

Background Facts Of Amos

• An Ordinary Man: 7:14-16a (Shepherd/Farmer) Not formally trained, but VERY biblically literate Many references to Pentateuch Quoted by Matthew, Paul and Luke! Prophesied in multiple different ways 1:3,6,9 >Sermons 3:1; 4:1 >Prophecies >Visions 7:1,7 >Promises 9:11 Small Often considered a "Dark Book" 5/146

Four-Fold Message of Amos

- The Peoples Sin 2:6-8
- Righteousness of God 2:7
- Coming Judgment 4:11-13
- Mercy and Forgiveness of God 5:4,6

Lesson #1 From Amos For Today <u>God Uses ORDINARY People</u> Amos 7:14 1 Cor 1:26-29

"Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things-- and the things that are not-- to nullify the things that are,

so that no one may boast before him."

Lesson #2 From Amos For Today <u>God Equips The Called...Rather Than Calling The Equipped</u> Amos 7:10-16 Acts 4:13

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."



Lesson #3 From Amos For Today God's Call Is Sovereign: He Often Calls Us To Unexpected Places and Things Amos 7:15 2 Chronicles 16:9

"For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."



Lesson #4 From Amos For Today God Is Creative...He Seldom Does Things The Same Way Visions, Prophecies, Promises Isaiah 43:18-19

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 1See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."



Lesson #5 From Amos For Today <u>Be Willing To Go Where The Need Is</u> FROM The Southern Kingdom, Went TO The Northern Kingdom Matthew 20:28

"whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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Today's Challenge

- Are you WILLING to be Used?
- Are you willing to trust Him to EQUIP you?
- Are you willing to do the UNEXPECTED and UNUSUAL?
- Is there room in your life for God to do something NEW?
- Are you willing to go to the NEED?