

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

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Five visions of Amos

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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Five visions of Amos

Question: What purpose do these two visions serve?

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Answer:

See Ex
32:7-14

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Answer:

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

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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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Question:

Why does Amos not ask for
mercy and God not relent of
His judgement this time?

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Answer:

See 1 Chron 21

It is better to fall into the hands
of God than the hands of men

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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

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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

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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

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