

**CAN TWO WALK TOGETHER,
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Bad Apples

Amos 8

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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)	Vision of Locusts (7:1-3)	Vision of a Plumb Line (7:7-17)	Reconquest (v. 12)
		Tyre (1:9-10)					Riches in Agriculture (v. 13)
		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)					Reestablished Forever (v. 15)
		Moab (2:1-3)	Forgoing True Worship and Social Justice (5:1-17)	Five Visions	Vision of the Lord Above the Altar (9:1-10)	Five Promises	
		Judah (2:4-5)					
		Israel (2:6-16)					
Eight Pronouncements		Three Judgment Speeches and Two Woe Oracles		Five Visions		Five Promises	
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

James 4:4 "You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

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“Worldliness is what makes sin look normal and righteousness seems odd.”

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1 Thus the Lord GOD showed me, and behold, there was a basket of summer fruit.

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2 He said, “What do you see, Amos?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the LORD said to me, “The end has come for My people Israel. I will spare them no longer.

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Time is up!

- God has been patient!
- From Jeroboam to Ahab to Jeroboam II
- Elijah, Elisha,
- “To whom much is given...”
- Admire the patience of Jehovah – He is kind!
- Demas – ‘loved this present world’

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“Worldly pleasures, such as flow from greatness, riches, honors, and sensual gratifications, are infinitely worse than none.” David Brainerd

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3 The songs of the palace will turn to wailing in that day,” declares the Lord GOD. “Many will be the corpses; in every place they will cast them forth in silence.”

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Fruit of Worship 3

- ‘songs of the palace’ – ‘wailing in that day’
- ‘cast them forth in silence’ – no celebration or service
- What does God desire from worship?
- “See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.” Col 2:8

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“You and I have need of the strongest spell that can be found to wake us from the evil enchantment of worldliness.” C.S. Lewis

The Weight of Glory

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4 Hear this, you who trample the needy,
to do away with the humble of the land,

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5 saying, "When will the new moon be
over, So that we may sell grain,
And the sabbath, that we may open the
wheat market, To make the bushel
smaller and the shekel bigger, And to
cheat with dishonest scales,

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6 So as to buy the helpless for money And
the needy for a pair of sandals,
And that we may sell the refuse of the
wheat?”

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7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob, “Indeed, I will never forget any of their deeds.

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Fruit of Compassion 4-7

- 'trample the needy'
- 'do away with the humble'
- holidays (holy days) in the way of commerce
- Back to business as usual – GREED
 - 'smaller bushel'
 - 'dishonest scales'

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*“The world has lost the power to
blush over its vice; the Church has
lost her power to weep over it.”
Leonard Ravenhill*

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8 “Because of this will not the land quake
And everyone who dwells in it mourn?
Indeed, all of it will rise up like the Nile,
And it will be tossed about
And subside like the Nile of Egypt.

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9 “It will come about in that day,”
declares the Lord GOD,
“That I will make the sun go down at
noon And make the earth dark in broad
daylight.

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10 “Then I will turn your festivals into
mourning And all your songs into
lamentation;

And I will bring sackcloth on everyone’s
loins And baldness on every head.

And I will make it like a time of mourning
for an only son,

And the end of it will be like a bitter day.

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11 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD,
“When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the LORD.

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12 “People will stagger from sea to sea
And from the north even to the east;
They will go to and fro to seek the word
of the LORD, But they will not find it.

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13 “In that day the beautiful virgins And the young men will faint from thirst.

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14 “As for those who swear by the guilt
of Samaria,
Who say, ‘As your god lives, O Dan,’
And, ‘As the way of Beersheba lives,’
They will fall and not rise again.”

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Fruit of Obedience 8-14

- Famine on the land – not of bread or water
- Famine of the Word of God
- Men will seek – ‘they will not find it!’
- Fruitless – gods of our own design = unsatisfying!
- John 15 – “I am the true vine, and my My Father is the vinedresser.”
- “bear fruit – much fruit – more fruit!”

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“We want, in fact, not so much a father in heaven as a grandfather in heaven: a senile benevolence who, as they say, ‘liked to see young people enjoying themselves’ and whose plan for the universe was simply that it might be truly said at the end of each day, ‘A good time was had by all.’” C. S. Lewis

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“He will be like a tree firmly planted by
streams of water, Which yields its fruit in
its season”

Psalm 1:3

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“Love is the key. **Joy** is love singing.
Peace is love resting. **Patience** is love
enduring. **Kindness** is love's truth.
Goodness is love's character.
Faithfulness is love's habit.
Gentleness is love's self-forgetfulness.
Self-control is being the reins”

Donald G. Barnhouse

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What kind of fruit? Gal 5

Fruit of the Spirit – ‘fruit’ = bunch of grapes!

- Love – Joy – Peace = Soul & Mind
- Long-suffering – Kindness – Goodness = Relational
- Faithfulness – Gentleness – Self-control = Behavior

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Fruit inspection! Any *bad* apples?

- 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

“Decision is the virtue of the hour!” Spurgeon

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As you leave – please mask up!

