

Amos Part 19 – The Five Visions

Key Verses: Amos 7:1 – 7:6

Chapters 7 begins with the Lord showing Amos the first two of five different visions regarding the nation of Israel that is symbolized by Jacob. It is us, God's people, who will first wrestle with the Lord as we are the first to supplant the man of sin with the Lord from heaven.

Amo 7:1 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, *it was* the latter growth after the king's mowings.

Amo 7:2 And it came to pass, *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.

Amo 7:3 The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

Amo 7:4 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

Amo 7:5 Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.

Amo 7:6 The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

These prophecies and visions are not to be taken as history lessons. There are admonitions and ensamples (1Co 10:11) for us, the Israel of God, and the true Jews (Rom 2:28, Gal 6:16), which words we shall live by in the appointed time (Mat 4:4). Each of these visions is a vision of judgment for the transgressions of the people. Here is the end of our judgment and what the Lord says after showing all five visions to Amos. This is why judgment is the blessing as it is what redeems us and saves us from our sins.

Amo 9:8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and **I will destroy it from off the face of the earth**; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.

The fact that there are five visions reminds us that the scourging grace of the Lord is what brings salvation. The number five signifies **grace through faith** as it used in Scripture. Each of Amos's visions reveal the chastening of the Lord to come, the very experiences that are teaching us righteousness (Heb 12:6, Isa 26:9).

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Tit 2:12 Teaching (*i.e. chastening - paideuo* □) us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

The Vision of the Grasshoppers:

Amos tells us that it is the Lord Himself, the Potter, who is forming these spiritual grasshoppers. There is a reason "grasshopper" is the word used here and not the word locust. Outwardly in the physical, grasshoppers are very similar, yet different than locusts and the same applies in their spiritual application (Rom 1:20).

Unlike their cousins the locusts, these grasshoppers shoot up in the latter stages of our growth versus the early stages of our being drawn to Christ. The "latter growth" of the grass is a reference to our day of the Lord when we are being made into mature sons of the Lord by judgment. The biggest differentiator between grasshoppers and locusts in the natural, is how

they socialize and move around. Grasshoppers are more solitary, much more finite versus the much more numerous and more gregarious swarming behavior of locusts. Locusts spiritually signify the lies and false doctrines of Babylon in our heavens (mind), that for a time completely cover the earth and blot out all the true light (Exo 10:15). Here is a partial description from Revelation 9 that links these locusts to the father of all lies as Isaiah 9:15 (the false prophet being the tail) confirms.

Rev 9:10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Rev 9:11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Grasshoppers by their very name are linked to the earth and the flesh (Isa 40:6 - all flesh is grass) and speak to the secret or hidden sins that arise with our continued unbelief. Our failure to overcome these sins, leads us to doubt the Word and lean on our own understanding. The word for grasshopper in Amos 7:1 is “gob” which is H1462 which is found in only one other verse.

Nah 3:17 Thy crowned *are* as the locusts, and thy captains as the **great H1462 grasshoppers H1462**, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, *but* when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they *are*.

We looked at this verse in [Nahum Part 10 – The Great Grasshopper](#). Strong’s connects the root word for grasshopper to be H1461 or “goob” that means husbandmen, signifying those that dig in the earth and work in the Lord’s fields. The Elect go forth with great zeal to serve the Lord but we will first be overcome with wine (knowledge) just like a famous husbandman, named Noah whose nakedness was discovered.

Gen 9:20 And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

Gen 9:21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

There is also another prime word for grasshopper and by taking the SUM of the word (Psa 119:160) it helps us understand what grasshoppers represent and the Lord’s purposes in sending them. The other word for grasshopper is “chagab” or H2284 in Strong’s and is found five times in the bible.

H2284, châgâb

Total KJV Occurrences: 5

grasshopper, 2

Lev 11:22, Ecc 12:5

grasshoppers, 2

Num 13:33, Isa 40:22

locusts, 1

2Ch 7:13

Until we grow in faith, our sins will make us doubt the Lord and even our ability through Him in overcoming the giants in the land. This is part of the torment (Rev 14:10) we are enduring to learn patience and lose confidence in ourselves and come to our wits end and then cry out for deliverance. After seeing the land, we are given to possess, the men sent to spy out the land spoke of their carnal fears and doubts which the grasshoppers create that bind us in unbelief.

Num 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as **grasshoppers [H2284]**, and so we were in their sight.

The grasshoppers are used of the Lord to humble us and destroy the pride of life within us. Only the meek, the humbled shall inherit the earth and be given dominion over sin (Mat 5:13). The Lord sends them to devour the strength of the flesh to turn us in repentance.

2Ch 7:13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the **grasshoppers [H2284 – locusts]** to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

2Ch 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

As we mature and are chastened with grace, we eventually are given the strength and the faith to overcome them and they become edible food for the new man.

Lev 11:22 Even these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the **grasshopper [H2284]** after his kind.

These appearances of spiritual grasshoppers are the manifestation of our secret sins and idols that come to the light that destroy our pride and humble us. We must be humbled before we can be exalted and this turns us back to our first love. The Lord deals with our sins at the appointed time by bringing fire upon the earth that reveal all things.

Rom 2:16 In the day when God shall judge **the secrets** of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Dan 2:22 **He revealeth the deep and secret things:** he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

Grasshoppers camp out in the hedges (Nah 3:17) we build with lies, doubts and false doctrines on “the cold days”. These hideouts allow these sins to remain waiting the due time for being exposed. There are days of spiritual winter when we don’t progress and little fruit is found in our land and we are lukewarm at doing the Words of the Lord. These days are ordained of the Lord and all part of the plan for us to learn good and evil and become like our Lord (Gen 3:22).

Gen 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer **and winter**, and day and night shall not cease.

When the Sun (Truth, Word) arises, and as the seals on the Word that blinded us are being removed, the grasshoppers go into hiding behind our hypocrisy and self-righteous garments, hiding in the rocks and mountains of Babylon (Rev 6:15-16). Said another way, secret sins hide behind the leaven of the Pharisees which is our hypocrisy. Saying one thing but thinking and doing something completely different.

Luk 12:1 Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

Luk 12:2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; **neither hid, that shall not be known.**

Unlike false doctrines (locusts), that can be vanquished quickly with Truth, purging our secret faults require us to seek judgment desiring it (Thy kingdom come) with prayer and fasting.

Psa 19:9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

Psa 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Psa 19:11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Psa 19:12 Who can understand his errors? **cleanse thou me from secret faults.**

The day will come when the Lord raises up evil within our house in response to our secret sins as the story of David's sin with Bathsheba shows. Our judgment and our adulterous behavior will be done in the Light of the Sun and shall no more be hidden.

2Sa 12:12 For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

Isa 28:17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

Eph 5:13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

The grasshoppers will cut us down to size and devour all of our strength which is a blessing we will look behind and understand in our day of the Lord.

<p>Amo 7:2 And it came to pass, <i>that</i> when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.</p>

We cannot be strong for the Lord when flesh is strong. It is only when we are weak in the flesh that we are strong for the Lord and that is the purpose for all the oppression and calamity the Lord sends our way.

2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

When the flesh remains strong, our flesh is being put into great distress when the Lord begins tearing down our image of being SELF righteous before Him.

2Ki 19:26 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; **they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb**, as the grass on the housetops, and *as corn* blasted before it be grown up.

This is all by design of our Maker who is purposefully withering our grass and destroying the comfort of the old man.

1Pe 1:24 **For all flesh is as grass**, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

1Pe 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

The Lord is going to kill the old man with a famine and remove the food that keeps him and the beast alive. To be saved we must learn to eat strong meat and get beyond herbs and green things. The green grass represents the immature things (mixed multitude within), which only gets us so far. To move on, we have to learn to eat strong meat (Heb 5:14).

Joh 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

The Lord uses spiritual moths, worms and even grasshoppers to expose our sin and self-righteousness and eat up our clothing, devouring the crop and destroy our false peace (1Th 5:3). God's elect are these shameful husbandmen who have wasted the fields and been led of the Lord and allow these grasshoppers to spoil the crop.

Joe 1:11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

It is only those made hungry by the Lord who will in due time be filled and satisfied.

Mat 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Amos begs the Lord to forgive and remove the chastening and at the appointed time, when the Word has accomplished its purpose in teachings us, the Lord repents.

Amo 7:3 The LORD repented ^{H5162} for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.
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This verse along with Amo 7:6 needs to be put into proper understanding using the SUM of the word. The Lord does not repent in the way that word is meant in the New Testament. The Lord's plan has been declared from the beginning (Isa 46:10), including every minute detail of our lives (Psa 139:16). This immutable fact is still the truth.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ **the same** yesterday, and today, and forever.

Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, **I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

1Sa 15:29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie **nor repent**: for he is not a man, that he should repent.

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is **no variableness, neither shadow of turning**.

So, when we read the rest of the verses such as Amo 7:3 and 7:6 along with Gen 6:6, Exo 32:14 and others that say the Lord repented; we need to understand what the Lord's repentance means. As recent studies in Isaiah and the email thread on God's wrath reminded us, the Lord is not saving the old man and never intended for flesh and blood to inherit the kingdom of God (1Co 15:50). His wrath is for the specific purpose and when that purpose is fulfilled He repents of that wrath and we move on to the next experience of evil that is maturing us.

Psa 34:19 Many are the afflictions (evils - ra) of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Ecc 1:13 I applied my heart to inquiring and exploring by wisdom concerning all that is done under the heavens: it is an experience of evil Elohim has given to the sons of humanity to humble them by it.

The word translated "repentance" in the Old Testament reveals the two-edged sword of the Lord. The Lord repenting of the evil He afflicts us with, teaches us and is used to grow our faith and comforts the new man. The same word for repentance is the same word for comfort.

H5162, na[^]cham

Total KJV Occurrences: 109

comfort, 34

comforted, 20

repent, 19 - Amos 7:3, Amos 7:6, Gen 6:6 etc

repented, 17

comforters, 5

comforter, 3

comforteth, 3

repenteth, 3

comfortedst, 1

"It shall not be" says the Lord, that Jacob who is small will not arise. Contrary to our carnal doubts expressed through Amos, Jacob, will arise as that is the promise of the Lord. We are raised up only as Christ within us is resurrected. That arising process includes us first conceiving chaff and building on another foundation first.

Isa 33:10 Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

Isa 33:11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you.

1Co 6:14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us **by his own power.**

The Vision of Fire in the Deep:

The Lord continues giving Amos further vision or spiritual understanding into His process with the second of the visions.

Amo 7:4 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

The great deep represents our flesh, which is also symbolized by the seas in Scripture. It is our baptism into Christ, by judgment, that breaks up this deep and delivers us from the miry clay of our flesh and our bondage to sins.

Gen 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of **the great deep** broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

Psa 69:14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, **and out of the deep waters.**

Job 41:31 **He maketh the deep to boil like a pot:** he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

The Lord created our heaven and earth in the beginning and made the spiritual darkness first so He could come again to call Light out of that darkness. Our whole life in clay vessels is integral (alpha and omega) to the Lord's plan of bringing the light forward and dividing it from the darkness.

Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. .

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

Only the Lord's fire poured into the deep can pull up the serpent (leviathan – Job 27:1) that lives there and destroy the beast that lives there and is given power over our flesh.

Rev 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

The devouring of the spiritual sea within by fire is how the sea is burned up and ceases to exist. This signifies salvation and the destruction of all flesh. In this age, the elect see this in down payment form as a new heaven (mind) and earth (walk) are being formed within us as we stand above the sea gaining dominion over the flesh (Rev 15:2). Yet the end of this age at the end of the outward millennium reign, when the last enemy death is destroyed, there will be no more flesh as the sea shall be no more.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and **there was no more sea.**

The harlot rides the beast (Rev 17:3) who ascends out of the great deep and is ruled by our father the devil. The same fire that is burning up the flesh (sea) will likewise destroy the harlot and be the causation of the melting of our old earth that is passing away.

Zec 9:4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and **the elements shall melt** with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

The vision reveals it is by fire that the Lord is contending/pleading with His people. Once this fire is casted to our earth (Luk 12:49), then the trumpets begin to blow and the seven bowls of wrath are being poured out and the doom of our old man and man of sin is set.

Rev 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

Amos and all the Lord's prophets, will first naturally in our unbelief beg the Lord to stop and to cease with the burning and to remove the fire that is devouring the deep.

Amo 7:5 Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.

Amo 7:6 The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

We see through Amos, that judgment is a process. Judgment comes to us by the Word which we can only understand and apply when able to bear it (1Co 10:13, Joh 14:12). The Lord is destroying Jacob, yet not totally destroying Jacob. The old is being destroyed so the new can come forth.

Jer 30:11 For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, **yet will I not make a full end of thee:** but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

Amo 9:8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving **that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.**

This fire eats up the portion assigned and this comes little by little by the process of winnowing. The Lord always (is, was and will be) has something against us until we are perfected on the third day (Rev 2:14, Rev 2:20, Mar 10:18).

It is natural for us to cry out to the Lord and for salvation. Coming to our wits ends requires the deep within to be stirred up and the waves (lies/unbelief) overtake us. We have to come to the place of total helplessness and have exhausted all other avenues of saving ourselves.

Psa 107:24 These see the works of the LORD, **and his wonders in the deep.**

Psa 107:25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

Psa 107:26 They mount up to the heaven, **they go down again to the depths**: their soul is melted because of trouble.

Psa 107:27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

Psa 107:28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

It takes us time to grow in faith and fully trust in the Lord's promises. We learn to stand in faith and do not despair knowing that those ordained to be saved, will be saved in this age.

Rom 9:27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

Rom 9:28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

The Lord will "repent" by turning away from our carnal nature that is rebelling against Him for the purpose of destroying that mindset and the man of sin. Our house and old way of life is being left to us desolate by design (Rom 8:20-21).

Mat 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

Mat 23:38 **Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.**

Next week Lord willing, we will start with the third visions regarding the plumbline.

Amo 7:7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

Amo 7:8 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 pass by them any more: