

Valley View Baptist Church

Bible Study: Amos

Chapters 3 & 4 Questions:

Chapter 3:

1. To what “*family of the earth*” had the Word of the LORD been spoken? [3:1]
2. Amos says that two people must be in agreement before they can do what? [3:3]
3. The lion roars and the young lion “*cries out*” for what reason? Revisit Amos’ words in verse 1:2. What is being illustrated by these two examples in verse 4:3? [3:4]
4. The Lord God does nothing without revealing it to whom? [3:7]
5. What does Amos say is the response to a lion’s roar? What is the response of God’s messengers when the LORD speaks? [3:8]
6. The LORD commanded that a proclamation be made to the strongholds of what two nations? [3:9a]
7. What was seen by the representatives of these 2 nations as they observed life inside the walls of Samaria, Israel’s capitol city? [3:9b]
 1. _____
 2. _____
8. What was God’s condemning assessment of the city of Samaria, “*They do not know how to do _____.*” (3:10a)
9. What do the powerful and ungodly store up in the strongholds of Samaria? [3:10b]
 1. _____
 2. _____
10. What 3 things will the adversary, that God brings against Israel, do to the land and to their strongholds? [3:11]
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11. When God’s judgment falls on the nation, what two pictures does Amos use to describe God’s merciful rescue of just a few? [3:12; See 9:8 for a parallel message from the prophet]

12. What will be destroyed at Bethel on the day the LORD punishes Israel? [3:14]

[See some helpful insights concerning the horns as *objects of mercy* from the account of Joab in 1 Kings 2:28ff]

13. What specific houses will be torn down? [3:15]

Chapter 4:

1. Who does Amos liken to “*cows of Bashan*”? [4:1]

2. What were these “*cows of Bashan*” doing to the city’s poor and needy? [4:1]

3. How will the LORD in His judgment take these away? What might it mean for these to be “*taken away*”? [4:2–3]

4. When Amos foretells that they “*will go out through the breaches*,” what does this indicate concerning the walls of the Samaria? [4:3]

5. What does the LORD say in a sarcastic manner regarding the Israelites’ worship at the temple in Bethel and at the holy site of Gilgal? [4:4,5]

6. What was God’s first attempt to turn Israel back to Himself, which resulted in “*cleanness of teeth*”? [4:6]

7. God sent a drought on the nation. On what places did He send rain and on which did He not? [4:7]

[EXTRA Credit! In the day of king Ahab (over 100 years earlier) Israel had likewise embraced idol worship. In response, God sent a severe drought on the land to get the nation’s attention. How did Ahab respond to the drought? [1 Kings 17:1-3; 18:17-18]

8. What did the Israelites still fail to do even after staggering from town to town for water? [4:8]

9. God sovereignly used the weather to try to get Israel’s attention. Did it work? [4:8b]

10. What happened to Israel’s gardens, vineyards, fig trees, and olive trees? [4:9]

11. God sovereignly used crop destruction to get Israel’s attention. Did that work? [4:9]

12. God sent a plague upon Israel; He also caused their young men to be killed in battle. What did He do to their army's camps? [4:10]

13. God sovereignly brought destruction, loss of life, and the stench of death to the nation as a means to call them back to Himself. Did this work? [4:10]

14. God overthrew some of the Israelites as when He overthrew which two cities? [4:11]

15. After all these successive judgments and God's great long-suffering with their wickedness, what had the Israelites still fail to do? [4:6, 8, 9, 10, 11]

16. Therefore, what ominous command does the LORD give to the house of Israel? [4:12]

17. Amos' prophetic message of judgment concludes with a desperate reminder to Israel of the awesome glory of the LORD: the God they were intentionally defying! What qualities of God were stressed in Amos' closing words of Glory and Praise? [4:13]