

## AMOS

Amos was a shepherd who prophesied two years before the great earthquake. (v.1—Zechariah mentioned it nearly 250 years later in **Zech. 14:5**) He prophesied the earthquake as part of the judgment of God (**9:1,6**). Those that escaped and didn't learn from it would eventually be judged in other ways (swallowed up—**9:3**, sword—**9:4,10**).

Amos gave a couple of illustrations to explain that we cannot escape the judgment of God (**5:19**). Some Israelites had hoped that a day of the Lord would come upon the other nations to rescue them in spite of their unfaithfulness. The day of the Lord would come upon Israel for their sins. This was the attitude of the Jews of Jesus' day (**Luke 17:22**). They thought the day of the Lord would free them from Roman occupation and usher in a golden age for them on earth. Instead, God would bring the judgment on Jerusalem...using Rome to do it (**Luke 17:37**).

As usual, God pointed to restoration after God's spiritual cleansing process (**9:11-15**). As usual, these restoration prophecies are spiritual and fulfilled in Christ (**Acts 15:14-18**).

Amos was not a prophet but a shepherd (**7:14**). He was special in his love for Israel and his intercession for them (**7:1-6**). God can always use such a person to His glory.