

Amos

1 – Amos 1—For 3 Transgressions And For 4...

v.1-2, lions and shepherds – common images for his readers. What images would a modern-day Amos use? How would these judgments against Israel's neighbors (enemies) have been received?

2 – Amos 2—The “Noose” Grows Tighter!

If you're not familiar with the geography, note on a map how the judgments start way up North, but continue down to being very personal – Judah and Israel! Why is it always easier to see (and desire) judgment / justice on others rather than ourselves?

3 – Amos 3—Rich In Things – Poor In Soul

The theme of the lion again... What are the obvious answer to the questions? (v.2-6) How does Amos show the great wealth of the people? How does that compare to our wealth today? How does Amos show the great poverty of the people? What was the purpose of this warning? What is the message for us today?

4 – Amos 4—“Yet You Have Not Returned To Me”

Why such drastic measures from the Lord? How does the Lord seek to get our attention today? What happens when we ignore God's clear messages of warning and instruction? How can we “prepare to meet your God”? v.12

5 – Amos 5—Seek The LORD And Live!

What is a “lament”? What would it mean that Amos is taking this up against Israel? What is the alternative? What is the irony of v.18-19? What do these verses teach us about our worship of God? (Note v.24 is the theme verse for Amos)

6 – Amos 6—Blessing From God Or Selfish Luxury?

What causes complacency? When does a blessing from God become a selfish luxury? How serious is it? Again, what rhetorical questions are asked? (v.12)

7 – Amos 7—Visions 1, 2, 3 – And Intercession

How does Amos point us to Jesus in these verses? What does it mean “the Lord relented”? Although Amos prayed for the people and spoke the truth of God's Word given to him, what treatment did he receive? Why? What can we expect today? Why could Amos speak so harshly to Amaziah? Do we dare speak this way today? Why or why not?

8 – Amos 8—Vision 4 – “The Time Is Ripe!”

What social injustices were being done? How does this compare to today? What is the worst kind of famine? Why is it the worst?

9 – Amos 9—Vision 5 – Great Harvest, New Wine

Who would bring the worst destruction to Israel? Why? Why this severe threat? What gracious promise is in v.11? And what special “days were coming” from v.13-15. Why would this happen?