



# Minor Prophets

## Lesson 3

### Amos Chapters 7-9

*The northern 10 tribes of Israel have fallen deeply into sin. Amos speaks harshly and firmly as God's voice of warning of the inevitable coming judgment. Although external religiosity is at its height in the nation, the people are void of the inward love of God and His Truth. They have rejected the Covenant made with their forefathers,*

*and, therefore, God will reject them also. But in judgment, God always shows mercy. Though He disciplines them, He will never abandon them. The nation would go into exile to an enemy land, but they would not be cast off forever. Amos ends his prophecy with God's promised recovery and restoration of His people.*

#### READ AMOS 7

1. *Describe each of the visions that Amos had in chapters 7-9 and give an observation or comment on each.*

*Vision 1 - 7:1-3*

*Comment:*

*Vision 2 - 7:4-6*

*Comment:*

*Vision 3 - 7:7-9*

*Comment:*



*A plumb line is a symbol for judgment according to righteousness.*

2. *How do Amaziah the priest and Jeroboam the king respond to Amos' prophecies? Amos 7:10-13*
  
3. *What is Amos' response to them and what do you think he is saying to Amaziah? Vs. 14-15*

## READ AMOS 8

### *Vision 4 - 8:1-3*

*Comment:*

*Amos 8:11 "The days are coming," declares the Sovereign Lord, "when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord."*

4. *Compare today's culture to God's description of Israel's attitude in 8:4-6?*

5. *In what ways could we counter those attitudes?*

6. *What kind of famine is God warning them of in verses 11-12, and what effect would a famine such as that have on a culture?*

READ AMOS 9

*Vision - 5- 9:1*

*Comment:*

7. *What promise does God give them after all these calamities? 9:8, 11-15*

8. *What does this tell you about God?*

***Prayer requests:***

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***Group time notes:***

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