

## Amos 7:1/17 **Three Visions, Warnings, and Judgment**

### Vision of the Locusts

1 Thus Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God) showed me: Behold, He formed **locust** swarms at the beginning of the late crop; indeed it was the late crop after the king's mowings.

2 And so it was, when they had finished eating the grass of the land, that I said:

"O Adoney Yahweh (Lord God), forgive, I pray! Oh, that Jacob may stand, For he is small!"

3 So Yahweh (the Lord) relented concerning this. "It shall not be," said Yahweh (the Lord).

### Vision of the Fire

4 Thus Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God) showed me: Behold, Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God) called for conflict by **fire**, and it consumed the great deep and devoured the territory.

5 Then I said:

"O Adoney Yahweh (Lord God), cease, I pray! Oh, that Jacob may stand, For he is small!"

6 So Yahweh (the Lord) relented concerning this. "This also shall not be," said Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God).

### Vision of the Plumb Line

7 Thus He showed me: Behold, Adoney (the Lord) stood on a wall made with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand.

8 And Yahweh (the Lord) said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line."

Then Adoney (the Lord) said:

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line In the midst of My people Israel; I will not pass by them anymore.

9 The high places of Isaac shall be desolate, And the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste. I will rise with the sword against the house of Jeroboam."

### Amaziah's Complaint & Yahweh's Reply

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos has said:

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, And Israel shall surely be led away captive From their own land.'"

12 Then Amaziah said to Amos:

"Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah. There eat bread, And there prophesy.

13 But never again prophesy at Bethel, For it is the king's sanctuary, And it is the royal residence."

14 Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah:

"I was no prophet, Nor was I a son of a prophet, But I was a sheep breeder And a tender of sycamore fruit.

15 Then Yahweh (the Lord) took me as I followed the flock, And Yahweh (the Lord) said to me, 'Go, prophesy to My people Israel.'

16 Now therefore, hear the word of Yahweh (the Lord): You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, And do not spout against the house of Isaac.'

17 "Therefore thus says Yahweh (the Lord):

'Your wife shall be a harlot in the city; Your sons and daughters shall fall by the sword; Your land

shall be divided by survey line; You shall die in a defiled land; And Israel shall surely be led away captive From his own land."  
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Facts Revealed:

**The visions of Locust, Fire, and the Plum Line** [Amos 7:1-9]

- ✧ The visions of the **Locust** and **Fire** indicated that Yahweh was coming to the end of His long suffering over the sins of Israel and that Judgment is pending.
- ✧ Amos interceded for Israel and Yahweh relented, demonstrating the effectiveness of intercessory pray of a righteous man coupled with the grace and mercy of Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (the Lord God of Israel). [Amos 7:1-6, James 5:16]
- ✧ The vision of the **Plum Line** stated the fact that Judgment day for Israel had come and their destruction was on its way.
- ✧ Yahweh will send the sword against the house of Jeroboam.
- ✧ Israel will be destroyed and Yahweh will overthrow the high places and sanctuaries set up by Jeroboam which Israel never left until they were carried away captive from their own land. [Amos 7:7-9, 1 Kings 12:20-33, 17:22]

**Amaziah's Complaint & Yahweh's Reply** [Amos 7:10-17]

- ✧ When Jeroboam first set up his pagan worship of idolatry with the shrine of the golden calves at Dan and at Bethel, he also appointed pagan priests from among the common people, of such a line Amaziah was the priest of Bethel leading idolatrous worship. [1 Kings 12:20-33]
- ✧ Amaziah complained to king Jeroboam about the messages from Amos which were an attack against his idolatry and calling the people back to Yahweh the God of Israel, and warning them that judgment from God Most High revealed that Jeroboam would die by the sword and Israel will be led away captive from their own land. [Amos 7:10-11]
- ✧ Amaziah then went to Amos and commanded him to flee to Judah and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel. Here we learn that Bethel is the sanctuary of the king of Israel and his royal residence. [Amos 7:12-13]
- ✧ **Bethel** first got its name and fame when Jacob in a dream saw a ladder from Heaven with Yahweh at the top and angels ascending and descending on it. This happened when Jacob was fleeing from his brother Esau on his way to Padan Aram to find a wife from the descendants of Bethuel the Syrian. [Genesis 28:1-19]

**Amos Replied to Amaziah** [Amos 7:14-17]

- ✧ Amos shared his testimony of how he had been a shepherd when Yahweh called him and sent him to prophesy to the people of Israel.
- ✧ In response to Amaziah's commandment to not prophesy in Israel, Amos gave a message from Yahweh to Amaziah;  
"Therefore thus says Yahweh (the Lord):  
'Your wife shall be a harlot in the city; Your sons and daughters shall fall by the sword; Your land shall be divided by survey line; You shall die in a defiled land; And Israel shall surely be led away captive From his own land.'" [Amos 7:14-17]