

Major Profit from Minor Prophets

(Amos)

- Introduction:
1. If you're interested in Jesus, you should be interested in the prophets.
 2. Revelation 19:10 says that the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus.
 3. (Luke 24:44) Jesus said that all that had been written of him in the Law, the Psalms, and Prophets must be fulfilled.
 4. The prophets were great and godly men; men who could not be silenced by bribery or threat.
 5. (Matthew 16:13-15) - What a great compliment to the prophets!

I. Brief Background to the book of Amos

- A. Amos was a pre-exilic prophet.
- B. It was written to the northern kingdom Israel.
- C. Amos was written approximately 750 years before Jesus and approximately 35 years before the Assyrian captivity.
- D. Amos was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, but God called him to be his spokesman.
- E. Amos answers God's call, and courageously speaks the truth in what must have been very intimidating circumstances.
- F. The book contains five visions.
 1. The vision of locusts (7:1-3).
 2. The vision of the devouring fire (7:4-6).
 3. The vision of the plumb line (7:7-9).
 4. The vision of the basket of fruit (8).
 5. The vision of the destruction (9:1-10).

II. Practical Lessons to Learn from Amos

- A. The Lord roars from Zion (1:2).
- B. For three, but for four (1:3-2:6).
- C. Can two walk together (3:3).
- D. Prepare to meet your God (4:12).
- E. Hate evil, love good (5:15).
- F. Formalism (5:18-27).
- G. Indifference (6:1).
- H. Go, you seer (7:12).
- I. A famine of the word (8:11).
- J. Restoration (9:11).

- Conclusion:
1. Amos is a great example to us today.
 2. He was unmoved in a city where he was an unwelcome guest.
 3. He remained faithful to his call, and so should we.
 4. We must also acknowledge that while God loves us, he will also discipline us for our sins.
 5. If we do not repent, the message of Amos rings true still today: "Prepare to meet your God" (Amos 4:12).