



# Walking the Ancient Path

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**Week 1:  
Amos**

**16 This is what the Lord says:**

**“Stand at the crossroads and look;**

**ask for the ancient paths,**

**ask where the good way is,**

**and walk in it,**

**and you will find rest for your souls.**

**Jer. 6**

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# Prophets of Israel

**Amos  
Hosea  
Isaiah  
Micah**

**Zephaniah  
Jeremiah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk**

**Obadiah  
Ezekiel**

**Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi**



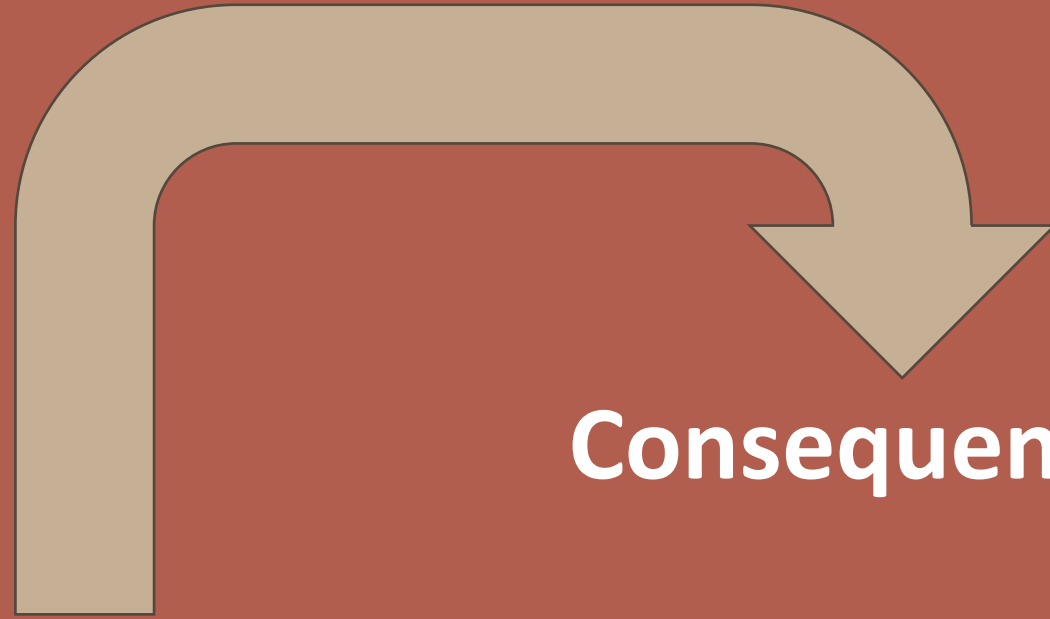
What was the  
Prophet's Role?

**God's  
Messenger  
Covenant  
Enforcer**

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# "Gotcha" - The Entrapment Sequence



The people of  
Damascus have sinned  
again and again. 1:3

Consequences!

# **"Gotcha" - The Entrapment Sequence**

**Damascus**

**Merciless Cruelty in War**

**Philistia**

**Enslaving Captives**

**Tyre**

**Dealing in Slave Trade**

**Edom**

**Heartless Conduct**

**Ammon**

**Fiendish Cruelty**

**Moab**

**Inhuman Treatment**

**Judah**

**Disloyalty to God**



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## **The Columbo Effect**

**For three sins of Damascus,  
even for four, I will not relent. 1:3**

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**For three sins of Gaza,  
even for four, I will not relent. 1:6**

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**For three sins of Tyre,  
even for four, I will not relent. 1:9**

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- 1. "Gotcha" - The Entrapment Sequence**
- 2. The Columbo Effect**
- 3. No Holds Barred**

You say, “Don’t prophesy against Israel. Stop preaching against my people.” But this is what the Lord says: “Your wife will become a prostitute in this city, and your sons and daughters will be killed. Your land will be divided up, and you yourself will die in a foreign land. And the people of Israel will certainly become captives in exile, far from their homeland.” 7:16

# 1. A Roaring Lion!

*How Did Amos  
View God?*

**The Lord roars from Zion and thunders from  
Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds dry  
up, and the top of Carmel withers. 1:3**

**The lion has roared— so who isn't frightened?  
The Sovereign Lord has spoken— so who can  
refuse to proclaim his message? 3:8**

**Come back to the Lord and live! Otherwise, he will roar through Israel like a fire, devouring you completely. Your gods in Bethel won't be able to quench the flames. 5:6**



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- 1. A Roaring Lion!**
- 2. Persistent Pursuant  
Who Was Done**

**4:6-5:2**

**“I brought hunger to every city  
and famine to every town.**

**But still you would not return to me,”  
says the Lord.**

**<sup>7</sup> “I kept the rain from falling  
when your crops needed it the most . . .**

**But still you would not return to me,”  
says the Lord.**

**9 “I struck your farms and vineyards with blight and mildew. Locusts devoured all your fig and olive trees. But still you would not return to me,” says the Lord.**

**10 “I sent plagues on you like the plagues I sent on Egypt long ago. I killed your young men in war and led all your horses away.**

**The stench of death filled the air!  
But still you would not return to me,”  
says the Lord.**

**11 “I destroyed some of your cities,  
as I destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.  
Those of you who survived  
were like charred sticks pulled from a  
fire. But still you would not return to me,”  
says the Lord.**

**12 “Therefore, I will bring upon you all the disasters I have announced. Prepare to meet your God in judgment, you people of Israel!”**

**Listen, you people of Israel! Listen to this funeral song I am singing:**

**“The virgin Israel has fallen,  
never to rise again!**

**5:1-2**

# 1. God's words can be trusted.

## Amos & Hope

What does Amos  
mean for us  
today?

# Amos Predicted An Earthquake in Bethel

**I saw the Lord standing by the altar, and he said: “Strike the tops of the pillars so that the thresholds shake. Bring them down on the heads of all the people;” 9:1**

# Dates His Book by the Earthquake

**This message was given to Amos, a shepherd from the town of Tekoa in Judah. He received this message in visions two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam II, the son of Jehoash, was king of Israel.**

**Amos 1:1**



200 Years Later, Zechariah Says . . .

**<sup>5</sup> You will flee through this valley, for it will reach across to Azal. Yes, you will flee as you did from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah.      Zech 14:5**

# Amos's Earthquake: A Mountain of Evidence

Nearly 2,800 years ago, a megaquake shook ancient Israel. So says the Bible—and so says a mountain of archaeological evidence. And could it really have been prophesied in advance?

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**2. God's words are needed.**

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**“The time is surely coming,” says the Sovereign Lord, “when I will send a famine on the land—not a famine of bread or water but of hearing the words of the Lord. People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from border to border searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it.”**

**8:11-12**

**1. God's words can be trusted.**

**2. God's words are needed.**

**3. God is at work -  
there's no mystery  
about the future.**

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**8 “I, the Sovereign Lord,  
am watching this sinful nation of  
Israel. I will destroy it  
from the face of the earth.**

**But I will never completely destroy the  
family of Israel,” says the Lord.**


**9 “For I will give the command  
and will shake Israel along**

with the other nations as grain is shaken in  
a sieve,

yet not one true kernel will be lost.

<sup>10</sup> But all the sinners will die by the sword—  
all those who say, ‘Nothing bad will  
happen to us.’

<sup>11</sup> “In that day I will restore the fallen  
house of David.



**I will repair its damaged walls.  
From the ruins I will rebuild it  
and restore its former glory . . .  
The Lord has spoken,  
and he will do these things.**