

Amos 7

Amos 7-9 – the five famous visions of Amos

-the first four visions begin with the word "Behold" or "Thus" (NASB)

Amos 7.1-3 – First vision

V1 – **What was the first vision?** A locust attack

-**When did it come?** After the king's mowing

-The first crop was used for taxes for the king

-**When locusts attacked the second crop, what would be the effect?** Disastrous for the farmers

V2 – Amos had a tender heart (like Hosea)

-**What did Amos do?** Begged God not to send the locusts

-**Why?** The Northern Kingdom was such a small country – locusts would destroy it

V3 – **What did God do?** He changed his mind

-*Gen. 18.22-33* – Remember how Abraham changed the mind of God about Sodom and Gomorrah

-Remember the death of Hezekiah – *Isaiah 38.5*

Amos 7.4-6 – Second vision

V4 – **Next vision?** A terrible fire

-**What did it consume?** The great deep (underground water) and farm land

V5 – **What did Amos do?** He begged God not to do this

V6 – **Result?** God relented

Amos 7.7-9 – Third vision

-Take a plumb line (plumb bob) to class (any carpenter or woodworker in the congregation will have a plumb line to loan you for the class)

V7 – **Next vision?** God with a plumb line and a vertical wall

V8 – God asked Amos what he saw

-The first two visions were with things that man could not control, but man could build a straight wall – it was his responsibility

-**Did Amos object this time?** No

-**Why not?** He could clearly see that God was right – the people were not "straight" according to God's plumb line

V9 - **Result?** The nation would be destroyed

Amos 7.10-13

V 10 – Who was Amaziah? A pagan priest

-**Whom did he contact?** Jeroboam II

-**Complaint?** The land would not survive the preaching of Amos

-It is clear that Amos was having an effect on the people of the Northern Kingdom

V 11 – So Amos was accused of treason

V 12 – What did Amaziah say to Amos? Go back to the Southern Kingdom where you came from

- "There eat bread" – The implication was that Amos was doing this for money!

V 13 – "Just stay out of our area" and "Don't disturb us"

Amos 7.14-17

V 14 – Amos' reply? He was not a professional prophet/he was not even the son of a prophet

-**What was he?** A shepherd and a grower of sycamore figs

V 15 – Why then was he in the Northern Kingdom preaching? God told him to do this

-Similar to the words of Peter in *Acts 5.29*

V 16 – Amos was going to give an answer to Amaziah

V 17 – What was his prophecy about Amaziah? His wife would become a harlot; his sons and daughters would be killed; the land would be divided up, and Amaziah would die on unclean soil

-It didn't pay to criticize Amos (or any servant of God) – See *Hebrews 13.17*

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