

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

Amos 6:1-14

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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. What were the names of the capital cities of the Kingdom of Judah and the Kingdom of Israel?

The capital city of the Kingdom of Judah was Zion (Jerusalem), and the capital city of Israel was Samaria.

2. What did Amos say would happen to the Kingdom of Israel? What would reign?

The Kingdom of Israel would be destroyed and violence would reign.

3. Who would be the first to go into exile?

Those who had made themselves first through unjust gain and the enslavement of others would be the first to go into exile: they would lose their homes and vineyards.

4. What would happen to many of the wealthy people who did not go into exile?

They would die. They would not be able to flee from those who sought to kill them or hide safely in their houses. Safety could only be found in seeking God and good.

5. Explain who or what God swore an oath by and why.

God could not swear or make an oath to keep His promises on anyone or anything greater than himself. What He said He would do to Israel if the nation did not repent He did, just as He swore He would do.

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