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TELLING THE TRUTH

Amos 7

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“God has never, in the history of mankind, allowed his name to go long offended.”

David Wilkerson

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*“They offer superficial treatments
for my people’s mortal wound.
They give assurances of peace
when there is no peace.” Jer. 8:11*

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Amos in 3 steps -

- Amos 1,2 LOOKS AROUND – 8 nations
- Amos 3-6 LOOKS WITHIN – many sins of Israel
- **Amos 7-9 LOOKS AHEAD – promises of Jehovah**

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Israel - Northern Kingdom Amos



Chart of Amos

Prologue (1:1-2)		Prosecution of The Nations (1:3-2:16)	Purposes of Israel's Judgment (3:1-6:14)		Pictures of Judgment (7:1-9:10)		Promise of Restoration (9:11-15)
T i t l e (1:1)	T h e m e (1:2)	Damascus (1:3-5)	Judgment Speeches	Woe Oracles	Judgments Turned Aside	Judgments Not Turned Aside	Reconstruction (v. 11)
		Gaza (1:6-8)	Forgetting the Covenant Relationship (3:1-15)	Misunderstanding Concerning the Day of the Lord (5:18-27)			Reconquest (v. 12)
		Tyre (1:9-10)					Vision of Locusts (7:1-3)
		Edom (1:11-12)	Failing to Repent at God's Warning (4:1-13)	Misplaced Confidence in Material Riches (6:1-14)	Vision of Fire (7:4-6)	Vision of Summer Fruit (8:1-14)	Restoration, Rebuilding, and Replanting (v. 14)
		Ammon (1:13-15)					
		Moab (2:1-3)	Forgoing True Worship and Social Justice (5:1-17)	Vision of Fire (7:4-6)	Vision of Summer Fruit (8:1-14)	Vision of the Lord Above the Altar (9:1-10)	Restoration, Rebuilding, and Replanting (v. 14)
		Judah (2:4-5)					
		Israel (2:6-16)					
		Eight Pronouncements		Three Judgment Speeches and Two Woe Oracles		Five Visions	
1:3 2:16		3:1 6:14		7:1 9:10		9:11 9:15	
J U D G M E N T S							HOPE

1 Thus the Lord GOD showed me, and behold, He was forming a locust-swarm when the spring crop began to sprout. And behold, the spring crop was after the king's mowing.

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2 And it came about, when it had finished eating the vegetation of the land, that I said, “Lord GOD, please pardon! How can Jacob stand, For he is small?”

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3 The LORD changed His mind about this. “It shall not be,” said the LORD.

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Locust 1-3

- Who could afford to mow? Only the King -
- Locust stripped the ground bare - nothing green left
- Not sparse - empty!
- Amos cries out for mercy!
- God relents from the justice deserved - NOT from the Day of Judgment!
- God cannot change - IMMUTABILITY

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Micah 6:8 “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

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*“The recognition of sin is the
beginning of salvation.”
Martin Luther*

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4 Thus the Lord GOD showed me, and behold, the Lord GOD was calling to contend with them by fire, and it consumed the great deep and began to consume the farm land.

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5 Then I said, “Lord GOD, please stop!
How can Jacob stand, for he is small?”

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6 The LORD changed His mind about this.

“This too shall not be,” said the Lord GOD.

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Lighting 4-6

- God then destroyed the land by cleansing fire
- Promise of return but wasted for the season
- Once again God relented – NOT repented!

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*“To do so no more is the truest
repentance.” Martin Luther*

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7 Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall with a plumb line in His hand.

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8 The LORD said to me, “What do you see, Amos?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,
“Behold I am about to put a plumb line
In the midst of My people Israel.
I will spare them no longer.

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9 “The high places of Isaac will be
desolated

And the sanctuaries of Israel laid waste.
Then I will rise up against the house of
Jeroboam with the sword.”

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Line 7-9

- Plumbline – always true to gravity
- Weight without preference or prejudice
- Judge life by only thing that is true
- High places of Isaac? His son Jacob & Rachel
- Take it if you find it and kill whoever had it!
- David and the story of Nathan – 1 lamb & many sheep

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“When God balances the scales morally, it is not some standard outside Himself He looks at and then determines whether this is right or wrong. But rather it is His very nature, it is His very character and nature that is the standard by which He judges.”

Josh McDowell

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10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent word to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is unable to endure all his words.

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11 For thus Amos says, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword and Israel will certainly go from its land into exile.'"

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12 Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Go, you seer, flee away to the land of Judah and there eat bread and there do your prophesying!

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13 But no longer prophesy at Bethel, for it is a sanctuary of the king and a royal residence.”

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14 Then Amos replied to Amaziah, “I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs.

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15 But the LORD took me from following the flock and the LORD said to me, 'Go prophesy to My people Israel.'

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16 Now hear the word of the LORD: you are saying, 'You shall not prophesy against Israel nor shall you speak against the house of Isaac.'

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17 Therefore, thus says the LORD, ‘Your wife will become a harlot in the city, your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword, your land will be parceled up by a measuring line and you yourself will die upon unclean soil. Moreover, Israel will certainly go from its land into exile.’”

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Liars 10-17

- False prophet criticizes the genuine prophet
- Jeroboam II – namesake of 1st King of Northern Kingdom
- Go to Judah – maybe they will listen & care!
- Amos reply – I did not ask for this job! Just telling truth!
- Amos continues – ‘Party is Over!’
- This is really about to happen – 722BC Assyria

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“God is not unjust. No one will be condemned for not believing a message they have never heard. Those who have never heard the gospel will be judged by their failure to own up to the light of God's grace and power in nature and in their own conscience.”

John Piper

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*Ecclesiastes 3:17 I said to myself,
“God will bring into judgment
both the righteous and the
wicked, for there will be a time
for every activity, a time to judge
every deed.”*

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Are we facing the truth? Telling?

- What does God want us to do?
 - Accept the law of the LORD
 - Keep the law of the LORD
 - Teach the law of the LORD

Living contrary to God's Word is contrary to His will and NOT a safe place to be!

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As you leave – please mask up!

