

Study Guide on Amos 7:10-17

New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Amos 7:10-17

(Amos 7:10) Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words.

(Amos 7:11) For this is what Amos is saying: “Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.”

(Amos 7:12) Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there.

(Amos 7:13) Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”

(Amos 7:14) Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees.

(Amos 7:15) But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

(Amos 7:16) Now then, hear the word of the LORD. You say, “Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop preaching against the descendants of Isaac.’

(Amos 7:17) “Therefore this is what the LORD says: “Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword. Your land will be measured and divided up, and you yourself will die in a pagan country. And Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?