### Amos 7-9—Visions of Amos

Amos 7:7 This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand.

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied. Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. <sup>9</sup> "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

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. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' <sup>16</sup> Now then, hear the word of the LORD. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop preaching against the descendants of Isaac.

<sup>17</sup> "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.""

### Israel's Restoration

Amos 9:11 "In that day I will restore David's fallen shelter— I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins— and will rebuild it as it used to be, <sup>12</sup> so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and <u>all</u> the nations that bear my name," declares the LORD, who will do these things. <sup>13</sup> "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills, <sup>14</sup> and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>15</sup> I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God.

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## **Amos**

# Minor Prophets—part 3

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## Historical background

#### **Amos 1-2**

Amos 1:2 "The LORD roars from Zion and thunders from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds dry up, and the top of Carmel withers."

Amos 1:11 This is what the LORD says: "For three sins of Edom, even for four, I will not relent. Because he pursued his brother with a sword and slaughtered the women of the land, because his anger raged continually and his fury flamed unchecked, <sup>12</sup> I will send fire on Teman that will consume the fortresses of Bozrah."

Amos 2:6 This is what the LORD says: "For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not relent. They sell the innocent for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. <sup>7</sup> They trample on the heads of the poor as on the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed. <sup>8</sup> They lie down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge. In the house of their god they drink wine taken as fines.

#### Amos 3

Amos 3:1 Hear this word, <u>people of Israel</u>, the word the LORD has spoken against you—against the whole family I brought up out of Egypt: <sup>2</sup> "You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your sins."

Amos 3:9 Proclaim to the fortresses of Ashdod and to the fortresses of Egypt: "Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samaria; see the great unrest within her and the oppression among her people." "They do not know how to do right," declares the LORD, "who store up in their fortresses what they have plundered and looted."

Amos 3:14 On the day I punish Israel for her sins, I will destroy the altars of Bethel; the horns of the altar will be cut off and fall to the ground.

Amos 3:15 I will tear down the winter house along with the summer house; the houses adorned with ivory will be destroyed and the mansions will be demolished," declares the LORD.

# Amos 4 - "...yet you have not returned to me."

Amos 4:6 I gave you empty stomachs in every city and lack of bread in every town, <u>yet you have not returned to me</u>," declares the LORD.

Amos 4:7 "I also withheld rain from you when the harvest was still three months away. I sent rain on one town, but withheld it from another. One field had rain; another had none and dried up.

8 People staggered from town to town for water but did not get enough to drink, yet you have not returned to me," declares the LORD.

Amos 4:9 "Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards, destroying them with blight and mildew. Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees, <u>yet you have not returned to me</u>," declares the LORD.

Amos 4:10 "I sent plagues among you as I did to Egypt. I killed your young men with the sword, along with your captured horses. I filled your nostrils with the stench of your camps, yet you have not returned to me," declares the LORD.

Amos 4:11 "I overthrew some of you as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched from the fire, <u>yet</u> you have not returned to me," declares the LORD.

Amos 4:12 "Therefore this is what I will do to you, Israel, and because I will do this to you, Israel, prepare to meet your God."

Amos 4:13 He who forms the mountains, who creates the wind, and who reveals his thoughts to mankind, who turns dawn to darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth— the LORD God Almighty is his name.

#### **Amos 5-6**

Amos 5:4 This is what the LORD says to Israel: "<u>Seek me and live</u>; <sup>5</sup> do not seek Bethel, do not go to Gilgal, do not journey to Beersheba. For Gilgal will surely go into exile, and Bethel will be reduced to nothing." <sup>6</sup> <u>Seek the LORD and live</u>, or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire; it will devour them, and Bethel will have no one to quench it.

Amos 5:7 There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground.

Amos 5:10 There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth. <sup>11</sup> You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain.

Amos 5:14 <u>Seek good, not evil, that you may live</u>. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. <sup>15</sup> Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Amos 5:21 "I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. <sup>22</sup> Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. <sup>23</sup> Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. <sup>24</sup> But let <u>justice</u> roll on like a river, <u>righteousness</u> like a never-failing stream!

Amos 6:1 Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come!