COME·BACK

Three things you better know before you meet God

- We all have <u>sinned</u>
- Sin brings <u>consequences</u>
- To live, we must seek God

Have F.A.I.T.H

Everybody needs Forgiveness.

Forgiveness is <u>Available</u>, but it is not automatic.

Forgiveness and eternal life is <u>Impossible</u> outside of Jesus.

We must be willing to turn away from our sin and self and <u>Turn</u> to Jesus.

If we are willing to turn away from our sin and turn to Jesus, <u>Heaven</u> can be ours—both in eternity and now.

AMOS

AUTHOR: AMOS, ONE OF THE SHEPHERDS OF TEKOA

KEY THEMES

The theme of Amos is the universal justice of God.

AMOS 5:14

"See good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you as you have said."

KEY VERSE

SYNOPSIS:

Israel was under the hand of the Assyrians. However, that hand had lightened up over the years, and Israel became comfortable and prosperous. The people of God assumed that this prosperity was God's blessing and that they were about to become free of Assyrian rule. They were wrong. They gained their prosperity at the expense of the poor. Their worship of God was nothing more than attempts at magical manipulation of Him. They didn't really look much different than their pagan neighbors. What the Israelites saw as the beginning of their "Golden Age" was really the last flush of a terminal illness. Amos was tasked to give them the news that they were not going to become ruler of the world, but rather, in a few years they would not exist as a nation at all. They would continue to exist only by the unmerited favor of God.