

THE BOOK OF AMOS

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



THE WORD FOR THE WORLD
STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION From the New International Version

The author's name, Amos, means "burden" or "burden bearer." Amos was a shepherd called by God to be a prophet in the northern cities of Israel, during a time of riches and wealth for the northern kingdom. He announced God's judgment on the people for turning away from God, for being cruel to the poor, and for living selfishly. In a series of five visions, Amos saw the day of doom as being close. He warned the people that they were to prepare to meet God. For those who loved God, however, Amos had a word of hope. The day was coming when the kingdom of David would be re-established and God's people would dwell in safety.

THE BOOK OF AMOS - Chapter 1
SHORT ANSWERS

1. When did Amos see a vision about what was to come? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Who was the ruler of Damascus? _____ . Verse _____
3. What cities of the Philistines are mentioned in this chapter? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. Who stifled all compassion? _____ . Verse _____
5. Who violated pregnant women of Gilead? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Jehoash was king of Judah during the time Amos gave his prophecies.
7. _____ The king of Damascus will be destroyed in the Valley of Hinnom.
8. _____ Ashkelon was a city of the Philistines.
9. _____ Tyre sold whole communities of captives to Damascus.
10. _____ One of the kings would go into exile.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was there an earthquake in the Holy Land?
12. _____ Is fire mentioned in the punishment of ALL those condemned in this chapter?
13. _____ Was Ammon trying to extend his borders?
14. _____ Is it true that there are NO violent winds in the land?
15. _____ Are officials sometimes condemned along with the king?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
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18. What did you learn?

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THE BOOK OF AMOS - Chapter 2
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What was MOab condemned for? _____ . Verse _____
2. What will happen to the fortress of Jerusalem? _____ . Verse _____
3. What sin did a father and son do in Israel? _____ . Verse _____
4. What was a Nazirite NOT supposed to do? _____ . Verse _____
5. Who will flee naked of that day? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ War cries and the trumpet were used in battle back then.
7. _____ Rejecting the law of the Lord can lead to great problems.
8. _____ Denying justice was all right if a person was guilty.
9. _____ God gave the land of the Moabites to the Israelites.
10. _____ The prophets were commanded to prophesy.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Were officials under a king as guilty as the king?
12. _____ Was Judah guilty of worshipping false gods?
13. _____ Did God leave a remnant of some from the Amorites?
14. _____ Did the people vote on who was to become a prophet?
15. _____ Were the Nazirites FORCED to drink wine?

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THE BOOK OF AMOS - Chapter 3
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who does Amos say that God has spoken against? _____. Verse _____
2. What happens in a city when a trumpet sounds? _____. Verse _____
3. What other fortresses are spoken against? _____. Verse _____
4. What parts does a shepherd save from the lion's mouth? _____. Verse _____
5. In what city will the altars of Israel be torn down? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ God considered both Judah and Israel as his children.
7. _____ Two have to agree in order to walk together.
8. _____ God never destroys a city.
9. _____ No one in Israel had both summer and winter houses.
10. _____ Ivory was used to adorn houses.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did God chose only the Children of Israel as his people?
12. _____ Can a bird be caught in a trap that is not there?
13. _____ Do the Egyptians know how to do right?
14. _____ Does God use nations to punish other nations?
15. _____ Was the altar of the Lord at Bethel?

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THE BOOK OF AMOS - Chapter 4
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who were the ones called cows of Bashan? _____. Verse _____
2. What did the people of Israel boast about? _____. Verse _____
3. What did God do to the gardens and vineyards? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What did God do with the young men? _____. Verse _____
5. Who forms the mountains and creates the wind? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ God tried in many ways to get the people to return to him.
7. _____ The people went to Bethel to worship God.
8. _____ God controls the rain.
9. _____ God would never send plagues on them like he did Egypt.
10. _____ God warned them to prepare to meet him.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Will women be lead away by fish hooks?
12. _____ Will large holes be made in their walls?
13. _____ Is to brag about your offerings a sin?
14. _____ Was there ever a water shortage in the land?
15. _____ Is the Lord God Almighty his name?

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THE BOOK OF AMOS - Chapter 5
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What will happen to Virgin Israel? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. When a thousand march out how many will be left? _____ . Verse _____
3. What places will the people NOT find God? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What does Amos say about how God brings the rain? _____ . Verse _____
5. Describe the Day of The Lord. _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Was there any hope for Israel?
7. _____ God put the constellations in place.
8. _____ Plea bargaining in court is better than justice.
9. _____ We are to hate evil and love good.
10. _____ The kingdom of Israel is to go into exile beyond Damascus.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Does God take away the darkness?
12. _____ Is the one who tells the truth held in high esteem?
13. _____ Were they living in times that were evil?
14. _____ Was God pleased with their religious feasts?
15. _____ Did the people make gods for themselves?

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THE BOOK OF AMOS - Chapter 6
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What cities were complacent and felt secure? _____ . Verse _____
2. Why was the command to go to Calneh given? _____ . Verse _____
3. Why were they to become the first to go into exile? _____
_____ . Verse _____
4. Into what had they turned Justice? _____ . Verse _____
5. Who will stir up an nation against Israel? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Both the kingdom of Judah and the kingdom of Israel were given warnings
_____ in this chapter.
7. _____ The kingdom of Israel was very prosperous.
8. _____ Great houses will be smashed to pieces but the small ones spared.
9. _____ They were condemned for rejoicing in their own strength.
10. _____ Horses can run on rocky crags.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was ivory used as money in those days?
12. _____ Was music a part of their good life?
13. _____ Was the use of lotions a part of the good life?
14. _____ Will the nation that comes against Israel come at the Lord's command?
15. _____ Did horses pull the plow?

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THE BOOK OF AMOS - Chapter 7
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why did the Lord stop the locusts from coming on the second crop? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What did the Lord show to Amos? _____ . Verse _____
3. Who sent a message telling what Amos was saying about the king of Israel? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What did Amos say would happen to the wife of Ahaziah? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. Where was Ahaziah going to die? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The kingdom of Israel was a small country.
7. _____ The Lord stopped the locusts but not the fire.
8. _____ Amos was told to go back home to Samaria and prophesy there.
9. _____ Amos was not only a prophet but also a prophet's son.
10. _____ Israel would never go into captivity.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Does a builder use a plumb line?
12. _____ Was the house of Jeroboam the kingdom of Israel?
13. _____ Was there a temple at Bethel?
14. _____ Did Amos stop prophesying against Israel?
15. _____ Was it the King of Judah that told Amos to prophesy against Israel?

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THE BOOK OF AMOS - Chapter 8
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What does the basket of ripe fruit signify? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. How did they cheat when selling their wheat? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What will happen to the sun at noon? _____ . Verse _____
4. What kind of a famine was God going to send? _____ . Verse _____
5. What gods would be called upon but who would never answer? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The songs in the temple will stop and there will be silence.
7. _____ To sell the floor sweeping with the wheat is cheating.
8. _____ The flooding and going down of the River of Egypt is a figure of the rising and falling of the nation of Israel.
9. _____ Wearing sackcloth is a sign of mourning.
10. _____ Men will search for the lord of the Lord until they find it.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Will many people die in the temple?
12. _____ Could people be bought with a pair of sandals?
13. _____ Would religious feasts be the only time of joy in the land?
14. _____ Were men going to wander from the north to the west?
15. _____ Would the lovely young women and the strong young men ever be thirsty?

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THE BOOK OF AMOS - Chapter 9
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who did Amos see standing by the altar? _____. Verse _____
2. Where can people hide when God brings about this destruction? _____. Verse _____
3. Where does God build his palace? _____. Verse _____
4. What will happen to all the sinners? _____. Verse _____
5. What will finally happen to the exiled people? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Men can escape the wrath of God by climbing up to the heavens.
7. _____ God will look upon his people for evil and not good.
8. _____ Amos knew where the rains came from.
9. _____ God calls the nation of Israel the sinful kingdom.
10. _____ God would plant Israel in their own land never to be uprooted.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was the temple going to be brought down upon the people?
12. _____ When the Lord touches the earth does it melt?
13. _____ Does God see the nation of Israel as he does other nations?
14. _____ Will those who say disaster will never overtake them, be destroyed?
15. _____ Will the exile last forever?

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