

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: December 20, 2023
Intro & Amos 1:1-2

1. Who wrote the book of Amos? _____

2. Where was Amos from?
 - a. According to 1:1, from Takoa.
 - b. He was from the southern kingdom of Judah.

3. To whom did Amos prophesy?
 - a. Well, the southern kingdom where he was from, obviously!
 - b. Like Hosea, he prophesied to the Northern Kingdom of Israel even though he was from the southern Kingdom. Isaiah and Micah addressed the southern kingdom of Judah with a similar message a few years later.

4. When did Amos prophesy?
 - a. A long long time ago...
 - b. Slightly before and during the time of Hosea.
 - c. In the 700's B.C.

5. What was going on during this time?
 - a. All kinds of trouble.
 - b. Well, there was a period of great success and peace, which made it hard to hear that it wasn't going to last from these crazy prophets.
 - c. Toward the end of this time, we see overthrow of multiple kings, with some of them reigning only months.

6. How does the book of Amos differ from other prophetic books?
 - a. I don't know I haven't really read or studied any.
 - b. Well, first, 1:1 says these are the words of Amos rather than "the word of the Lord." This is definitely the word of the Lord, but it is an "unpretentious" opening.
 - c. Amos is called "one of the shepherds" and not "the prophet."

7. What do you suppose this suggests about the text of the book of Amos? _____

8. What does Amos say in 1:1-2? _____
Do you think that he is trying to interpret the "signs of the times?" Yes _____ No _____
Explain. _____

How would we interpret the signs of the times today? _____
