

AMOS

Bible Study

- I. The Man
 - A. His name means “Burden Bearer”
 - B. Nicknames
 - 1. Backwoods prophet
 - 2. Cowboy prophet
 - 3. Salvation Army Prophet
 - C. Hometown – Tekoa – (10 miles south of Jerusalem)
 - D. Occupation
 - 1. Sheep breeder – 1:1
 - 2. Herdsman – 7:14
 - 3. Farmer – 7:14
 - E. Education
 - 1. Mentions at least 38 towns and districts
 - 2. Well acquainted with world history
- II. The Ministry
 - A. Date – 755 BC. Approximately
 - B. Uzziah (790-739) and Jeroboam II (786-746 or 793-753 BC) were rulers in the north and south.
- III. The Message – Judgment
- IV. Interesting Facts
 - A. He mentions an earth quake 1:1 (approximately 760 BC.)
 - B. Zechariah mentions this same earthquake (Zechariah 14:5)
 - C. He uses the phrase “for three ... and four”
 - D. Assyria was the world power
 - E. Amos preached to a generation who had never known defeat.
 - F. Israel moved quickly during this time to being an urban country instead of a rural one.
 - G. There are 8 prophecies, 3 sermons, 5 visions, and 5 promises in this book.

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AMOS 1-2

Amos 5:6

Seek the Lord, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:6

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 1:1-8

Examine –

1. Who wrote this book?
2. Who was the intended audience?
3. What was his occupation?
4. Where did he live?
5. Who were the kings at the time?
6. What was the first nation to be judged?
7. What do you think “For three transgressions...and for four” means?

8. For what specific transgression was Damascus judged?
9. List the judgments pronounced upon Damascus because of their transgressions.

10. What was the second nation to be judged?
11. For what transgression was that nation judged?
12. List the judgments pronounced upon that nation because of their transgressions.

Apply-

Damascus and Gaza were judged for the sin of not treating their neighbors kindly. List some ways that you have treated the people around you unkindly today or yesterday?

You should repent and ask forgiveness of God and the people before you are judged as well.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:6

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 1:9-12

Examine –

1. What was the third nation to be judged?
2. What were the transgressions mentioned for this nation?
3. What was their judgment?
4. What is the significance of burning the wall?
5. How do you think the destruction of their palaces would have affected the city?

6. What was the fourth nation to be judged?
7. What was this nation's transgression?
8. List this nation's judgments.
9. Who was their brother?
10. How did they treat their brother?

Apply-

Tyrus and Edom were judged because they did not treat their “brothers” properly. Name some ways you treat your physical and spiritual brothers/sisters?

Do you treat them properly?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:6

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 1:13-2:3

Examine –

1. What was the fifth nation to be judged?
2. What was this nation's transgression?
3. What was the motive for their transgression?
4. List the judgments pronounced upon this nation because of their transgression.
5. What was the sixth nation to be judged?
6. What was this nation's transgression?
7. What is the significance of burning someone's bones?
8. List the judgments pronounced upon this nation because of their transgression.
9. What do you think the shouting and trumpet sound indicate?

Apply-

Ammon and Moab were judged for selfishness and a mean spirit. Have you been selfish or mean-spirited lately?

Name some ways.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:6

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 2:4-6

Examine –

1. What was the seventh nation to be judged?
2. What were this nation's transgressions?
3. What was the judgment for this nation's transgression?
4. What are some ways that we despise the word of God today?

5. What was the final nation to be judged?
6. What relation did all the previous nations mentioned have with Israel at this time?

7. Why do you think Amos opened the book with judgments to these other nations?
8. To what class of people within these nations were the judgments primarily directed?

On a separate piece of paper, draw a map of the Middle East including only the Mediterranean Sea and Israel. Then, using a Bible-times map, locate all seven nations listed prior to Israel and label them on your map. Below your map, list what you think the significance these nation's locations have in relation to Amos' message.

Apply- Judah was judged for not reading/keeping the law. How have you been treating God's Word and His commandments?

Tell some ways.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:6

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 2:6-8

Examine –

1. What were Israel's transgressions in these verses?
2. What was the underlying motive for Israel selling the righteous for silver and the poor for a pair of shoes?
3. What was their spirit towards the poor and meek?
4. How does that contrast with Matt. 5:3-5?
5. How did the men treat their maids (probably slaves)?
6. What was the significance of Israel's acts in verse 8?
7. According to verse 7, why did God have a problem with these practices?

Apply-

Israel was condemned for taking advantage of people and for hypocrisy. How have you taken advantage of someone lately?

How do you deal with your sin (cover up/openly confess)?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:6

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 2:9-12

Examine –

1. List all the blessings God gave Israel in these verses.

2. List some of the blessings God has given you.

3. How are the Amorites illustrated in verse 9?

4. How did Israel respond to those blessings?

5. What is the significance of a Nazarite drinking wine?

6. Why didn't Israel want to hear prophecy?

7. How do you respond to the preaching of God's word?

Apply-

List some blessings God has given you in the last week.

How have you responded to those blessings?

Are you grateful?

If so, how do you show that you are?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:6

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 2:13-16

Examine –

1. What effect did Israel's sin have on God?
2. What do you think that means?
3. List the effects Israel's sin had on them?
4. What happened to the swift?
5. What happened to the strong men?
6. What happened to the mighty?
7. What happened to the archers?
8. What happened to the swift of foot?
9. What happened to the horsemen?
10. What happened to the courageous?

Apply-

The quick, powerful, mighty, and courageous cannot escape or withstand the judgment of God. Are you excusing sin because you think you can handle God's judgment?

If you are excusing sin that is exactly what you are saying. You are saying that it is worth it to you to sin and just take God's judgment, when if you really understood God's judgment it would not be worth it to you at all.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

AMOS 3-4

Amos 3:3

Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

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Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 3:3

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 3:1-4

Examine –

1. What is God's command in verse 1?
2. To whom is the command given?
3. What is God's reason for punishing Israel in verse 2?
4. Do you know of a verse in the N.T. that correlates with that principle?
5. When can two not walk together according to verse 3?
6. What does it mean to walk together?
7. What does nature teach us in verse 4?

Apply-

God reveals in this passage that two cannot fellowship unless they are compatible. What things are you fellowshiping with that are incompatible with God and Christianity?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 3:3

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 3:5-8

Examine –

1. List the examples the LORD gives in these verses to prove His point.
2. What is the point of all these natural examples?
3. To whom were the secrets of the LORD revealed in those days?
4. To whom are the secrets of the LORD revealed today (be as specific as possible)?
5. Why does God use a lion to illustrate His message to Israel in this instance?

Apply-

God says that there is a proper response to His message. How do you respond to preaching?
When is the last time that God spoke to your heart through preaching?

How did you respond to that specific time?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 3:3

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 3:9-11

Examine –

1. What was Amos to proclaim to the surrounding nations?
2. Why did God have Him do this?
3. What is God's reason for punishing Israel in these verses?
4. What does it appear God uses to carry out His judgments on Israel?
5. Based on these verses, whom do you think God held mostly responsible for Israel's sin?
6. Who is the adversary mentioned in verse 11 and how was verse 11 fulfilled?
7. When was this prophecy fulfilled?

Apply-

This passage illustrates how we are an example to the world. In obedience, we testify to God's goodness; but in disobedience, we testify to God's righteous chastening. What kind of example have you been to the world in the last week or two?

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Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 3:3

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 3:12-15

Examine –

1. How does God describe Himself in verse 12?
2. Why are people dwelling in the corner of a bed and in Damascus on a couch targeted?
3. Who is to hear and testify in the House of Jacob?
4. Why is Israel punished according to verse 14?
5. Why are the alters of Bethel a target for God's wrath?
6. Why did God smite the winter, summer and ivory houses?
7. How does that correlate with Amos' previous pronouncing of judgments?

Apply-

Israel in this passage abused the blessings of God by indulging so much in physical luxury that they became lazy and over-indulgent. How do you treat the monetary and physical blessings God sends your way?

Do you use them to serve Him better, or use them for selfish purposes? Give some examples.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 3:3

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 4:1-5

Examine –

1. Who is addressed in verse 1?
2. What are “kine”?
3. Where were these people located?
4. How did they treat the poor and needy?
5. What was their recreation?
6. What was their judgment?

7. What was the basis for that judgment?
8. Where were they sinning?
9. What was significant about their sinning at Bethel and Gilgal?

10. What did they try to incorporate with their sins to appease their conscience?

Apply-

Are you, like Israel, using prayer, devotions, witnessing, and church attendance to sooth your conscience of the sins you aren't willing to confess?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 3:3

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 4:6-9

Examine –

1. List the further judgments upon the kine of Bashan.
2. What does God mean by “cleanness of teeth”?
3. What was God’s motive for these judgments?
4. How many times does God express that motive in these verses?
5. What does that say about God?
6. What was God demonstrating by withholding the rain from one city and making it to rain upon others?
7. According to verse 8, what was the result of Israel’s sin?
8. What does “smitten with blasting and mildew,” mean?
9. Even when it seemed like the harvest was plenteous, what happened?

Apply-

What does God have to do to get you to repent and return to Him?

When is the last time you did this?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 3:3

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 4:10-13

Examine –

1. With what did God compare His judgment of pestilence?
2. Why was that important to Israel?
3. How did the young men and horses die?
4. What was the effect of their deaths?
5. What was God's motive for these judgments?
6. How many times is the motive given in these verses?
7. Why did God continue to judge Israel based on His motive?
8. What else did God do to get Israel's attention?
9. With what did God compare this judgment?
10. How was that comparison significant to Israel?
11. What does the statement, "and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning" mean?
12. What did God command Israel to do in verse 12?
13. How were they to heed that command?
14. List the works of God as mentioned in verse 13.
15. What is God's name according to verse 13?
16. What does His name signify?

Apply-

Are you prepared to meet your God?

What would you change if you knew He was coming today?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

AMOS 5-6

Amos 5:14

Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts,
shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

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I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 5:1-4

Examine –

1. What is the command in verse 1?
2. Why was this word important?
3. Look up and briefly describe in your own words a “lamentation.”
4. To whom was this lamentation directed?
5. How is Israel described?
6. Why do you think God described Israel this way?
7. What happens to Israel in the illustration?
8. What is the significance of the statement, “there is none to raise her up”?
9. To what degree will Israel suffer loss?
10. What is the command in verse 4?
11. Who gives the command?
12. Why is the command given?
13. What is the result of the command?

Apply-

What are you seeking in life?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 5:5-9

Examine –

1. What three places was Israel not to seek?
2. Why were they not to seek them?
3. What is the command in verse 6?
4. Why do you think God keeps repeating Himself?
5. What is the result of obedience to this command?
6. What are the consequences to disobeying this command?
7. What does it mean to “turn justice to wormwood”?
8. What does it mean to “leave off righteousness in the earth”?
9. What are the five works of God mentioned in verse 8?
10. What is the significance of each of these works concerning Israel?
11. To whom is the judgment of God directed in verse 9?
12. Why do you think God singles these people out from the rest?

Apply-

What is so important to you that you are willing to face the fierce wrath of God instead of returning to Him?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 5:10-15

Examine –

1. List the four crimes of Israel mentioned in verses 10-11.
2. Do you think that these are problems today? (If so, how?)
3. What 2 (two) things did the rich do for themselves in verse 11?
4. What did those provisions do for them?
5. Why did God not honor their provisions?
6. What are Israel's sins mentioned in verse 12?
7. Why do the prudent keep silence?
8. Why does that make them prudent?
9. What is the command given in verse 14?
10. How does that correlate with God's previous commands?
11. What is the command in verse 15?
12. What is the possible result of obedience to these commands?

ACTIVITY - Find 2 news articles that correlate the world today with the evil deeds of Israel. Briefly describe how you think they are related.

Apply-

Israel made physical provisions for themselves without direction from God. How does that apply to your future plans of college, vocation, marriage, etc.?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 5:16-20

Examine –

1. What event are these verses describing?
2. What are the effects of God's judgment mentioned in verses 16-17?
3. What causes these things to happen?
4. What is the significance of that cause in light of Israel's past (Ex. 11)?
5. What is the difference between what happened in Exodus and what is described in these verses?
6. Why is it foolish to desire the day of the LORD?
7. How is this "day" described?
8. What comparisons does God give concerning this "day"?

Apply-

Sin often is reflected in how we treat those who are living for God around us. How do you treat those who challenge your spirituality?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

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Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 5:21-27

Examine –

1. What does God hate in verse 21?
2. Why does He hate them at this time?
3. What does it mean to “not smell in your solemn assemblies”?
4. What is the significance of that?
5. What offerings will God not accept?
6. Why will He not accept them?
7. What was to be taken away in verse 23?
8. Why was it to be taken away?
9. What was to happen in the place of all these customs?
10. Why do you think God used running waters and mighty streams to describe His judgment?
11. What things did Israel incorporate into their worship of God?
12. Why do you think they did this?
13. What was the judgment for their idolatry?

Apply-

When does God choose not to hear our worship?

Are you sure He chooses to hear yours (on the basis of your relationship with Him)?

What would hinder his hearing yours most often?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 6:1-8

Examine –

1. Who are addressed in verses 1-2?
2. Why do you think they are addressed?
3. With what cities does God ask Israel to compare themselves?
4. Why was Israel not better than these cities?
5. How could they have been better than these cities?
6. What does it mean to “put far away the evil day”?
7. How does that cause the seat of violence to come near?
8. List the seven descriptions of Israel’s leadership and the character qualities that each indicates.
9. What will happen to these people?
10. What does God hate about Jacob in verse 8?
11. What does excellency mean?

Apply-

How have you taken credit for past spiritual victories God has produced in your life?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 6:9-14

Examine –

1. What happens if ten men remain in the house (having escaped captivity)?
2. What will they do with their bodies?
3. Why do you think they wouldn't take them out to be buried?
4. Why would these men not make mention of the name of the LORD?
5. What will God do to the great houses?
6. What does that mean?
7. What will God do to the little houses?
8. How does God illustrate the foolishness of Israel in verse 12?
9. What has Israel done to justice and righteousness?
10. What does that mean?
11. In what was Israel rejoicing in verse 13?
12. In whose strength did they think they had conquered all their land?
13. What did God do in response to their rejoicing?
14. To what extent will the nation God "raises up" afflict Israel?

Apply-

Are you living (physically and spiritually) today in your own strength or trusting in God's?

Explain:

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

AMOS 7-9

Amos 8:11

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God,
that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread,
nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 8:11

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 7:1-9

Examine –

1. What are the three visions in these verses?
2. What is Amos' response to the first vision?
3. Why did he respond this way?
4. What does it mean (or not mean) by "The LORD repented"?
5. What is Amos' response to the second vision?
6. What do you think is the purpose of these visions in Amos' life?
7. What effect did the plumbline have upon Israel?

Apply-

Do you have someone on your prayer list of whom you pray for God's mercy?

God does listen to our prayers. If you don't have a list like this then make one today.

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 8:11

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 7:10-17

Examine –

1. Who was Amaziah?
2. To whom did Amaziah send his message?
3. Whom did Amaziah blame for the prophecy?
4. What was wrong with Amaziah's quotation of Amos?
5. What things did Amaziah command Amos to do?
6. What was Amos' response to Amaziah?
7. What were the five parts of God's response to Amaziah?

Apply-

How do you respond to the preacher as he preaches, from the Word of God – especially something that you don't like/want to hear?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 8:11

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 8:1-8

Examine –

1. What did God show Amos in these verses?
2. What would be the significance of summer fruit as opposed to fruit from other seasons?
3. What is come upon the people of Israel in verse 2?
4. What are the four consequences of Israel's end?
5. What was Israel's transgression in verse 4?
6. How was Israel cheating the poor?
7. What did the LORD swear by in verse 7?
8. According to verse 8, what is the natural consequence for Israel's sin?

Apply-

Israel was judged for its pride. Name some ways that you struggle with pride.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 8:11

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 8:9-14

Examine –

1. How does God use the sun in His judgment?
2. What does God do to the feasts?
3. What will happen to the singing?
4. What is the significance of sackcloth and baldness?
5. How will Israel mourn in that day?
6. What kind of famine will God bring upon Israel?
7. For what will the fair virgins and young men thirst?
8. Whom will God utterly denounce in verse 14?
9. Why will He do this?

Apply-

If there was a famine in America for God's Word, would you miss it?

What would you miss about it?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Amos 8:11

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 9:1-5

Examine –

1. Where was the LORD standing in verse 1?
2. What was to be smitten?
3. How shall Israel be slain?
4. To what extent will Israel be judged in verse 1?
5. What will Israel do to try to escape God's judgment?
6. Will they be able to escape that judgment?
7. Where will they try to hide?
8. What happens to the land when God touches it?
9. What shall rise up like a flood?

Apply-

Israel could not do anything to escape God's judgment except repent. When is the last time that you repented for your sin?

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Praise: _____

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Weekly memory verse – Amos 8:11

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 9:6-10

Examine –

1. What did God build in verse 6?
2. What did God find in the earth?
3. What does He do with the waters of the sea?
4. What people was Israel like to God?
5. Over what people did God grant victory for Israel?
6. Where are the eyes of the LORD in verse 8?
7. What will happen to the Kingdom?
8. What will happen to the House of Jacob?
9. What does it mean to sift the house of Israel among all nations?
10. Who shall die in verse 10?
11. Who will never overtake us?

Apply-

God was very serious when dealing with Israel's sin? How serious are you about dealing with your own sin?

What are some ways that you can show that you are serious about it?

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Weekly memory verse – Amos 8:11

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Amos 9:11-15

Examine –

1. What will God raise up in verse 11?
2. What will God do through the remnant concerning the tabernacle of David?
3. Who will accompany the remnant in Edom?
4. What happens in the days to come according to verse 13?
5. What will God do through the returned captives of Israel?
6. What will they enjoy in the waste cities?
7. What is God's promise to the remnant once they inhabit the waste cities?

Apply-

God is ready and willing to restore the repentant believer, but the unrepentant will face His judgment and correction.

Are you a repentant or unrepentant Christian?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____
