

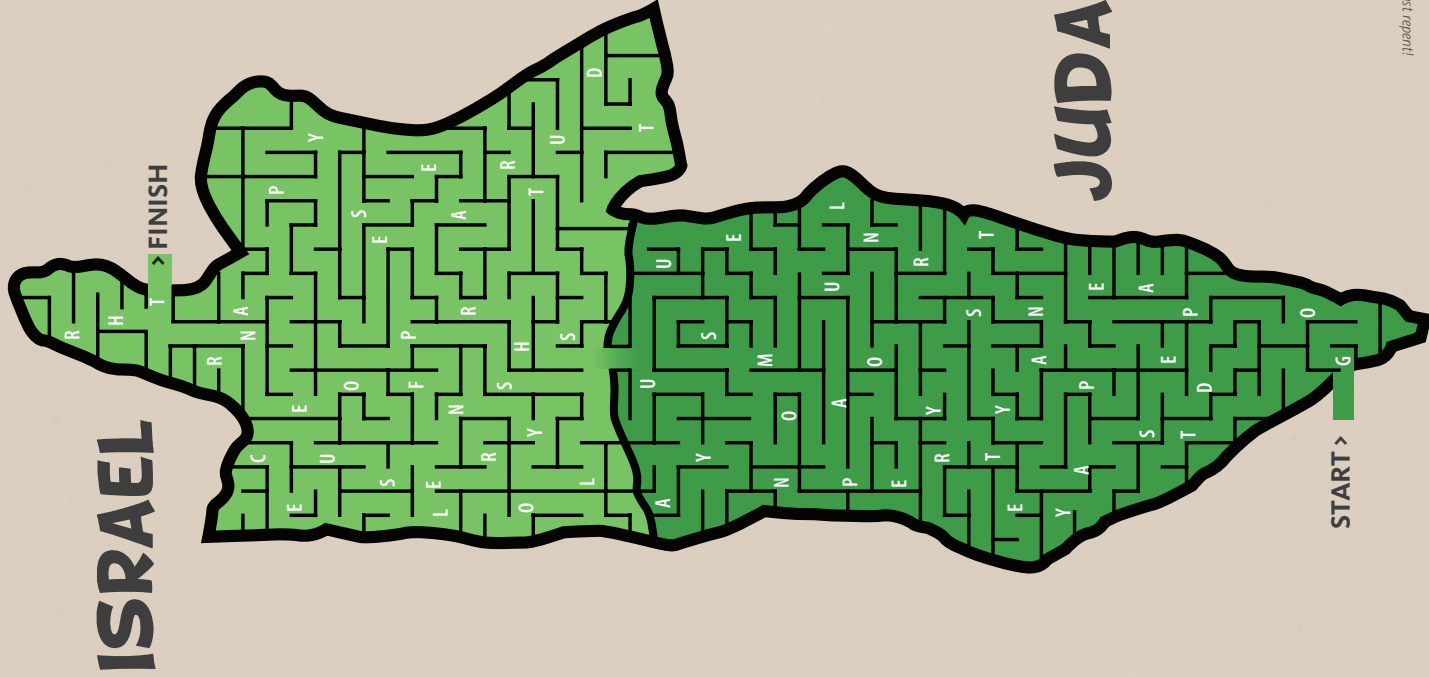


Grades 4–5 • Lesson 96

God Warns Israel

Amos 7:14–15, 3:1–2, 3:10–11, 4:6–10, 4:12; Psalm 7:11

Help Amos get from Judah to Israel! Collect letters along the way and put them in order on the blanks below to see the message that Amos gave the people of Israel.



Answers: God says you must repent!

Name _____



Memory Verse

Fill in the missing vowels using the code to complete the memory verse.

J O F E <

A E I O U

MY S__N, DO NOT

DESP__SE THE

LORD'S DISCIPLIN__

OR BE WE__RY

OF HIS REPR__OF

FOR THE LORD

R__PROVES HIM

WHOM HE LOVES, AS

A F__THER THE SON
IN WHOM HE

DEL__GHTS.

PROVERBS 3:11-12

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God called Amos to deliver a message of repentance to the northern kingdom of Israel, warning them of coming destruction if they did not turn back to him.
- Because the Lord is just, he must punish all sin.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose you are talking with your friends and one of them asks you how God could judge anyone forever because of just a few sins. It doesn't seem fair! Is God really that mean? **What could you tell them?**

That is such a good question! It doesn't seem fair to us and is hard to understand. But there are a lot of things in the Bible that are hard to understand. One of the hardest is just who God is. God wants us to know him through his Word. He is merciful, just, gracious, and loving. But God ISN'T fair! If he were completely fair, we would all be judged for our sin immediately. God is holy, which means he cannot stand sin; he hates it! He has to punish sin because he is just. But, he loved the world so much that he sent Jesus to earth. Jesus came to live, die, and conquer death by rising again. He said that whoever would turn to him in faith, confessing and turning away from their sins, would be forgiven. God made a way for us to be saved! His Son, Jesus, who was perfect and never sinned, had to die. That isn't fair, but it certainly isn't mean. This great sacrifice was made because of his love for us.



HomeWord *For Parents*

In the opening verse of the book that bears his name, Amos is identified as a shepherd from Tekoa, a small town about nine miles south of Jerusalem. Amos was a common man, caring for sheep and growing sycamore figs (Amos 7:14), and God used this humble man to communicate a message of pending judgment to the northern kingdom of Israel. Amos was one of many prophets whose warnings were ignored by the people of Israel.

As a prophet, Amos delivered his message as straight from God. Throughout the book, Amos recorded exactly as God directed. The phrase “says/declares the Lord” appears in this small book over 40 times! There is no doubt here that God was the source of the message—just as he was the source of the writing of all Scripture through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Amos was faithful to deliver the message from God, which not only warned of coming judgment because of Israel's sin and disobedience (Amos 2:13–16), but also offered forgiveness and grace to the people if they would repent (Amos 5:4, 5:6, 5:14–15). God would finally punish their sinfulness, but he gave Israel decades to repent—revealing his patience.

This judgment Amos declared finally came when the Assyrians captured and deported the people of Israel in 721 BC. The northern nation was gone, and only the nation of Judah would remain in the south. But it would not be long until Jerusalem and Judah would suffer the same fate as the northern nation.

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