

Read Amos 1:1-2. How does this beginning compare with some of the other prophets?

How do you think the Lord communicated with Amos?

Do you think verse 2 describes a drought?

Does God cause weather or does nature cause weather?

Read Amos 1:3-5. Do you think this judgment actually happened?

Who are the prophets today?

Read Amos 1:4-15. Is fire to be taken literally?

Does the Lord favor any of these three nations?

What is the offense of each of these nations? Does this tell us anything about God?

Read Amos 2:1-5. How does the reason for judgment against Judah differ from those who have gone before?

Read Amos 2:6-16. What are the offenses of Israel? How will they be punished?

Read Amos 3:1-8. How does one become a prophet?

Is Amos calling the people to change?

To whom are these words written?

Do the words of Amos have any meaning for us?

Read Amos 3:9-15. Who will be punished?

When punishment comes through natural or military disaster who suffers most?

Read Amos 4:1-5. Do those to whom the prophet writes think of themselves as faithful? What is their sin?

Gilgal and Bethel were holy places in the northern kingdom. Jerusalem with the temple was the holy place in the southern kingdom. Does the place of our birth determine how we worship God?

Do you think God favors some people from birth and has no favor for others?

Read Amos 4:6-13. Do you expect to see the hand of God in everyday occurrences?

Does victory in battle indicate the favor of God?

Does favorable weather indicate the favor of God?

Is the phrase "Prepare to meet your God" a threatening phrase?

Read Amos 5:1-3. Is this a sure prophecy? Is any prophecy a sure prophecy or is the future open?

Read 5:4-15. Is the purpose of prophecy to change people's behavior? If so, what would happen to the prophecy of an effective prophet?

Read Amos 5:16-24. What does this passage say about our worship? If we took this passage seriously how would we spend time together on Sunday mornings?

What is justice?

What are the greatest injustices you see in our society today? Do you think these injustices upset God?

What are the greatest injustices you see in the world today?

Read Amos 5:25-27. How are the years in the wilderness regarded in this passage?

Why do we label previous times as either good or bad? What do we hope to accomplish?

Read Amos 6:1-8. How do you think the peasants received this prophecy?

Is the enjoyment of the abundance that God provides sinful while others lack what they need?

Does forgiveness in Christ nullify these words from Amos?

Read Amos 6:9-14. Who will suffer? Are all equally at fault?

Who suffers most in war or in famine?

Read Amos 7:1-9. Do you think the Lord actually changed his mind or was this god's intention all along?

Is "never again" to be taken literally?

Is there a point at which our sins become intolerable and we are beyond redemption/

Read Amos 7:10-17. Who would have been in favor of Amos' words?

Is a hostile press a good or a bad thing for a nation? What are the dangers? What are the advantages?

Amos' words are an attack on the family of Amaziah. Will we do things to save our families that we would not do to save ourselves?

Read Amos 8:1-3. Is there a lifecycle for every kingdom or empire or can there be unlimited prosperity?

Read Amos 8:4-8. Do we need a sabbath? Could our nation observe a sabbath?

Is profit and demand sufficient regulation for an economy?

Read Amos 8:9-10. Is this a prophecy of Jesus' crucifixion?

Read Amos 8:11-14. What punishment will the Lord give?

Read Amos 9:1-4. Compare this to Psalm 139:7-12.

Read Amos 9:5-6. If you were to describe God's acts in our world today what would you say?

Read Amos 9:7-10. Can you imagine God utterly destroying us? If someone declared that we would suffer destruction for our sins what would you do?

Read Amos 9:11-15. Does this prophecy supersede all the earlier prophecies of final destruction?