

THE BOOK OF AMOS: THE COMING DOOM OF SINFUL ISRAEL

At about the time of Hosea, or perhaps a little earlier, Amos came from Judah to Bethel, the religious capital of Israel, and prophesied. Study now his message:

A. The announcement of Coming Doom: Read Amos 1 - 2

1. How is the Lord pictured in Amos 1:27 (Contrast this with Hosea's picture of the Lord.)

2. Against who is His judgment promised? For what sins?

a. Amos 1:3a, 5b and 1:3b _____

b. Amos 1:6, 8b and 1:6b _____

c. Amos 1:9a and 1:9b _____

d. Amos 1:11a and 1:11b _____

e. Amos 1:13a and 1:13b _____

f. Amos 1:1a and 1:1b _____

g. Amos 2:4a and 2:4b _____

h. Amos 2:6a and 2:6b-8 _____

3. What did God promise to do to each of the heathen nations? Amos 1:4a, 7a, 10a, 12a, 14a, 2:2a

4. Why was Israel's sin worse than that of any of the heathen nations?

a. Amos 2:9 _____

b. Amos 2:10 _____

c. Amos 2:11-12 _____

5. Therefore, what did God promise to do to Israel? Amos 2:13-16

B. Sermons Concerning the Coming Doom: Amos 3 - 6

1. Notice the series of questions in Amos' first sermon, Amos 3:1-6. How much did he say would be left of Israel after God's judgment? Amos 3:12

2. Notice in Amos' second sermon the five judgments God had already sent upon Israel, Amos 4:6, 7-8, 9, 10, 11.

3. What happened after each of these judgments? Amos 4:6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, 11b

4. Therefore, what did God warn Israel to do? Amos 4:12b

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5. In Amos' third sermon, what did he say God was pleading with Israel to do? Amos 5:4, 8, 14-15

6. On what two groups of people did he pronounce special woes? Amos 5:18, 6:1, 3-6

C. Visions Picturing the Coming Doom: Amos 7 - 9

1. Notice what Amos saw in his first two visions, Amos 7:1-2a, 4. What did he do after each of these, and what did God do as a result? Amos 7:2b-3, 5-6

2. Look up the word "plumbline" in a dictionary to understand Amos' third vision, Amos 7:7-9.

3. Who tried to stop Amos' ministry after this? Amos 7:10-17

4. What did Amos see in his fourth vision? How was this like Israel? Amos 8:1-2

5. What did Amos see in his fifth vision? Amos 9:1

6. What did God promise to do after all His Judgments? Amos 9:9, 11-15

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why did God have to pronounce such awful punishment upon Israel?

2. Have I refused God's goodness so long that His severity must now be shown to me? See Romans 11:22, Hebrews 12:29.
