

Amos 7

Three clear visions of judgment

(The People's Bible, Hosea, Joel, Amos, pages 242-249)

Discuss

1. Chapters 7–9 contain five visions. The first three are in this chapter. What is each vision, and what point does the Lord want to teach Israel with each vision?
verses 1-3 Vision:
 Lesson:

verses 4-6 Vision:
 Lesson:

verses 7-9 Vision:
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2. Amos' third vision proved to be a particularly dangerous one for him. How so? (verses 10-13) What veiled accusation did Amaziah make to Amos? (verses 12,13)
3. Why was Amaziah terribly mistaken?
4. How would Amaziah someday realize his great error? (verses 14-17)

Apply

5. In response to the prophet's prayers, the Lord "relented" and did not destroy his people. See also Moses' prayer in Exodus 32:9-14. Comment on this statement: "There is no use praying. God has already decided what he is going to do."
6. What must we do if people tell us not to preach God's Word?

Amos continued to preach against Israel even as he prayed that God would spare it.