

The Visions of Amos

Amos 7 – 9

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In a vision Amos saw Israel devastated by locusts and its people starving; he saw a great fire so hot it evaporated the sea and scorched the land; he saw a plumb line, and the Lord said, "My people are like a wall that is no longer straight. I will no longer ignore their sins. I will destroy their places of pagan worship, and I will end the reign of King Jeroboam."

A priest of Bethel informed the king of these rebellious words. Then he tried to send Amos back home to Judah. But Amos said to the priest, "Your family will be wiped out. You will die in a foreign land. And Israel will be exiled."

In a vision Amos saw a basket of ripe fruit, and the Lord said, "This fruit is like my people who are ripe for punishment. I will send a great earthquake, and darkness will fall while it is still daytime. Joy will turn to weeping. And when my people call to me, I will not respond."

In a vision Amos saw the pagan temple in Bethel being completely destroyed. People scattered in every direction, but no one could escape. The Lord said, "I have my eye on this sinful nation of Israel. I will uproot it and scatter its people. But they will never be completely destroyed. When I restore the kingdom of David and establish Israel's messianic king, I will call them together again along with people from all the nations of the earth. I will firmly plant them, and they will never be uprooted again."