

Bible Character series of readings – week 45

4th September 16

Monday: Amos 7:10-17. A prophet: Despite Amos' lack of credentials to be a prophet, he rose to the task of proclaiming a message to an unresponsive king and nation with great courage. What do you feel God calling you to rise to and how will you respond to His call?

Tuesday: Amos 1:1-15. Israel's neighbours denounced: On a number of occasions in these verses God's judgement and anger were displayed towards Israel's neighbours. What do you think makes God angry in our society today? What will you pray as you long to see change take place in these areas?

Wednesday: Amos 2:6 - 3:8. Israel reprovved: Having poured out strong denunciation against the surrounding nations, Amos concentrates on Israel's catalogue of sins. Today, take a moment before God to reflect on areas in your life that are not pleasing to Him and make a positive decision to turn from them.

Thursday: Amos 7:1-9. Visions: God spoke to Amos through a number of visions. During the first two, Amos cries out to God and He relents but on the third he has no objection. Why doesn't Amos object to God's action in the third vision? Were God to check out what you have built in your life with a plumb line, what do you think would be His conclusion?

Friday: Amos 9:11-15. Restoration promised: Contrasting an earlier description of disaster, Amos announces a bountiful blessing upon a repentant people as God begins to restore, repair and rebuild. Be encouraged, as we repent of our ways, God is able to restore that which was broken for He cares about you.