

Study Guide on Amos 7:10-17 **New Revised Standard 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 to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

(Amos 7:11) For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

(Amos 7:12) And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there;

(Amos 7:13) but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

(Amos 7:14) Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,

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

(Amos 7:16) “Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’

(Amos 7:17) Therefore thus says the LORD: ‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its 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?