

# Amos 7

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## **The Locusts, Fire, and Plumb Line**

[\(Joel 2:1–11\)](#)

<sup>1</sup>Thus the Lord GOD showed me; and, behold, He formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings.

<sup>2</sup>And if it had come to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land—so I said: O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech Thee; How shall Jacob stand? for he is small.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD repented concerning this; 'It shall not be', saith the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>Thus the Lord GOD showed me; and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire; and it devoured the great deep, and would have eaten up the land.

<sup>5</sup>Then said I: O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech Thee; How shall Jacob stand? for he is small.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD repented concerning this; 'This also shall not be', saith the Lord GOD.

<sup>7</sup>Thus He showed me; and, behold, the Lord stood beside a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in His hand.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD said unto me: 'Amos, what seest thou?' And I said: 'A plumbline.' Then said the Lord: Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of My people Israel; I will not again pardon them any more;

<sup>9</sup>And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, And the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; And I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

### **Amaziah Accuses Amos**

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying: 'Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos saith: Jeroboam shall die by the sword, And Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land.' <sup>12</sup>Also Amaziah said unto Amos: 'O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but prophesy not again any more at Beth-el, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a royal house.'

<sup>14</sup>Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah: 'I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a herdman, and a dresser of sycamore-trees; <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said unto me: Go, prophesy unto My people Israel. <sup>16</sup>Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest: Prophesy not against Israel, And preach not against the house of Isaac; <sup>17</sup>Therefore thus saith the LORD: Thy wife shall be a harlot in the city, And thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, And thy land shall be divided by line; And thou thyself shalt die in an unclean land, And Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land.'