

# Amos 1

## God's judgment on Damascus, Philistia, Tyre, Edom, and Ammon

*(The People's Bible, Hosea, Joel, Amos, pages 179-198)*

### Look

- Verses 1,2      Amos introduces himself as a shepherd commissioned by the Lord who thundered from Zion. Two years prior to his writing, a devastating earthquake had come as a warning to the entire surrounding area (Zechariah 14:5).
- Verse 4          *"For three sins . . . even for four"*—This numerical expression is also found in Psalms and Proverbs. It imitates how the nation piled up one sin on another, leading to total destruction.

### Discuss

1. What is significant about the fact that the Lord thundered from Zion?
2. Locate Damascus on a map. What is another name for Damascus? What did Damascus do to deserve God's judgment?
3. Locate Gaza on a map. What did Gaza do to deserve God's judgment?
4. Locate Tyre on a map. What did Tyre do to deserve God's judgment?
5. Locate Edom on a map. What did Edom do to merit God's judgment?
6. Locate Ammon on a map. What did Ammon do to deserve God's judgment?

### Apply

7. What comfort can the Christian church take from this chapter?

*The Lord promised judgment on the nations around his people because of their cruelty.*