

## The Manifold Grace of God The Lord Repents TWICE

### III. Visions of the Future (Amos 7)

#### A. Visions of **Grasshoppers** (Amos 7:1–3)

##### 1. The **Judgment** of God (Amos 7:1)

1 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, **he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth**; and, lo, it was the latter growth **after the king's mowings**.

##### 2. The **pleadings** of a man (Amos 7:2)

2 And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, **O Lord GOD, forgive(pardon), I beseech thee**: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.

##### 3. The **Grace** of God (Amos 7:3)

3 The **LORD repented for this**: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

#### B. Vision of **Fire** (Amos 7:4–6)

##### 1. The judgment of God (Amos 7:4)

4 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

##### 2. The pleadings of a man (Amos 7:5)

5 Then said I, **O Lord GOD, cease(stop), I beseech thee**: by whom shall **Jacob** arise? for **he is small**.

##### 3. The **Grace** of God (Amos 7:6a)

6 The **LORD repented for this**: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

**Repent** = applied to the Supreme being, to **change** the course of providential dealings (**Genesis 6:7; Psalm 106:45**)

#### **Genesis 6:7**

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; **for it repenteth me that I have made them**.

## **Psalms 106:45**

45 And he remembered for them his covenant, **and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.**

### **C. Vision of **Plumbline** (Amos 7:7–9)**

**PLUMB-LINE**, *noun* plum'-line. A line perpendicular to the plane of the horizon; or a line directed to the center of gravity in the earth.

7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord **stood upon a wall made by a plumbline**, with a **plumbline** in his hand.

8 And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A **plumbline**. Then said the Lord, **Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:**

9 And the **high places** of Isaac shall be **desolate(amazed or astonished)**, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and **I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.**

### **D. **Testimony** of Amos (Amos 7:10–17)**

#### **1. A False accusation – **Treason** (Amos 7:10-11)**

10 Then **Amaziah** the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath **conspired(treason)** against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos saith, **Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.**

#### **2. Amaziah told Amos to Go **Home** (Amos 7:12-13)**

12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, **flee thee away into the land of Judah**, and there eat bread, and **prophecy there:**

13 But prophecy not again any more at **Bethel**: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.

#### **3. Amos speaks for **himself** (Amos 7:14-15)**

##### **a. I'm just a **man** God has chosen to use (Amos 7:14a)**

14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son;

**b. I was a herdsman(implicates the **owner** of a farm) (Amos 7:14b)**  
but I was an **herdman**,

c. A **reaper** of the field (Amos 7:14c)  
and a **gatherer** of sycamore fruit:

d. God used me because I was already **working** for Him (Amos 7:15)  
15 And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me,  
Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

4. God speaks **through** Amos (Amos 7:16)  
16 Now therefore **hear thou the word of the LORD**: Thou sayest, Prophecy not  
against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac.

a. Your wife will become a woman of **ill repute** (Amos 7:17a)  
17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city,

b. Your kids will **die** prematurely (Amos 7:17b)  
and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword,

c. Your **land** will be taken (Amos 7:17c)  
and thy land shall be divided by line;

d. You will **die** in an impure land (Amos 7:17d)  
and thou shalt die in a **polluted(foul, impure)** land: and Israel shall surely go into  
captivity forth of his land.

#### About the Author:

- Amos was born in **Judah**, the southern kingdom,
- He was a prophet to the **northern** kingdom.
- His message was delivered in **Bethel** at the king's chapel.
- Amos was with the **herdmen** (*no-kade'* = the owner that marks them) Cattle  
Owner
- Amos was a *bo-kare'* or **Cowboy**
- Amos was a **Farmer** Harvester of Figs
- **Tekoa** was Amos' birthplace and his hometown.
- Six miles south of Jerusalem near to the familiar little place of Bethlehem
- **Tekoa** means "a camping ground."
- Amos disturbed the **liberal** element