

Amos 1

- 1) To start with, who was Amos among?

- 2) Concerning whom did he see these words?

- 3) Who was king of Judah during this time? Go back to II Kings 14:23-29 ch 15:1-7, and II Chron ch 26. Is there any overall theme for this time period that might give us insight into Amos' message?

- 4) What other timestamp do we get for this letter?

- 5) To begin the message, what does the Lord do in v. 2, and where (2 actions, 2 places)?

- 6) What is the result (2)? Does this give any indication about the tone of this prophetic word?

- 7) What are the first words of v. 3 that indicate the authority of the message? How many times in ch 1-2 is this phrase used?

- *) We then get this strange idiom, "For 3 transgressions of _____, and for 4, I will not turn away its punishment...." This seems to be equivalent to saying "Because of the number of their transgressions, I will not turn away its punishment...." Make sense?

8) First up: Damascus!

a) What did they do?

b) Into what will He send fire, and what will be the result?

c) What will He break?

d) Who will He cut off (2)?

e) What will happen to the people of Syria?

9) Next: Gaza

a) What did they do, and for what purpose?

b) Upon what will He send fire, and what will be the result?

c) Who will He cut off (2)?

d) Against whom will He set His hand?

e) What will happen to the remnant of the Philistines?

10) Now for Tyre

a) What did they do (2)?

b) Upon what will He send fire, and what will be the result?

11) And Edom

a) What did he do (4)?

b) Upon what will He send fire, and what will be the result?

12) Next, Ammon

a) What did they do, and why?

b) In what will He kindle a fire, and what will it do?

c) This will happen amid what (2)?

d) What will happen to their king and his princes?

Amos 2

- 1) Continuing judgment on nations, we now come to Moab
 - a) What did he do?
 - b) Upon what will He send a fire, and what will be the result?
 - c) With what will Moab die (3)?
 - d) Who will He cut off? Who will He slay?

- 2) For a new direction, here's Judah
 - a) What did they do (2)?
 - b) What led them astray? Who followed these?
 - c) Upon what will He send a fire, and what will be the result?

- 3) Now for something different: the heavy message to Israel. Let's start with the things they do:
 - a) What do they sell, and for what (2 sales 2 for 2 prices)?
 - b) What do they pant after?
 - c) What do they pervert?
 - d) What do a man and his father do? To what end?
 - e) Where do they lie down? On what do they lie?
 - f) What do they drink, and where?

- 4) Yet what did the Lord do, according to v. 9?

5) How is this nation described (2)?

6) What did the Lord do to this nation (2)?

7) What else did the Lord do, according to v. 10 (2)?

8) For what purpose did He do this?

9) What else did the Lord do, according to v. 11 (2 people given for 2 purposes)?

10) However, what did the children of Israel do to these 2 groups, respectively?

11) What simile is used to describe how the Lord is weighed down by the children of Israel?

12) Therefore, what will happen, according to vs. 14-16 (7)?

Amos 3

- 1) According to the beginning of this chapter, what is spoken?
- 2) Against whom is it spoken (2)?
- 3) According to v. 2, what is unique about the children of Israel?
- 4) As a result, what is the consequence of such a personal relationship?
- 5) What 7 rhetorical questions does the Lord ask the children of Israel, regarding their relationship with Him and the warnings He gave?
- 6) When the Lord does nothing, to whom does He reveal His secret (they are called 2 things here)?
- 7) What is the natural reaction to a lion roaring? Similarly, what is the natural reaction to the Lord God speaking?
- 8) To what 2 places is the following message to be proclaimed?
- 9) Where are these 2 places to assemble? What are they to see there (2)?
- 10) Why are tumults and oppression coming upon Samaria? What do they store up in their palaces (2)?

11) Therefore, who will be all around the land? What will he do?

12) What will be the result?

13) He then makes a comparison in v. 12. Answer the following:

a) What does the shepherd take (2)? From whom?

b) In the same way, how will the children of Israel be taken out (2)? From where?

14) What 2 commands are given in v. 14?

15) What does the Lord call Himself in the same verse (2)?

16) He then speaks about “in the day....” What marks this day?

17) What else will He do on that day?

18) What will be the result for the horns of the altar (remember that horns signify strength) (2)?

19) What houses will He destroy/cause to perish/ bring to an end (4)?

Amos 4

- 1) To start this chapter, who is to hear this word? Where do they dwell?

- 2) What do they do (3)?

- 3) By what has the Lord God sworn?

- 4) The Lord then describes the coming days. What 5 things does He say will happen in those days, according to v. 2-3?

- 5) The Lord then seems to get sarcastic here! Answer the following questions about vs. 4-5:
 - a) What are they to do at Bethel?
 - b) What are they to do at Gilgal?
 - c) How often are they to bring their sacrifices?
 - d) How often are they to bring their tithes?
 - e) With what do they offer their sacrifice of thanksgiving?
 - f) What do they proclaim and announce?
 - g) At the core of the problem, what are the children of Israel's feelings about keeping the sacrifices while sacrificing to other gods on the side?

- 6) What did he also give them in all their cities/places (2)?

- 7) Yet, what did they NOT do?

- 8) What else did He do during what crucial time, according to v. 7?

9) What else did He do with the rain (4)?

10) As a result, what did the cities do? Were they successful in their quest for water?

11) In spite of this, what did they NOT do?

12) What else did the Lord do in v. 9?

13) What 4 things increased? What happened to these 4?

14) In spite of this, what did they NOT do (sensing the theme yet???)?

15) What did the Lord then send among them?

16) Who did He kill with a sword (2)?

17) What did he make come up into their nostrils?

18) In spite of this, what did they NOT do?

19) What else did He do, according to v. 11? To what does He compare this (2)?

20) And yet, in spite of this, what did they NOT do?

21) Therefore, thus what will happen?

22) Because He will do this to them, what are they to prepare for?

23) We then get a description of the Lord from the Lord Himself. What characteristics are given about Him in v. 13 (5)?

24) What does He call Himself here?

Amos 5

- 1) What is this word called at the beginning of this chapter?
- 2) What is Israel called here?
- 3) What has happened to her (4)?
- 4) What will happen to the city that goes out by a thousand?
- 5) What will happen to the city that goes out by a hundred?
- 6) What 2 things are they urged to do in v. 4?
- 7) What 3 things are they urged not to do (be sure to include why, if a “why” is given)?
- 8) What 2 things are they again urged to do in v. 6?
- 9) They are urged to do this lest He do what (2)?
- 10) What city is named regarding a fire with nobody to quench it? What 2 things are said of this city?
- 11) What 5 things does the Lord say He does in v. 8?

12) What Name does He give Himself in the same verse (Hebrew: Yahweh)?

13) What does He do in v. 9, and why?

14) What do the inhabitants of the house of Israel hate/abhor (2)?

15) What do they do in v. 11 (2)?

16) As a result, if they have built houses of hewn stone, what will happen?

17) And if they have planted pleasant vineyards, what will happen?

18) What does the Lord know, according to v. 12 (2)?

19) What 3 things does He say they do here?

20) Therefore, what does the prudent do? Why?

21) What are they to seek? What are they NOT to seek?

22) What would be the result, according to v. 14 (2)?

23) What 3 commands does the Lord give in v. 15?

24) What may the Lord God of Hosts do? To whom?

25) Therefore, what does the Lord God of Hosts, the Lord, state will happen (5 auditory things)?

26) Why will this happen?

27) Upon whom is woe declared in v. 18? Why?

28) How is the Day of the Lord described in vs. 18-20 (6 phrases, excluding 2 repetitions)?

29) What does the Lord say about their feast days (how intense is this???) (2)?

30) What does the Lord say about their sacred assemblies?

31) He then says, "Though you offer Me (2 things)..." What 2 things would they offer?

32) What would be the result (2)?

33) What does He ask them to take away? Why?

34) Rather than all of this, what does He want to happen, according to v. 24 (2)?

35) When (rhetorically) did they offer sacrifices and offerings to Him?

36) However, what else did they carry with them (be sure to include all descriptions about them) (2)?

37) Who made these abominations?

38) Therefore, what will He do?

39) What is the Name He gives Himself here?

- 11) Then, it will come to pass, that if ten men remain in one house, what will happen?
- 12) Who then would show up, according to v. 10 (2)?
- 13) As they pick up the bodies to take them outside, what do they ask one inside the house?
- 14) What is the response of the one inside the house?
- 15) What then will the one outside say? Why do you think he would answer in this way?
- 16) According to v. 11, the Lord gives a command that He will do what (2)?
- 17) What 2 rhetorical questions are asked to point out how things obviously are not done?
- 18) And yet, in a similar unnatural fashion, what have they done (2)?
- 19) What do these people rejoice over? What do they say?
- 20) However, what will the Lord do in v. 14?
- 21) What will this nation do? To what extent (a “from” and a “to” given)?

Amos 7

1) We then come to a passage where the Lord shows Amos a vision and allows Amos to intercede. In your own words, describe the content of the 1st vision.

2) What does Amos ask the Lord to do?

3) To what end? Why would the Lord pity Jacob?

4) Does the Lord relent from His destruction?

5) In your own words, describe the content of the 2nd vision.

2) What does Amos ask the Lord to do THIS time?

3) Is the rest of his prayer the same as the 1st?

4) Is the Lord's response the same this time around?

5) For the next vision, Who does Amos see, where is He standing, and what is He holding?

6) What does the Lord ask Amos? What is the response?

7) For the interpretation, what is the Lord doing with this plumb line? Why is He doing this?

8) As a consequence, what will happen, according to v. 9 (3)?

- 9) We are now introduced to a new character here. What is his name?
- 10) What is his occupation? Read I Kings 12:26-31, and explain why this is a problem.
- 11) To whom does he send? What does he accuse Amos of doing?
- 12) What specifically does Amaziah say that Amos said (2 concepts)?
- 13) What does Amaziah tell Amos to do (4)?
- 14) What does he tell Amos NOT to do? Why (2)?
- 15) We then get a bit more insight into Amos here. What does he say he was not (2)?
- 16) What does he say he was (2)?
- 17) What was he doing as the Lord took him? What was the Lord's calling to Amos?
- 18) What does the Lord say Amaziah has told Amos to not do (2)?
- 19) Therefore, what will be the consequences and fulfillment of the vision from the Lord (5)?

Amos 8

- 1) Continuing with the visions, what does the Lord God show Amos next?
- 2) What question does the Lord ask Amos? Is Amos' answer faithful?
- 3) Now for the interpretation, what is coming upon His people Israel?
- 4) What will He no longer do?
- 5) What will the songs of the temple be? When?
- 6) What will be strewn everywhere? How shall they be thrown out?
- 7) According to v. 4, who is to hear the message (2)?
- 8) What 2 questions regarding events do they ask, and for what purpose do they ask each question?
- 9) In their trading, what do they do with the ephah and shekel, respectively?
- 10) What do they do with the scales, and how?
- 11) Who are they buying with silver? Where else in this book do we see someone bought with silver? Who was it that time who was bought?

12) Who are they buying with a pair of sandals? Where else in the book do we see someone bought with a pair of sandals? Who was it that time who was bought?

13) What are they even selling?

14) By what does the Lord swear in v. 7? What does this indicate about His view of the permanence of the object by which He swears?

15) What will He never forget?

16) What shall the land do for this? What will everyone who dwells in it do?

17) What shall all of it do (3)? Like what will it do these things?

18) What 8 things does the Lord say He will do, according to v. 9-10?

19) The days are coming that the Lord will send what? Upon what?

20) What is this famine NOT a famine of (2)?

21) What is this famine a famine of?

22) As a consequence, where shall they go seeking the Word of the Lord (3 phrases)?

23) Will they be successful in their search?

24) In that day, who will faint from thirst (2)?

25) What 3 phrases describe the subject of v. 14?

26) What will happen to them, according to the same verse (2)?

Amos 9

- 1) What does Amos see at the beginning of this chapter?
- 2) What command does the Lord give? To what end (2)?
- 3) What will the Lord do, and with what will He do it?
- 4) Will the one who flees destruction escape?
- 5) Where might they try to dig? What would He do?
- 6) Where might they try to climb? What would He do?
- 7) Where might they try to hide (2)? What would He do to each, respectively?
- 8) Where might they go? What would He do, and what would be the result?
- 9) For what will He set His eyes on them?
- 10) For what will He NOT set His eyes on them?
- 11) What does the Lord of Hosts do to the earth? What is the result (4)?

12) What else does the Lord do, according to v. 6 (4)?

13) What does He call Himself here?

14) The children of Israel are like whom to the Lord?

15) He then gives 3 deliverances of 3 nations. What are the nations, and from where are they taken?

16) The eyes of the Lord are upon what?

17) What will He do (2)?

18) So who again is this sinful kingdom?

19) What will the Lord do, according to v. 9 (2)?

20) Among whom will Israel be sifted? To what is this sifting compared?

21) Will even the smallest grain escape judgment?

22) What will happen to all the sinners of His people? What do they say will not happen to them (2)?

23) Turning to the future hope here, what else what will the Lord do on that day, according to v. 11 (4)?

24) He will do these things so that they may possess whom (2)?

25) The days are coming when what will happen, according to v. 13 (4)?

26) Who will the Lord bring back?

27) What will they do there, according to v. 14 (6)?

28) What will the Lord do to them?

29) What will be the result?