

Amos 7:10-16a

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. 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.'"

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. ¹³ Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

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. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' ¹⁶ Now then, hear the word of the LORD.

- Who were the priests of Bethel?
- What important things do we know about this King Jeroboam (Jeroboam II)?
- What accusation was raised against the prophet Amos?
- What did the false prophet's words say about prophets in the northern kingdom?

How does Amos deny that he needed to prophesy to be able to eat his bread?

Despite running into dangerous opposition, what did Amos do?

- How do our young people (some not so young) become called workers? What three steps are especially necessary?
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- What was one of the sins Amos faced in Samaria?
- Is that still an issue among people today?
- What are the two parts of repentance?
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- What comfort does God give to all sinners who repent?