</sup> Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four,  
I will not turn away its punishment,  
Because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom,  
And did not remember the covenant of brotherhood.

<sup>10</sup> But I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre,  
Which shall devour its palaces.”