

Amos

(*'burden bearer'*)

Amos opens with judgment on Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Judah & Israel. What had each done wrong?

Damascus
'threshed Gilead with threshing sledges of iron'

Ammon
acts of cruelty
'to enlarge their border'

Gaza
'carried captives into exile to deliver them to Edom'

Moab
'burned to lime the bones of the king of Edom'

Tyre
'did not remember a covenant of brotherhood'

Judah
'rejected the law of the Lord'

Edom
'pursued his brother with the sword'

ISRAEL
'sell the righteous for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals'

'I gave you...'

'lack of bread'

'withheld the rain'

'blight & mildew'

'pestilence'

complete overthrow
'like Sodom'

'...yet you did not return to me, declares the Lord. Amos 4:6-11

What kind of famine is mentioned in Amos 8:11-12?



Can you find all these places on the map?
Circle Syria for Damascus.

The rest of Amos is mostly about the 10 tribes of Israel, where Ephraim (Joseph) was a prominent tribe.

'the cows of Bashan... who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to your husbands, 'Bring, that we may drink!' Amos 4:1

'When will the new moon be over that we may sell grain? And the _____ that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah _____ and the shekel _____ and deal deceitfully with _____ balances that we may buy the poor for _____ and the needy for a pair of _____ and sell the _____ of the wheat?' Amos 8:5-6

A Promise of Restoration
'The days are coming when the plowman shall overtake the _____, and the treader of grapes him who sows _____, the mountains shall drip sweet _____, and all the hills shall flow with it.' Amos 9:13

'I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs' Amos 7:14-15

'the Lord took me from following the flock and said...Go prophesy..'

'WOE to those who...'

'lie on beds of ivory'

'eat lambs from the flock'

'sing idle songs to the harp'

'invent instruments'

'drink wine in bowls'

use the 'finest oils'

...but are not grieved over the ruin of JOSEPH!
Amos 6:4-7