

## 14 – THE FIVE VISIONS (AMOS 7:1- 9:15)

### I. The First Three Visions (Amos 7:1-17)

#### A. The First Vision (Amos 7:1-3)

- The Lord showed Amos a vision of a locust swarm that appeared at the beginning of the second crop.
- After the locust had devoured everything, Amos prayed for forgiveness.
- Amos interceded for Israel and the Lord relented concerning the locust plague.

#### B. The Second Vision (Amos 7:4-6)

- The Lord showed Amos a vision of a devouring fire that struck the territory.
- Once again, Amos interceded for Israel and the Lord relented concerning the fire.

#### C. The Third Vision (Amos 7:7-9)

- The Lord shows Amos a vision of the Lord standing on a wall with a plumb line.
- The Lord tells Amos that he is setting a plumb line in the midst of his people.
- He proclaims that high places of Israel will be desolate and the sanctuaries destroyed.
- The Lord said that he will rise up with a sword against the house of Jeroboam II.

#### D. Amaziah the Priest of Bethel (Amos 7:10-17)

- Amaziah, a priest of the shrine in Bethel, sent a complaint concerning Amos to Jeroboam.
- He stated that Amos had conspired against the king in the midst of the people.
- He shares that Amos proclaimed that Jeroboam would die and people would be exiled.
- Amaziah tells Amos to go back to Judah and never prophecy in Bethel again.
- He tells Amos that Bethel is the king's sanctuary and residence.
- Amos responds that he is a simple shepherd and not a prophet.
- He states that the Lord called him and told him to prophesy to Israel.
- Amos announces the Lord's judgment against Amaziah and the kingdom.

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## II. The Fourth Vision (Amos 8:1-14)

### A. The Basket of Summer Fruit (Amos 8:1-3)

- The Lord shows Amos a vision of a basket of summer fruit.
- The Lord states that the time is ripe and he will spare Israel no more.
- Israel will be marked by mourning, death and exile.

### B. The Results (Amos 8:4-14)

- The Lord directs his words to those who oppressed the poor.
- Because of their greed, the Lord will cause grief in the land.
- The Lord states that his silence concerning his word will be even more terrifying.

## III. The Fifth Vision (Amos 9:1-10)

- Amos sees a vision of the Lord standing by the altar, calling for judgment on the shrine in Bethel.
- The Lord proclaims that though they seek to flee, judgment will find them.
- The Lord identifies himself as the sovereign creator.
- The Lord will show no partiality in dealing with Israel compared to the other nations.

## IV. The Promise (Amos 9:11-15)

- The Lord proclaims that on that Day, he will restore the Kingdom of David.
- This renewed Davidic kingdom will be blessing to the Gentiles who are called by his name.
- That day will bring a time when the land will once again experience blessings.
- The Lord will bring back his people from exile and they shall rebuild their cities.
- The Lord will plant his people in the land and they shall never be uprooted again.