

The Minor Prophets

Amos – God’s Judgment of Sin

Lesson 15

Please pray and ask the Lord to teach you through His Holy Spirit before you begin.

Read Amos Chapters 8 & 9

Chapter 8

1. Read verses 1,2 & 3 and explain what the basket of summer fruit signifies. (Revelation 14:14,15 may help)

2. What were the merchants doing in verses 4-6? (Make a list)
 - a. What was the result of these actions?
 - b. Is there a parallel in our society?
 - c. What about **not** reaching out to the poor? Is that a sin as much as oppressing the poor?

3. Read verses 7-14.
 - a. What do you see in verse 8?
 - b. What do you see in verses 9 & 10?
 - c. Check Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4 and Psalm 74:9 along with verses 11-14. What do you learn?
 - d. Have you had a time of famine (or dryness) where you couldn’t hear God? How did you overcome it?

Chapter 9

4. Keeping in mind that Amos was prophesying in Israel verse one is probably referencing the altar in Bethel.
 - a. What is going on in verses 1-4? Why?

5. Read verses 5 and 6. What do you learn about God? See also Psalm 46:6; Nahum 1:6; and Jeremiah 5:22.

6. Read verse 7 along with Jeremiah 9:25, 26. What do you learn?

7. What do you see happening in verses 8-10? Look at Jeremiah 30:11; Joel 2:32; Leviticus 26:33 and Matthew 13: 41, 42 for help.

8. Explain verses 11 and 12. Acts 15:15-17 may help.

9. The book of Amos ends on a beautiful picture of Israel's future. What does this tell us about God's heart?

“Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.”
Ezekiel 37:25