

A Study of the Prophets

OT Survey Lesson 110--Amos 7:1-9:15

Introduction: In this final section Amos records some of the visions God gave him to reveal to the people of Israel as he warned them of destruction by the Assyrians. However, Amos not only prophesied the captivity, but also looked into the distant future and saw the restoration of Israel along with many Gentiles as a kingdom under the Christ who was to come.

Lesson aim: To explain and apply the messages of the visions of Amos.

The first three visions of Amos--Amos 7:1-9

1. Read the vision of devouring locusts (7:1-3). What did Amos see in the vision. What did he plead for God to do? How did God answer?
2. Read the vision of fire (7:4-6). What was God about to do with the fire? How did Amos respond? What did God say?
3. Read the vision of the plumbline (7:7-9). What did the putting of the plumbline in the midst of Israel suggest? (See v. 8) What did God say would be destroyed?

A historical interlude--Amos 7:10-17

1. What message did Amaziah, the priest send to King Jeroboam? What did the priest want Amos to do? Why do you think he wanted this?
2. How did Amos respond to Amaziah's request? What did Amos say would happen to Amaziah, his wife, sons, and land?

The last three visions--Amos 8:1-9:15

1. Read the vision of the summer fruit (8:1-14). How did God indicate that Israel was like the summer fruit? (v. 2) What did God say would happen when the day of Israel's judgment came? (v. 3)
2. Describe the sins of the people mentioned in v. 4-6.
3. What is God prophesying in v. 7-10? Note the symbolic language used in v. 9 used to describe the punishment of Israel by the Assyrians.
4. The captivity would bring about a famine for what? (v. 11) Would the people then be able to find it? (v. 12)
5. What did Amos say would happen to those who had sworn by the gods of Dan?
6. Read the vision of the Lord judging (9:1-10). What is the main idea of this vision?
7. Read the vision of future blessing (9:11-15). What did God say he would raise up? Over whom would Israel rule?
8. Describe the blessings of the new era prophesied by Amos (v. 13-15).
9. What N.T. prophet quoted these words of Amos? (See Ac. 15:13-18). He saw the fulfillment of this promise in the conversion of what people? (v. 14) Is this prophecy to be fulfilled by Israel physically in the future or is it spiritually fulfilled now in the kingdom of Christ?