

Hermes Bear 19th July 2020



Well it has been a few weeks of me gadding about in the Holy Lands. Some of my time has been spent in the fields near Bethlehem. I have had great fun making friends with some of Amos' sheep. Have you heard of Amos? Amos' great, great, great.....granddaddy was a herdsman and a prophet .You can read about him in the Old Testament. He has a book written about him. How cool is that!

He was a herdsman from the village of Tekoa and a dresser of sycamore trees. I don't really know what a dresser of sycamore trees does, but maybe you can ask your mum, or dad. I think Amos was quite a hot-headed character at times though. His great, great, great.....grandson – my chum, Amos- shares lots of his characteristics. He's very passionate about justice being done and he doesn't like to see people being cheated out of what belongs to them. Sometimes he sounds a bit scary – like Amos, his descendent, from so long ago. Whenever he sees poor people being cheated, he opens his mouth and roars like a lion. He always starts his sentences by saying, "Thus with G-d, 'For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not withhold My punishment: because they have despised the Torah of G-d, and have not kept His commandments.'" I'm not sure what that means, but it's what his great, great, great...granddaddy used to say. Buttercup, the sheep, looks at him strangely when he says these things. I just run for cover because I know he's going to rant for a while.



Last week he lifted some sheep fleece, covered it in blood and marched into the village coffee shop. What a nightmare! I didn't know where to look. Then he shouted at all the lovely people drinking coffee, telling them that the blood of their ancestors was their downfall. You might need to ask your mum, or dad about his action. I was so embarrassed and upset because a lovely man with a beard as long as Santa Claus offered me coffee and cake. He had two teeth missing in the front of his mouth and when he smiled his whole face lit up.

I asked Amos if we could have a competition and he suggested that maybe you could join us. The questions are below. Good luck. I'm off to meet some more of my friends and hopefully enjoy some more cake.

1. How many words can you make from the word Bethlehem? Amos' record is 7 words.
2. What village did Amos come from?
3. Can you find three names of shepherds in the Old Testament?
4. What books in the Old Testament do you find next to the book of Amos?

Your good friend,
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