

The Book of Amos

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- vs. 1 – Note that verse is addressed to the “whole family” of Israel, that is the combined nation and not the two kingdoms they were divided into. God addressed them separately in chapter 2.
- vs. 2 – Reiterates the special place of Israel in God’s plan, as seen in verses like Deuteronomy 7:6. That relationship brought responsibility,
- vs. 3-6 – God asks seven questions to prove that He is right in judging His people for their sins. In essence He is saying that every effect has a cause. B.H. Carroll describes these questions as:
 - vs. 3 – “communion proves agreement”
 - vs. 4 – “the lion's roar proves the prey”
 - vs. 4 – “the cry of the young lion proves the prey possessed”
 - vs. 5 – “the fall of the bird proves the bait”
 - vs. 5 – “the springing of the snare proves the bird to be taken”
 - vs. 6 – “the sounding of the trumpet proves the alarm”
 - vs. 6 – “calamity in the city proves Jehovah”
- vs. 7 – God would not send judgment without warning.
- vs. 8 – God had spoken to His people, warning them to turn from sin. But had they listened?
- vs. 9 – God is calling on Israel’s enemies, the Philistines and the Egyptians, to come and witness Israel’s sinful state and fall.
- vs. 10 – John Gill – “...they had lost at least the practical knowledge of doing justice; they knew what was right in the theory, but not in the practice...”
- vs. 11 – Judgment proclaimed.
- vs. 12 – The picture of a remnant being left after judgment falls.
- vs. 12 – The mention of beds and couches describe the luxurious living they were enjoying in their sin. The mention of Damascus is likely that they had an alliance with them.
- vs. 14 – Their false gods will fail in the day of judgment.
- vs. 15 – Their riches will fall in the day of judgment.