

Amos 8

Amos 8.1-3 – Fourth vision

V1 – What did Amos see **this time**? A basket of summer fruit

V2 – When do we have a **basket of summer fruit**? At the end of summer, the time of the harvest

V3 – Description of the **fall of the Northern Kingdom**? Wailing, many corpses

Amos 8.4-6

V4 – Specific charge? Trampling on the needy

V5 – Sabbath – no business, no selling (same with the new moon – *Beacon Bible Commentary*, V, 139)

-Why were the merchants eager to get back to work? To use false weights and measurements

V6 – How bad were conditions? The poor could be bought for a pair of sandals, and moldy wheat was being sold

Amos 8.7-10

V7 – God's attitude? He would carry out vengeance

-God does not forget or overlook things

V8 – What would the destruction of the Northern Kingdom be like? An earthquake, the flooding of the Nile River

V9 – What is this a description of? The eclipse of the sun

-This was a terrifying thing to ancient people (and to many people today)

-There were eclipses in Palestine in: 803 BC and 763 B.C. – the people would have remembered the one in 803 BC

V10 – Their happiness and prosperity will be turned into mourning

-Like mourning over the death of an only son (very bitter)

Amos 8.11-14

V11 – Because of the intense destruction, what would the people hunger for? The Word of God

-Today, people might try to find a copy of the Bible, as the country is being destroyed

-*"You don't know the worth of water until the well goes dry."*

V 12 – **Sea to sea?** Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea (or possibly to the Sea of Galilee)

V 13 – Even the young people would want to read the word of God

V 14 – Many would swear by the pagan altars and would all die

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