

SERMON NOTES

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THE LION ROARS

Amos 1:1–2:6

I. THE LION ROARS THROUGH AN UNLIKELY MOUTH.

(Amos 1:1,2) The words of Amos, who was among the shepherders from Tekoa, which he envisioned in visions concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. He said, "The LORD roars from Zion and from Jerusalem He utters His voice; and the shepherds' pasture grounds mourn, and the summit of Carmel dries up."

II. THE LION ROARS AT HIS PEOPLE.

• AT THEIR PRIDE

(Amos 2:4a,6a) Thus says the LORD, "For three transgressions of Judah and for four I will not revoke its punishment, because they rejected the law of the LORD and have not kept His statutes...Thus says the LORD, "For three transgressions of Israel and for four I will not revoke its punishment.

• AT THEIR BLANDNESS

(Amos 2:11,12) "Then I raised up some of your sons to be prophets and some of your young men to be Nazirites. Is this not so, O sons of Israel?" declares the LORD. "But you made the Nazirites drink wine, and you commanded the prophets saying, 'You shall not prophesy!'"

• AT THEIR LACK OF HEART FOR THE BROKEN

(Amos 2:6) Thus says the LORD, "For three transgressions of Israel and for four I will not revoke its punishment, because they sell the righteous for money and the needy for a pair of sandals.