

Locusts, Fire, and the Dreaded Plumbline (Amos 7:1-17)

1. Why did the Lord not follow through with sending locusts and fire? (1-6)
2. What is the meaning of putting a plumb line in the midst of the people? (7-9)
3. What was the charge of Amaziah? (10-13) How much of it was true?
4. What was Amos' defense against Amaziah? (14-15)
5. What does Amos explain will happen to Amaziah and Israel? (16-17)

The Basket of Ripe Fruit (Amos 8:1-14)

6. What aspect of the coming judgment would the basket of ripe fruit signify? (1-3)
7. Why were the people anxious for the new moon and Sabbath to be over? (4-6)
8. Based on verse 7, describe what God knows about our actions.
9. Read Isaiah 13:1, 10, and Mark 13:24. What does the darkening of the sun and moon in verse 9 mean?
10. Describe the eventual mourning of Israel. (10)
11. After judgment, what will the people desperately seek, but be unable to find? (11-12)

The Lord Beside the Altar (Amos 9:1-10)

12. What was the Lord doing in this vision? (1)
13. Read Jonah 1:17-2:9. How does the story of Jonah illustrate the principle being taught in Amos 9:2-4?
14. Why would Amos mention the various abilities of God in verses 5-6?
15. How would the Lord's judgment upon Jacob be different from other sinful nations? (7-8)
16. What does verse 9 mean by saying Israel will be sifted as grain?
17. What do the sinners (who will die in future judgment) say in the present? (10)