

THE JUDEAN MISSIONARY TO ISRAEL:  
VISIONS OF JUDGMENTS AND RESTORATION  
(Amos 7:1 - 9:15)

- I. The Lord Will SPARE (Amos 7:1-6)
  - A. Vision of LOCUSTS (7:1-3)
    - 1. Threatened Israel's FOOD SUPPLY
    - 2. Amos begged God to FORGIVE and SPARE "Jacob"
    - 3. The Lord RELENTED and DID NOT SEND the judgment
  - B. Vision of FIRE (7:4-6)
    - 1. Probably a severe DROUGHT
    - 2. Amos begged God to STOP and SPARE "Jacob"
    - 3. The Lord RELENTED and DID NOT SEND this judgment EITHER
  - C. These visions illustrate two Bible PRINCIPLES
    - 1. God's HOLINESS demands that sin be PUNISHED
    - 2. God's GRACE permits FORGIVENESS through PRAYER
- II. The Lord Will NO LONGER SPARE (Amos 7:7 – 9:10)
  - A. Vision of the PLUMB LINE (7:7-17)
    - 1. Would demonstrate Israel's CROOKEDNESS

2. Would result in destruction of the “HIGH PLACES,” Israel’s “SANCTUARIES,” and the “house of JEROBOAM”
3. Was DENOUNCED by Amaziah, Bethel’s HIGH PRIEST
4. Was EXPANDED with a PERSONAL judgment

B. Vision of the FRUIT BASKET (8:1-14)

1. Indicates that Israel’s END has COME
2. Multitudes will DIE and singing will turn to WAILING
3. Judgment is for the sins of GREED, FRAUD, and oppressing the POOR
4. Judgment is INEVITABLE and UNAVOIDABLE
5. It includes a FAMINE for HEARING the words of the Lord

C. Vision of the ALTAR (9:1-10)

1. The scene is the sanctuary at BETHEL, not JERUSALEM
2. The shrine will be DESTROYED and all idolaters SLAIN
3. Declares God’s OMNIPRESENCE and OMNIPOTENCE
4. Warns against presuming they are IMMUNE because they are ISRAEL

III. The Lord Will RESTORE (Amos 9:11-15)

- A. Will re-establish the dynasty of DAVID
- B. Will require a SON of DAVID on the throne
- C. Including CONVERSION of the NATIONS
- D. The land will be PRODUCTIVE and PROSPEROUS
- E. Israel will be RESTORED, REBUILT, and SECURE