

8. Locusts, Fire, and a Plumb Line – Amos 7:1-9

- I. An Inevitability – vs. 1, 4
 - A. Famine
 - 1. Unstoppable Disaster
 - 2. No Food
 - 3. Deut. 28:38, 42
 - B. Flames
 - 1. Unquenchable Drought
 - 2. No Water
 - 3. Deut. 32:22
- II. An Intercession – vs. 2, 5
 - A. Forgive
 - 1. Lord Yahweh
 - 2. Forgive – Pardon Sin
 - 3. Jacob will not Endure
 - B. Forego
 - 1. Lord Yahweh
 - 2. Forego – Stop, Cease
 - 3. Jacob will not Endure
- III. An Intermission – vs. 3, 6
 - A. Forbearance? (to refrain, to tolerate)
 - 1. Repent – to change one’s mind – Malachi 3:6; James 1:17; Numbers 23:19; Rom 11:29
 - 2. Relent – to comply to another’s will – 1 Sam 15:29; Psa 110:4
 - 3. Reliable – to be constant – Jer. 8:5-10; Jonah 3:10-4:2
 - B. Forbearance! (patience)
 - 1. Repent/Relent
 - a. Hebrew “Nacham” – “to be sorry”
 - b. Hebrew Verb Stems (voice)
 - 1) Niphal Perfect – “breathe out strongly; sigh” – to be moved to compassion
 - 2) Hithpael – “to repent; to change one’s mind”
 - c. In this verse it is Niphal Perfect
 - 2. Reprieve – Exodus 34:6-7 – God Does not Change His Mind, He Gives Us Time to Change Ours!
- IV. An Investigation – vs. 7-9
 - A. Finding Fault
 - 1. Our Standard – 2 Cor. 10:12; Rom 3:12
 - 2. God’s Standard (vs. 7-8) – Matt 19:17; John 14:6 (good and true)
 - 3. No Pass (vs. 8) – Joel 1:15-20
 - 4. Measuring Up (vs. 9)
 - a. Corrupt Religion – 1 Kings 12:32; Amos 5:21-23
 - b. Corrupt Rulers – 1 Kings 11:38; 2 Kings 14:24; Prov 28:15-16
 - B. Finding Forgiveness – Eph 2:1-10
 - 1. Not because We Are Good
 - 2. Because God is Gracious