**Amos Chapter 1 Answers**

1. **Who was Amos?** He appeared to be a shepherd (or sheep breeder) and he raised sycamore trees. Amos 7:14
2. **What comes to mind when you see the phrase “the Lord roars from Zion” or “the Lord will roar from Zion?”** It seems to indicate that the God of Amos is one who cones to judge the earth, waging holy war against the enemies of justice and compassion.
3. **What will happen to Damascus and why? (See Amos 1:3-5) Damascus** was the serious threat to Israel. It was an Aramean city-state. The Arameans were very cruel in their suppression of the area. Amos warns about what is to come.
4. **What will happen to Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon and Ekron and why? (See Amos 1:6-8)** These are Philistine cities and during the period of the Judges, they were Israel’s most dangerous enemies. Their military might was broken by David. They too had carried entire communities into exile.
5. **What will happen to Tyre and why? (See Amos 1:9-10)** Tyre was a Phoenician city and they were wealthy however there is no evidence that they were ever a war like people. People seemed to have a problem with the Phoenicians wealth and pride. They were traders and could have had slaves as a commodity.
6. **What is the covenant of kinship?** It appears to have been a covenant in which mutual obligations are equally binding on both parties to the covenant. The brothers are not identified.
7. **What will happen to Edom and why? (See Amos 1:11-12)** Edom is condemned with great indignation for its mistreatment of Judean refugees at the time of the fall of Jerusalem. Edom also annexed the southern part of Judean territory. Edom traces its ancestry back to Esau, the twin brother of Jacob.
8. **What will happen to the Ammonites and why? (See Amos 1:13-15)** The Ammonites killed pregnant women in order to extend their borders.
9. **What is the significance of killing pregnant women?** When you attack and kill pregnant women, you are destroying the next generation.