

**The 12 Minor Prophets**  
"All Have Sinned" - Amos 1-2  
Sunday, October 21, 2012

**INTRODUCTION**

**All Have Sinned (Chapters 1-2)**

**A. The Lord Roars (1:1-2)**

1. Through prophets
2. Throughout history
3. Through nature
4. From His place
5. To the nations
6. Ultimately, through His Word

**B. The Nations are Judged (1:3-2:16)**

1. Proclamation is a curse and blessing
2. For three...for four
  - a) Poetic expression for totality
  - b) Applied to all nations
    - (1) Neighboring nations
      - (a) Damascus

- i) Syria, crushing Gilead
  - ii) King was Ben-hadad
  - iii) God destroys their securities and sends them into exile
- (b) Gaza
- i) Philistines oppressing a people
  - ii) God will shut down their growth as a kingdom
- (c) Tyre
- i) Oppression of a people they had a covenant with
  - ii) God destroys their kingdom
- (d) Edom
- i) Descended from Esau
  - ii) Perpetually at enmity with Israel
  - iii) God breaks strongholds
- (e) Ammonites
- i) Regular enemy of tribes of Israel
  - ii) They were ruthless and vicious
  - iii) God will break their kingdom and exile their rulers
- (f) Moab
- i) Associated with Ammon
  - ii) Sin was against Edom
  - iii) God's justice is not relegated to those who sin against His people
- (g) Judah
- i) Judged not for offending other nations, rather breaking the law of God

- ii) Lies, coupled with not learning from their history
- iii) Fire is the judgment of choice in breaking the security of nations

(2) Israel

- (a) Doing almost anything for a dime (slavery? false witness for money?)
- (b) Socially unjust
- (c) Sexual sin / perversion (profanes the name of God)
- (d) Apparent extortion / over-charging
- (e) Did not respond rightly to God's deliverance (**vv.9-12**)
- (f) God will "press down" His people (**vv. 13-16**)
- (g) God's standard is the same

3. **Romans 3:1-26**

- a) **Before we turn to Romans ---> Amos 9:11-12**
- b) The Jews are at an advantage, yet they're not better off (**vv.1-20**)
- c) God's righteousness is revealed in Christ, the only righteous One acceptable to God (**vv.21-26**)
  - (1) The Christ of the Prophets
  - (2) The Righteousness of Christ is through Faith for all who believe
    - (a) Grace gift
    - (b) Propitiation by blood
    - (c) God's plan to make for Himself a people from the nations