Destruction and Restoration Amos 7-9

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Five visions of Amos

- 1. Locusts 7:1-3
- •2 harvests –
- •1st harvest is early spring
- ·Smaller harvest
- •The crop is given to the king for taxes

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Five visions of Amos

- 1. Locusts 7:1-3
- •2 harvests –
- *2nd harvest is late summer
- ·main harvest

- 1. Locusts 7:1-3
- ·Amos petitions God for mercy
- *God relents and does not bring the locusts

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- 2. Fire -7:4-6
- *Obviously, a significant fire that would lay waste the whole land
- *Amos petitions God for mercy
- •God relents and does not bring the fire

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Question: What purpose do these two visions serve?

Five visions of Amos Answer: See Ex 32:7-14

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Five visions of Amos The importance of intercession.

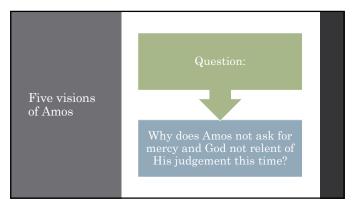
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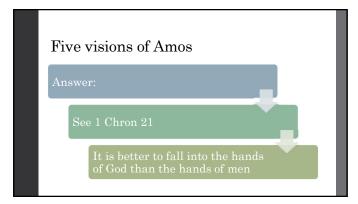
- 3. Plumb line -7:7-9
- *Used to determine a building is true or straight
- •God's word is a plumb line
- *Used to determine if His people are living true or upright before Him

- 3. Plumb line -7:7-9
- ·Israel is not true, they are crooked
- *They have moved away from truth
- •Amos DOES NOT ask God for mercy
- •God DOES NOT relent of His judgement

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- 4. Basket of ripe fruit 8:1-14
- ·Israel is ripe for judgement
- •God has come, there is no further delay

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- 4. Basket of ripe fruit -8:1-14
- •There is a play on words going on in verse 2
- •Fruit (quyits) and end (qets)
- *What do you see Amos? I see ripe fruit.
- ·God sees the end

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- 4. Basket of ripe fruit 8:1-14
- •The end has come because of a failure to live uprightly and justly 4-10

- 4. Basket of ripe fruit 8:1-14
- •Note verse 11!
- •There will be a famine of God's words

Why is this a problem?

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- •God's words are the only words that saves and transforms people.
- •The success and longevity of a nation depends upon the adherence to the words of God.

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- 5. The LORD standing by the altar 9:1-10
- •The most terrible vision yet
- •The righteous judge is standing by the altar ready to mete out justice
- •They will now know what true righteousness and justice is

The Restoration of Israel

- ·Israel does not end in total destruction
- God desires the restoration of His people!
- ·God's will is not to destroy but to save
- Even we are crooked and unjust, God always remains true and just
- God acts upon His righteousness and justice

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Conclusion/Summary

- •God is faithful to His word of wanting all people to come unto salvation
- •God is merciful to us
- •No matter how far we stray, He will seek to restore us by His mercy

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Conclusion/Summary

•God desires that our story ends with mercy and grace, just like the story of Amos