

Amos 7

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Visions of Judgment

- 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 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, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.
- ³ The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.
- 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.
- ⁵ Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.
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- ⁶ The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.
- 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:
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- ⁹ And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

Amos and Amaziah

- 10** Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired 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.
- 12** Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:
- 13** But prophesy not again any more at Beth-el: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.
- 14** Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit:
- 15** And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.
- 16** Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac.
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- 17** Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Forgive — נָשָׂא / סָלַח (Salach / Nasa)

To forgive, pardon, lift up

The Hebrew **salach** (סָלַח) is used exclusively of God's forgiveness—divine pardon that only He can grant. **Nasa** (נָשָׂא) means to lift up or carry away, picturing sin being removed.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Priest — כֹּהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (כֹּהֵן) denotes a priest—one who mediates between God and people through sacrifices and intercession. Aaron and his descendants served as Israel's priests, foreshadowing Christ the Great High Priest.

Prophet — נָבִיא (Navi)

Prophet, spokesman

The Hebrew **navi** (נָבִיא) means prophet—one who speaks God's word to the people. Prophets received divine revelation and declared God's message, often calling Israel to repentance and foretelling future events.

Repent — שׁוּב / נָחַם (Shuv / Nacham)

To turn back, relent

The Hebrew **shuv** (שׁוּב) means to turn or return—a physical turning that represents spiritual redirection back to God. **Nacham** (נָחַם) conveys grief or relenting, often used of God 'repenting' of judgment.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Amos 7:1 Parallel theme: Joel 1:4. **References God:** Amos 8:1. **References Lord:** Amos 4:9

Amos 7:2

References God: Isaiah 37:4; Jeremiah 42:2; Ezekiel 9:8; 11:13. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 14:7. **Parallel theme:** Exodus 10:15

Amos 7:3 **Repentance:** Amos 7:6; Deuteronomy 32:36; Psalms 106:45; Hosea 11:8; Joel 2:14; Jonah 3:10

Amos 7:4 **References God:** Amos 7:1

Amos 7:5 **References God:** Psalms 85:4

Amos 7:7 **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 21:13; Revelation 21:15

Amos 7:8 **References Lord:** Amos 8:2; Jeremiah 15:6; Lamentations 2:8. **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 21:13; Isaiah 28:17; Micah 7:18

Amos 7:10 **Kingdom:** Jeremiah 38:4. **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 13:33; Matthew 21:23

Amos 7:11 **References Israel:** 2 Kings 17:6

Amos 7:12 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 8:34; 1 Corinthians 2:14. **Prophecy:** 1 Samuel 9:9

Amos 7:13 **Prophecy:** Amos 2:12. **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 12:29; 12:32; 13:1

Amos 7:14 **Parallel theme:** Amos 1:1; 2 Chronicles 19:2. **Prophecy:** 2 Kings 2:3; 2:5; 4:38; Zechariah 13:5

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