

Amos 7-9
The Visions of Amos
Lesson 3

In a series of three lectures, Amos drove home the Lord’s message, “*Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never ending stream!*” (Amos 5:24) The Lord is just and righteous; His people Israel have been judged unfaithful and disobedient – they have broken the covenant. Amos condemns their idolatry, extravagant and luxurious self-indulgent living, immorality, corruption of justice and oppression of the poor. Amos warned that the Lord was about to pass judgment upon Israel. In a series of five visions, the Lord showed Amos what His judgment would be like.

Vision #1 & #2

1. “*This is what the Sovereign Lord showed me:*” (Amos 7:1). In the original Hebrew text, Amos calls the Lord “Adonai Yahweh” but in English it is translated, Sovereign Lord. Using Psalm 50, what was Amos saying when he used that name?

2. Fill in the chart on Amos’ visions 1 & 2.

	Vision #1 7:1-3	Vision #2 7:4-6
Object used		
The judgment		
Amos’ prayer		
God’s answer		

Vision #3

3. The third vision is different from the first two, and so too is Amos’ response. From Amos 7:7, describe the object in the vision and the purpose of that object. (Use a dictionary if necessary.)

4. Who is holding it and where? (Amos 7:7)
5. Amos recognized the object and knew its traditional use. What did the Lord say He was doing? (Amos 7:8)
6. From verse 9, what three judgments does God say He will carry out?
7. Amos and the Lord were engaged in conversation in this vision but this time Amos doesn't ask God to forgive or to stop. Why do you think he didn't ask?

Amos & Amaziah

8. After the first three visions, we have an encounter between Amos and Amaziah. Who was Amaziah? (Amos 7:10a)
9. What did he do and why? (Amos 7:10, 11)
10. Review: What was significant about Bethel at this time? (1 Kings 12:26-32)
11. Amaziah told Amos to go back to the kingdom of Judah and do his prophesying there. Using the Kings passage above and Amos 7:12, 13, why do you think Amaziah refused to listen to Amos?
12. Amos corrects Amaziah as to his occupation and then explains how he ended up there in Bethel. What did he tell Amaziah? (Amos 7:14, 15)

13. Amaziah had told Amos not to prophesy against the king or Israel. But in spite of Amaziah's warning, Amos gave another prophecy. From Amos 7:17:

- Who is the main recipient of Amos' words?

- What does Amos prophecy?

Amos concludes with one final warning, *"And Israel will CERTAINLY go into exile, AWAY FROM their native land."*

Vision #4

14. The fourth vision was a basket of ripe fruit. What did the Lord say that represented? (Amos 8:1,2)

15. When that day arrives, the Sovereign Lord described two locations. What will that day be like: (Amos 8:3):

- In the temple?

- Everywhere else?

16. *"The Lord has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: I will never forget anything they have done."* What did He mention among those things He would never forget? (Amos 8:4-7)

17. Once again the Sovereign Lord declares how disastrous that Day of Judgment will be using the words "mourning," "weeping," "sackcloth" and "bitter." He goes on to warn of the coming famine. But this will not be the normal type of food or water famine. What will the famine be and how will men react to it? (Amos 8:8-12)

18. How will the strong and the young be able to handle this type of famine? (Amos 8:13, 14)

Vision #5

19. In the fifth and final vision, Amos is only a spectator. The Lord delivers the message Himself. Where is the Lord in this vision? (Amos 9:1a) Please comment.
20. Using Amos 9:1:
- What does the Lord command to be done?
 - What will be the result?
21. They will try to escape in the earth, in the sky, on the mountains and in the sea but they will not be able to hide. They will go into exile and there, in that land they will die. Why? (Amos 9:2-4)
22. Review: On the day Solomon dedicated the Temple to the name of the Lord, he prayed and made some very specific requests. What did he ask of the Lord in 1 Kings 8:28-32?
- How did the Lord answer Solomon's request? (1 Kings 9:3)
23. Is the Lord able to do what He says? (Amos 9:5,6)
24. What do you think the Lord was saying in verse 7?
25. In 9:8a, what does the Sovereign Lord call Israel?

26. After calling Israel this, the Lord makes a two-fold declaration about her future. What does He declare? (Amos 9:8)
27. For those who were to experience the first part of His declaration:
- What does the Lord say their attitude will be? (Amos 9:10)

 - What hope do they have of survival? (Amos 9:9, 10)
28. But what hope does the Lord give to those in the second group (called the faithful remnant)? (Amos 9:11-15)