

LESSON 8

AMOS' CALL TO REPENTANCE

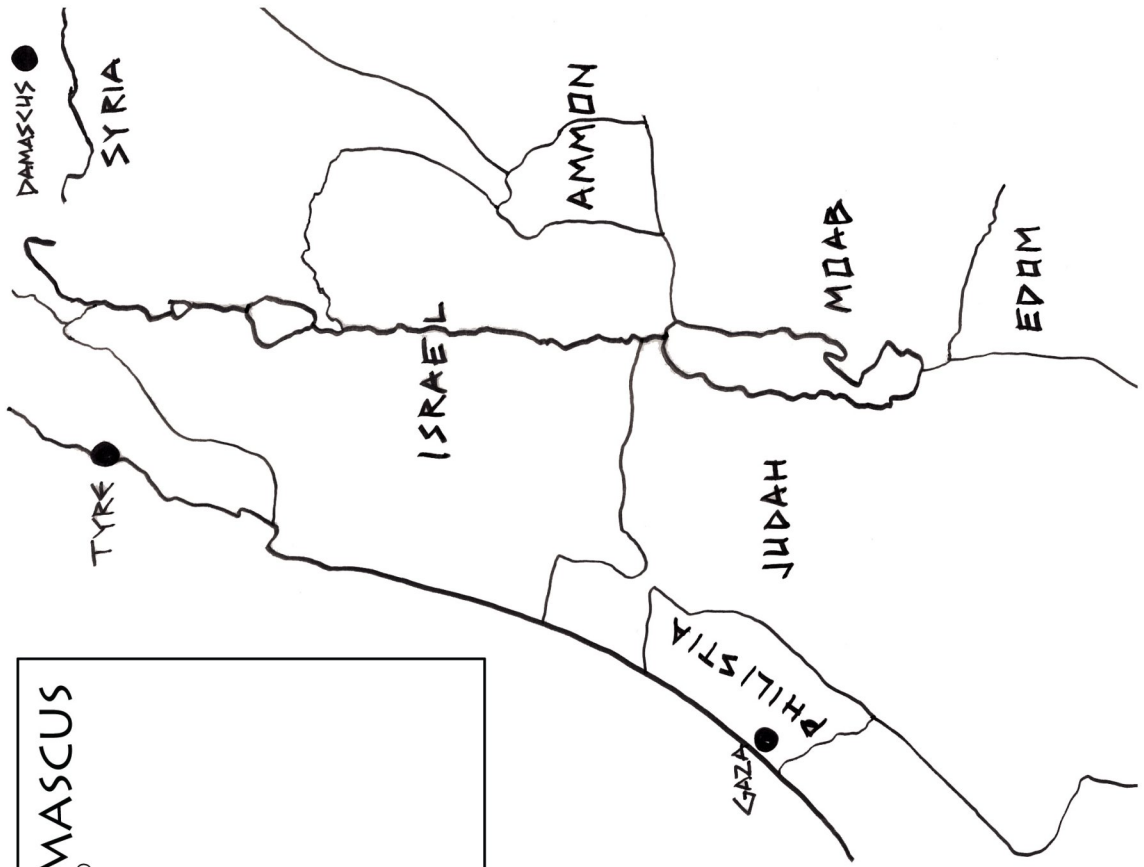
Worksheets

- Bible Discovery Worksheet #1: Nations of Judgment
- Bible Discovery Worksheet #2: The Sins of Judah and Israel
- Life Application Worksheet, Pages 1 and 2: Do Others See Jesus in You?
- Homework

In the boxes, briefly describe each nation's wrongdoings.

TYRE (AMOS 1:9)	DAMASCUS (AMOS 1:3)
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AMMON (AMOS 1:13)	MOAB (AMOS 2:1)	EDOM (AMOS 1:11)
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GAZA (AMOS 1:6)

THE SINS OF JUDAH AND ISRAEL

Fill in the blanks.

Judah

They have despised the law of God and have not kept His _____. They have also followed their forefathers by worshipping _____.

Israel

1. They cheated people in their businesses.

The merchants made the _____ and the _____ and they even sold bad wheat (8:6).

2. They didn't worship God properly.

a. They did not put their _____ into _____ God.

b. They offered tithes and thanksgiving to God but in their daily lives they walked in great _____ and oppressed the _____.

c. They did not care for God's word. The Israelites hated anyone who rebuked them for their wrongs and who _____ the word of God (5:10). They told Amos to go back to _____.

3. They worshipped idols.

The people _____ and _____ foreign _____.

4. They lived in great luxury but did not care for the suffering of the poor and the needy.

The rich lay in _____ of _____, ate rich _____, listened to _____, drank _____ from bowls and anointed themselves with _____. The poor were sold as _____ in exchange for a pair of _____.

God's Judgment for Israel

"Therefore thus says the LORD: [...] You shall _____ in a _____ land; And Israel shall surely be led away _____ from his _____."

God's Mercy on Israel

_____ and not _____, that you may _____.

I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; They shall _____ vineyards and _____ wine from them; They shall also make _____ and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be _____ from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God.

DO OTHERS SEE JESUS IN YOU?

Read the following scenarios, and then answer the questions that follow.

Scenario 1

Greg loved to read. He had finished reading many mystery and adventure series. Greg's parents were able to afford to buy whatever books he liked. One day, Greg's friend Harry who also loved books, came over to his house. Greg proudly showed off his book collection. Harry's eyes almost popped out when he saw all the books that he loved but had not been able to read. Unlike Greg's parents, Harry's parents could not afford to buy Harry many books. They told him that if he wanted those books, he would have to borrow them from the library. Usually, Harry had to wait until the library stocked the books and when they did, there was usually a long waiting list for the books because they were so popular. Harry browsed through the collection, and then pulled one from the shelf and asked Greg if he may borrow it. Greg took the book and put it back in the shelf. "I don't loan books," Greg said. "I may never get them back. Besides, you can ask your parents to buy them for you."



- Which of the Israelite's sins do Greg's actions remind you of?
- Why do you think Greg's behavior would not be pleasing to God?
- Suggest how Greg can be more caring towards his friend.



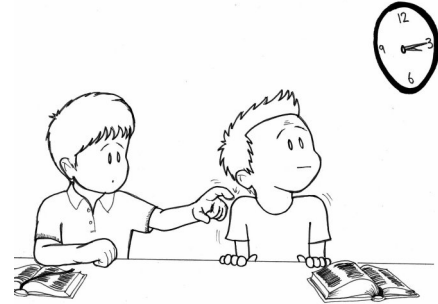
Scenario 2

Last year, Evan's cousins came to visit from abroad, and they had bought the latest video game for Evan. Evan was thrilled—it was exactly what he had wanted. After his cousins left, Evan spent many hours playing the game. He would come home from school, quickly do his homework, and then rush off to play games until dinnertime. When George, his good friend from next door, would call to ask if he wanted to do something together, Evan would reply that he was just too busy. Evan prayed only when his parents forced him to, and even then, he would just mumble the words because his mind was filled with images from the game. Evan had not felt this passionate about anything before. Each time he played, he felt excited when fighting battles and beating other players.

- Which of the Israelite's sins does Evan demonstrate?
- What priority did the video game have in Evan's life? Which actions tell us this?
- Why might Evan's thoughts and actions be wrong in God's sight?
- What could Evan do to prevent video games from taking over his life?

Scenario 3

Jimmy was getting impatient. His R.E. teacher was going on longer than usual and the class was already 15 minutes over time. Jimmy couldn't wait to go home, slip into his sports gear, and play basketball with his friends. Jimmy was daydreaming about all the fun things he would do afterwards when he felt his friend tap him. He realized that his teacher had just asked him a question.



- Which of the Israelite's sins do Jimmy's actions remind you of?
- Why were Jimmy's actions wrong in God's sight?
- How does God want us to worship Him?
- What things can Jimmy do so that his heart and mind are present during service and class?

**Scenario 4**

Helen had brought in her brand new set of colored pencils so that she could use them for her class project. As she was coloring, Maggie came and asked Helen if she may borrow a yellow colored pencil. Maggie was not very smart. When it came to picking teams, she was usually the last person to be picked. Maggie also seemed to wear the same clothes to school each day. Helen didn't really like Maggie too much. "No, you can't borrow it because I'm using it," Helen said. A few minutes later, Sarah came and asked if she may borrow her colored pencils. Helen smiled and said, "Of course, you can borrow any color you want."

- Which of the Israelite's sins do Helen's actions remind you of?
- Why did Helen refuse to lend her colored pencils to Maggie?
- Why did Helen agree to lend her colored pencils to Sarah?
- How does God want us to treat people?

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (Amos 5:15a)

1. Circle the six foreign nations that God pronounced judgment upon.

Damascus

Babylon

Edom

Gaza

Tyre

Ammon

Nineveh

Moab

Egypt

Multiple Choice

2. _____ : Before Amos was called to be a prophet, he was a _____.

- a. Fisherman
- b. Potter
- c. Shepherd and fig farmer
- d. Priest

3. _____ : How was God going to punish Israel?

- a. They would be captives in a foreign land.
- b. They would all die from famine.
- c. They would be burned by fire.
- d. They would die from a plague.

True or False

4. God roared like a lion against the people of Israel because He was angry and displeased. God had waited patiently for the people to turn from their sins, but now He would declare judgment upon them. _____
5. God wanted the Israelites to return to Him by seeking after Him and being fair and just in all that they did. _____
6. Since Israel was God's own special people, they did not need to obey God's commands. _____

Short Answer

7. God used famine, drought, fires, and plagues to remind the people to turn back to Him. What ways might God use to get our attention if we have sinned?

8. Why did God choose the Israelites and give them His laws?

9. Why do you think God has chosen you?