

**THE BOOK  
OF AMOS**  
**An introduction**

*“But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing stream!”*



## Amos 1:1-2 (NIV)

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Amos 7:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> Amos answered Amaziah, “I was **neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet**, but I was **a shepherd**, and I also **took care of sycamore-fig trees**.”

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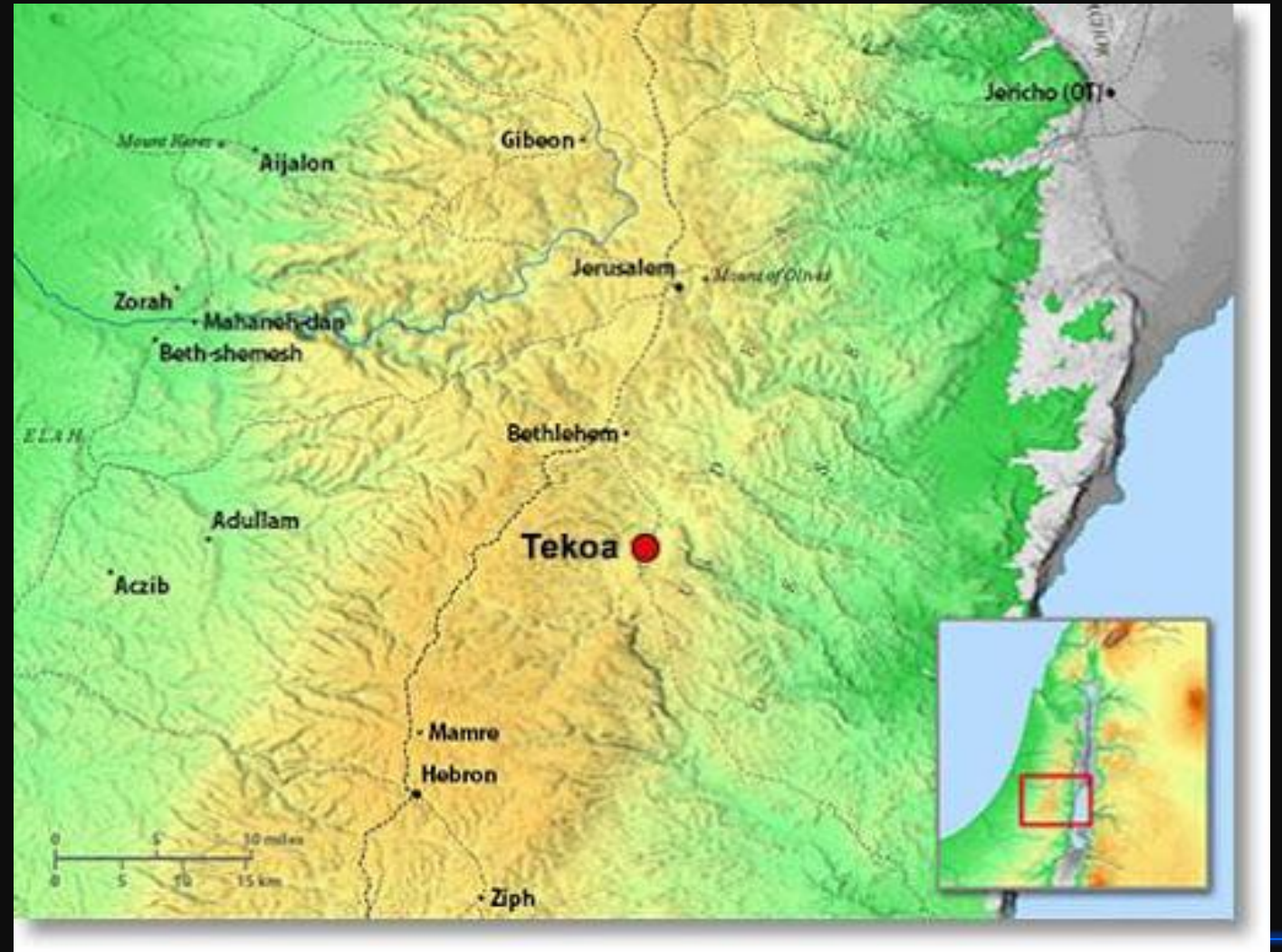


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King Jeroboam II reigned in Israel for 41 years (2kings 14:23-29) (793-753 B.C.)

King Uzziah (Azariah) reigned in Judah for 52 years (2kings 15:1-7 & 2 Chronicles 26:1) (792-740 B.C.)



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2kings 14:23-29

Jeroboam II King of Israel

<sup>23</sup> In the fifteenth year of Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel became king in Samaria, and he reigned forty-one years. <sup>24</sup> **He did evil in the eyes of the LORD and did not turn away from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit.** <sup>25</sup> He was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea, in accordance with the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hopher.



# When did he speak?

About 2750 years ago

Most conservative Bible scholars place this prophecy  
somewhere around  
**760-750 B.C.**

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God speaks in simple ways, through simple men; will you listen?.