

# Amos 3-6 Discussion Questions

## Amos 3:

### **Israel's Responsibility & Judgment**

#### **1. Covenant Relationship & Responsibility**

(Amos 3:1–2): Amos emphasizes that God chose Israel “out of all the families of the earth,” yet this privilege brings accountability.

- *How does this reflect the weight of the Covenant at Sinai?*
- *For believers in Yeshua, how might this connect to the idea of us as a “chosen people” (1 Peter 2:9)?*

#### **2. Prophetic Authority** (Amos 3:7–8): God reveals His plans to His prophets, and Amos declares, “The lion has roared; who will not fear?”

- *How does this affirm the role of prophets?*
- *How might this point to Yeshua as the ultimate prophet or the “Word of God” (John 1:1)?*

#### **3. Cause & Effect of Sin** (Amos 3:9–15): The chapter describes Israel’s sin leading to judgment.

- *How does this align with the concept of tochechah (rebuke) in Torah (e.g., Leviticus 26)?*
- *How does this foreshadow the need for atonement through Yeshua’s sacrifice?*

## Amos 4:

### **Israel's Failure to Repent**

#### **4. Sarcasm and Social Critique** (Amos 4:1–5):

Amos mocks the “cows of Bashan” (wealthy women) and Israel’s empty rituals.

- *How does this critique of insincere worship relate to the prophetic call for teshuvah (repentance)?*
- *How might this parallel Yeshua’s warnings against hypocrisy (e.g., Matthew 23)?*

#### **5. God’s Discipline** (Amos 4:6–11): God sent famines, droughts, and plagues, yet Israel did not return to Him.

- *How does this reflect the understanding of suffering as a call to repentance (e.g., Deuteronomy 30)?*
- *How might this connect to the idea of God’s discipline for believers (Hebrews 12:5–11)?*

#### **6. Prepare to Meet Your God** (Amos 4:12–13):

This ominous warning follows Israel’s refusal to repent.

- *How does this evoke the Day of the Lord (Yom HaDin)?*
- *How might this point to the return of Yeshua and the final judgment?*

**Amos 5:**  
**A Call to Seek God**

7. **Seek God and Live** (Amos 5:4–6): Amos urges Israel to seek God rather than false worship sites like Bethel.
  - *What does it mean to “seek God” through Torah and mitzvot?*
  - *How might this relate to seeking Yeshua as the “way, truth, and life” (John 14:6)?*
8. **Justice and Righteousness** (Amos 5:7, 24): Amos condemns Israel for perverting justice and calls for righteousness to “roll like a river.”
  - *How does this align with ethical teachings in the Torah and Prophets (e.g., Micah 6:8)?*
  - *How does Yeshua’s life and teachings embody this call for justice?*
9. **Lament for Israel** (Amos 5:16–27): The chapter describes mourning and exile for Israel’s sins.
  - *How does this connect to historical exiles (e.g., Babylonian captivity)?*
  - *How might this foreshadow the spiritual restoration through Yeshua’s redemptive work?*

**Amos 6:**  
**Complacency & Pride**

10. **Woe to the Complacent** (Amos 6:1–7): Amos condemns the wealthy for their luxury and indifference to Israel’s spiritual state.
  - *How does this reflect the dangers of forgetting God’s covenant (e.g., Deuteronomy 8:11–20)?*
  - *How might this warn against spiritual complacency in our congregations today?*
11. **Pride and False Security** (Amos 6:8–14): Israel’s pride in its military and economic strength is condemned.
  - *How does this resonate with teachings on humility before God (e.g., Psalm 51)?*
  - *How might this parallel the warnings about relying on worldly strength rather than faith in Yeshua (e.g., John 15:5)?*
12. **God’s Sovereignty** (Amos 6:14): The chapter ends with God’s promise to bring judgment through a foreign nation.
  - *How does this reflect God’s control over history (e.g., Isaiah 45:1–7)?*
  - *How might this point to God’s ultimate plan of redemption through Yeshua, despite human failure?*

## Themes & Application

13. **Call to Repentance:** Across Amos 3–6, the prophet repeatedly calls Israel to turn back to God.

- *How does this align with the concept of teshuvah during the High Holy Days?*
- *How does this connect to the call to repentance and faith in Yeshua (e.g., Acts 3:19)?*

14. **Care for Others:** Amos strongly condemns oppression of the poor and corrupt leadership.

- *How does this reflect the prophetic tradition's emphasis on communal responsibility (e.g., Isaiah 1:17)?*
- *How might this inspire believers to live out Yeshua's teachings on caring for the "least of these" (e.g., Matthew 25:31–46)?*

15. **Relevance Today:**

- *How do the warnings and promises in Amos 3–6 speak to modern congregations?*
- *What parallels can be drawn between Israel's sins (idolatry, complacency, injustice) and challenges in contemporary society or faith communities?*