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AUTHOR-

The author of this book is clearly identified as the prophet Amos in the introduction (1:1). Amos was a humble herdsman, or shepherd, of Tekoa (1:1), a village near _____ in the southern kingdom of _____. But God called him to deliver His message of judgment to the people who lived in _____.

Amos indicates that he was no prophet, or son of a prophet, but a herdsman and a tender of sycamore fruit- yet the language used in the book indicates _____. His _____ and his clear proclamation of God's message show that he was committed to the Lord and His principles of holiness and righteousness. Amos' keen sense of _____ also comes through clearly in the book.

WHEN THE BOOK WAS WRITTEN-

Amos indicated in his book that he prophesied during the reigns of King Uzziah in Judah and King Jeroboam II in Israel (1:1). This

places his prophecy between _____ and with his ministry lasting perhaps _____.

ABOUT THE BOOK-

Amos' ministry came during a time of _____. Both Israel and Judah had reached new military and political heights, yet religion was at an all-time low. Everyone interpreted their prosperity as _____ on them. But Amos rises up at the Lord's bidding and speaks of the excessive _____ (6:3-7), which had no concern for the _____. He speaks against a nation that had departed from the worship of the one true God. The situation clearly called for a courageous prophet who could call the nation back to authentic faith as well as a policy of fairness and justice in their dealings with their fellow citizens. Hence, this awesome book is one of the most eloquent cries for _____ to be found in the Bible. And it came through a humble shepherd who dared to deliver God's message to the _____ people of his day. His message is just as timely for our world, since God still places a higher value on justice and righteousness than on _____ and the things that money will buy.

BASIC THEMES OF AMOS -

This book is a _____. God's people had violated the Covenant and God's punishment of their sin will _____. Even the nations that have sinned against God and Israel will be judged as well! This teaches us that God is a universal King: _____. Everyone must answer to Him. Amos stresses that righteousness and justice are essential to a healthy society. Religion is far more than ritual: it demands _____. The way people _____ reveals what their _____ is like. Something else brought out in Amos is the _____. Rampant luxury and self-indulgence were clearly manifest in Israel and is so evident among us today. As then, material prosperity leads us to believe we are ok with God. It deceives into giving money as our service of God rather than _____ in true worship. It _____ many times from the poor God wants us to help. After considering all the above, you might say that a statement of Jesus' regarding the two most important commandments can sum up Amos: "_____".

A POSSIBLE KEY WORD-

A brief look at the outline of the book should make the key word no surprise: _____. This comes because of the _____ and the _____ of people.

KEY VERSE(S) AND CHAPTER-

Though there are many passages that speak to the key theme and word, I narrowed it down to one verse. My key verse is: _____. In keeping with God’s continual theme of judgment and _____, I felt that one chapter said it all: _____.

JESUS REVEALED IN THE BOOK-

- _____
- _____
- _____
- Amos was a shepherd- Jesus is the Shepherd of our souls
- _____
- _____

THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALED IN THE BOOK-

- The prophetic and the office of prophet are the work of the Spirit
- _____
- _____
- _____

SOME TRUTHS AND APPLICATIONS-

Amos 5:14, 15, 24

Amos 6:1

Fight complacency by being zealous for the things of God. Reject any spirit of spiritual elitism.

Amos 8:11, 12
