

# Questions about the Book of Amos

Amos is the thirtieth book of the Old Testament. In the book of Amos, whose name is related to a verb meaning "to bear a load," was burdened over the sin of the Northern Kingdom in the eighth century B.C. Hosea was crushed with a sense of the unfaithfulness of Israel to the love of God, and Amos was outraged at the violence they had done to the justice and righteousness of God. The book of Amos can be divided into five parts: 1) The pronouncement of judgment, 2) Inevitable divine judgment because of sin, 3) God pleads with Israel to return to Him, 4) Some phenomena in relation to coming judgment, 5) The final restoration of Israel. The author of this book is Amos. Listed below are questions on the book of Amos. These questions can be used for Sabbath school or Bible study to help all students study the scriptures and may God bless you always.

## Chapter 1

- 1) When did Amos, the shepherd, reveal his visions in verse one of this book? (1:1)
- 2) What was the theme of Amos's message, according to verse two of this book? (1:2)
- 3) What was the pronouncement of doom against Damascus in verses three through five? (1:3-5)
- 4) What would become of the Philistines because of their enslavement of entire communities? (1:6-8)
- 5) How would Tyre be punished for her sins, according to verses nine and ten? (1:9-10)
- 6) What was the judgment against Edom in verses eleven and twelve? (1:11-12)
- 7) How would God deal with the terrible cruelty of Ammon in verses thirteen through fifteen? (1:13-15)

## Chapter 2

- 1) How would God deal with Moab, according to the first three verses of this book? (2:1-3)
- 2) What was the ruling against Judah in verses four and five? (2:4-5)
- 3) How had Israel sinned, according to verses six through eight of this book? (2:6-8)
- 4) How would God deal with Israel's sins in verses six through sixteen? (2:6-16)
- 5) How had God dealt with His people in the past in verses nine through twelve? (2:9-12)
- 6) Who would be affected by God's severe punishment, according to Amos? (2:13-16)

## Chapter 3

- 1) Why did God speak out against Israel in verses one and two of this book? (3:1-2)
- 2) Why was Israel's punishment inevitable, according to verses three through eight? (3:3-8)
- 3) What were the injustices of Israel in verses nine and ten of this book? (3:9-10)
- 4) What catastrophes did Amos unfold in verses eleven through fifteen? (3:11-15)

## Chapter 4

- 1) Why did Amos speak against Samaria's upper-class women in verses one through three? (4:1-3)
- 2) How were the Israelites guilty of religious hypocrisy, according to verses four and five? (4:4-5)
- 3) What was Israel's persistent attitude toward God in verses six through thirteen? (4:6-13)

## Chapter 5

- 1) What lament did Amos summon the people to hear in these verses? (5:1-3), (5:16-20)
- 2) How was repentance possible, according to these verses of this book? (5:4-6), (5:14-15), (5:23-24)
- 3) What were the Israelites accused of in these verses of this book? (5:7), (5:10-13), (5:21-22)
- 4) What was Amos's portrayal of God in verses eight and nine of this book? (5:8-9)

## Chapter 6

- 1) What did Amos say to those who enjoyed affluence and comfortable living? (6:1-7)
- 2) How did Amos describe the complete devastation of Israel in verses eight through fourteen? (6:8-14)

## Chapter 7

- 1) What three visions did the Lord reveal to Amos in these verses of this book? (7:1-9)
- 2) What were the meanings of the visions, to Amos in verses one through nine? (7:1-9)
- 3) Why did Amos appeal to the Lord, according to these verses of this book? (7:1-9)
- 4) How did Amaziah oppose Amos in verses ten through thirteen? (7:10-13)
- 5) How did Amos defend his call to prophecy in verses fourteen and fifteen? (7:14-15)
- 6) What word did the Lord have for the priest in verses sixteen and seventeen? (7:16-17)

## Chapter 8

- 1) What was the horror of Amos's fourth vision, according to verses one through three? (8:1-3)
- 2) Why would there be unprecedented mourning in the land, according to these verses? (8:4-10)
- 3) What would characterize God's silence toward Israel in verses eleven through fourteen? (8:11-14)

## Chapter 9

- 1) What did Amos see in his fifth and final vision in verses one through ten of this book? (9:1-10)
- 2) How did Amos describe the restoration after judgment in verses eleven through fifteen? (9:11-15)

## Chapter 1

1. What was Amos' occupation? (1, 7:14)
2. When did Amos prophesy? (1)
3. Upon what places did Amos prophesy punishment? (3, 6, 9, 11, 13)

## Chapter 2

1. Upon what additional places did Amos prophesy punishment? (1, 4, 6)
2. What did Israel command its prophets? (12)
3. Who will not be able to deliver himself? (14-15)

## Chapter 3

1. To whom does GOD reveal his secrets? (7)
2. How will the LORD punish the transgressions of Israel? (14-15)

## Chapter 4

1. What five things did the LORD give or send and yet Israel would not return to the LORD? (6-11)
2. How was Israel to prepare? (12)
3. Who formed the mountains and created the wind? (13)

## Chapter 5

1. Who should Israel seek? (4-6, 8)
2. What did the LORD know? (12)
3. What should Israel hate? (15)
4. What will the day of the LORD be? (18, 20)
5. Into what would the Lord cause Israel to go? (27)

## Chapter 6

1. To whom was woe prophesied? (1)
2. What indicated their prosperity and pleasure? (4-6)
3. What was the Lord going to raise up? (14)

## Chapter 7

1. What did the Lord set in the middle of Israel? (7-8)
2. Who told Amos not to prophesy again at Bethel? (10-13)
3. What occupation did Amos have before the Lord called him to prophesy? (14-15)
4. What did Amos prophesy would happen to Israel? (17)

## Chapter 8

1. What did the Lord show Amos? (1-2)
2. What kind of famine would Israel experience? (11-12)

## Chapter 1

1. A herdsman and a gatherer of sycamore fruit
2. In the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.
3. Damascus, Gaza, Tyrus, Edom and Ammon

## Chapter 2

1. Moab, Judah, and Israel
2. To not prophesy
3. The mighty, he that handles the bow, he that is swift of foot, or he that rides the horse

## Chapter 3

1. His servants the prophets
2. The horns of the altar shall be cut off, the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end

## Chapter 4

1. Cleanness of teeth in all your cities, want of bread, blasting and mildew, palmerworms, and pestilence
2. To meet God
3. The LORD, The God of hosts

## Chapter 5

1. The LORD
2. Their manifold transgressions and mighty sins
3. Evil
4. Darkness, and not light
5. Captivity beyond Damascus

## Chapter 6

1. Them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria
2. They lie on beds of ivory and drink wine in bowls
3. A nation that would afflict Israel

## Chapter 7

1. A plumb line
2. Amaziah the priest of Bethel
3. Herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit
4. Go into captivity

## Chapter 8

1. A basket of summer fruit
2. A famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD

## Chapter 9

1. Where will people try to escape? (2-3)
2. How was the LORD going to sift Israel? (9)
3. What promise was given to Israel? (14-15)

## Chapter 9

1. In the top of Carmel and in the bottom of the sea
2. Like as corn is sifted in a sieve
3. God would plant them on their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land

The prophecy of Amos should simplify the choices in our lives. The book of Amos teaches us that both prayer and service are essential. God has called us not only to be in relationship with Him but also to be in relationships with others. Amos pulls us back toward the center, where both the physical and the spiritual needs of people matter in God's scheme of justice.