

I left Bethlehem on a donkey in the morning and it was two hours when I got there by going straight east over toward the Dead Sea. It is just a few miles over from Bethlehem, but the city today is pretty much of a wilderness. These were people who were called Arabs. That is, they were Arabic speaking. ~~There~~ It is pretty hard to speak of any race as it ~~is~~ is anywhere because all our races everywhere have been so mixed up in the last few thousand years. But the <sup>Ar</sup>people --the Arabs in Palestine today are largely people who have drifted in from the desert in the last four or five hundred years in Palestine and then settled down. This process has been going on for the last two thousand years. They have been drifting in off the desert, settling down, and to some extent dieing off there over tow or three centures. Gradually drifting in. So just how long these people have actually been in Palestine is hard to say. They were probably from the desert originally. Well

Well, now Amos lived down there south of Jerusalem and east of Bethlehem but God sent him not to Judah, his own country, but to another country. Amos, like Jonah, was a foreign missionary. Although in this case the foreign nation to which he went was a nation of the same blood and the same language to which he belonged. It was the nation of Israel. So Amos went north from Judah up into Israel. The book begins, "The words of Amos who was ~~that~~ among the herdsmen of Tekoa which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake." Then you have the words which Amos spoke in the situation in Israel although he began very tactfully by showing God's wrath against the people of Damascus and the Philistines and the Amonites and the Moabites and these foreign nations and winning a very friendly interest from the ~~bad~~ people of Israel who were ~~anxious~~ glad to hear that God was going to punish the wickedness of the surrounding nations. After Amos had gone on that way for a chapter, then he spoke of God's wrath against Judah and after two verses about that then he turns to Israel. Having gained a respectful attention of the people by giving them something that they wanted to