

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further ***International Bible Lessons***

Amos 5:10-27

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. Why do you think God sent Amos from the Kingdom of Judah to preach as a prophet in the Kingdom of Israel?

Because the political and religious leaders had silenced all of the true prophets in the Kingdom of Israel, and God wanted to warn the wicked again and encourage the repentant and righteous that He would be with them even when He punished Israel.

2. Did God condemn all wealthy people through Amos message? Give a reason for your answer.

No. God condemned to punishment only those who were unjust and unrighteous; who gained their wealth from bribes, from trampling on the poor, and in other wicked ways.

3. Why did many of the political and religious leaders in Israel keep looking for the promised “Day of the LORD” with eager expectation?

They expected the LORD to come and defeat the nations around them so they could become even more rich and powerful from the acquisition of their neighbors’ property.

4. What did Amos say the “Day of the LORD” would mean for Israel?

The “Day of the LORD” would be darkness and gloom because most of the political and religious leaders broke God’s laws in order to gain great wealth and power. They would forfeit their huge homes and property: many would die at the hands of the Assyrians.

5. What hope did Amos the repentant and righteous?

Those who sought the LORD would live and God would be with them. Though they might die physically, God would be with them spiritually forever.

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