

**Eschatology 2: The Old Testament Prophets**  
**Covenant Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma - Adult Sunday school**  
Sunday, May 12 2024

**Lesson 2: Amos - When the lion roars... (1:2, 3:7-8)**

I. A Prophet's Message fits his Context

A. Date and location (1:1, 7:12-15) - Bethel, Israel, c.760 BC

B. Background information

1. Bethel (1 Kings 12:26-31)

2. Jeroboam II (2 Kings 14:23-27), 793-753 BC, & Azariah/Uzziah (2 Kings 15:1-7), 791-739 BC

3. Assyrian weakness and Israelite "Golden Age"

C. Occasion - rampant corruption, oppression, idolatry, and immorality

D. Message

1. Accusation (2:6-8)

2. Judgment (3:1-2, 3:11-4:2)

3. Repentance (5:4-6, 14-15)

4. The Day of the Lord (5:18-24; 8:9-12; 9:11-15)

II. Interpretation from the Prophet's Perspective - Acts 15:13-19

III. Understanding use of Signs and Symbols - 7:1-9, 8:1-2, 9:1-10

(also wordplay, metaphor, analogy, metonymy, & anthropomorphism)

- "Inerrant" & "Literal" are NOT the same thing!

- Poetic/symbolic language is not less inspired or authoritative, but we must be careful to be less dogmatic in how we approach it.