

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Amos 8:11**THE DIVIDED KINGDOM 15-1**

"The days are coming," declares the Sovereign Lord, "when I will send a famine through the land - not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord."

"SEEK THE LORD AND LIVE"
Amos 5:1-9:15

DAY 1 READ Amos 5:1-9:15

1. What was a valuable reminder for you in last week's lesson?
2. To see the outline of these five chapters of judgment prophecy,
 - a. What was the call to repentance in Amos 5:4?

... Amos 5:15?

- b. What did the Lord despise in 5:21?
- c. How was Israel complacent in 6:4-6?
- d. How was Amos' message accepted in 7:12?
- e. Besides physical destruction, how would Israel suffer spiritually in 8:11?
- f. What promise was given in 9:14,15?

DAY 2 REVIEW Amos 5:1-6:14

3. The fall of Israel was described in Amos 5:3. What would it be like to live in your town if 90 percent of the people died in battle?
4. a. How could Israel go about seeking the Lord in 5:14?
b. How do you reestablish a broken fellowship with the Lord Jesus?

DAY 2 (Continued) REVIEW Amos 5:1-6:14

5. What vivid examples were given of what the Day of the Lord will be like for those who do not know Him?
6. Amos 5:21-23 described the religious hypocrisy. What was still happening in the Jewish religion in Mark 7:6-8?
7. a. What was to be Israel's destiny in Amos 5:27?
b. According to 6:1-7 who would be among the first exiles?
8. a. Fill in Amos 6:8. "I abhor _____ Jacob . . ."
b. Write Proverbs 16:18.

DAY 3 Amos 7:1-17

9. a. What three visions of judgment did the Lord show Amos in . . .
. . . verse 1?
. . . verse 4?
. . . verse 7?
b. What was Amos' intercessory plea?
c. . . God's response?
d. What does this suggest about the power of prayer?
10. Israel failed God's plumb line test. How does a Christian know he can pass that test of righteousness from Romans 8:1?
11. What strength of character do you see that Amos exhibited in verses 10-17?

DAY 4 REVIEW Amos 8:1-14

12. a. Why was a basket of ripe fruit a picture of Israel?
 13. The people were impatient for the holy days to be over so they could return to their dishonest deeds. What were some of those deeds that are listed?
 14. Verses 8,9 tell of earthquakes and an eclipse. How do you feel when you experience those or other "acts of God?"
 15. a. Put into your own words what you think a famine for the Word of God would be like.
b. How can you personally guard against such a famine?

DAY 5 REVIEW Amos 9:1-15

16. Verses 1-7 describe the fate of sinners in the hands of an angry God.
When is awareness that we can't escape from the Lord . . .

 - a. . . . a comfort?
 - b. . . . a terrifying realization?

17. a. In verse 8 what did the Lord see?

 - b. What would he do? Not do?

18. What was the promise in verses 11-15?

19. **NEW TESTAMENT APPLICATION:** What is the remedy for sin and the promise of restoration in Acts 3:19?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: