

1. In chapter 6 we find the fifth message of Amos. It pointed again to the reasons for Israel's judgment. (Amos 6:1, 14)
2. It was addressed to both Judah ("Zion") and Israel ("Samaria") because both kingdoms were indifferent toward God's Word and the judgment that hung over them.
3. God doesn't look at the talent of national leaders, the extent of a nation's army, or the prosperity of its economy.
4. God looks at the heart, and the heart of the two Jewish kingdoms was far from the Lord. (2 Kings 17:1-41 and 2 Kings 24:11-16; 25:11-21)
5. Complacency is a subtle and treacherous sin, because it's based on lies, motivated by pride, and it leads to trusting something other than God.
6. Amos has finished preaching his messages to the proud and complacent kingdom of Israel and exposed the corruption there.
7. Those who had accumulated great wealth on the backs of the poor considered themselves to be the first in the land, God said they would be the first to go into captivity - theirs was the greater responsibility. (Amos 6:7)
8. Now God is going to give Amos six visions—five visions of judgment and one of the kingdom that will be established after the Day of the Lord:
 - A. the locusts (7:1-3)
 - B. the fire (vv. 4-6)
 - C. the plumb line (vv. 7-9)
 - D. the basket of fruit (8:1-14)
 - E. the ruined temple (9:1-10)
 - F. the future kingdom that God has promised to His people (vv. 11-15)
9. After all God's judgments are past, when the nation has received full punishment for her sins, the Lord will move in mercy to renew and refresh His people.
10. God will restore David's kingdom over both the North and the South, and through it He will bless all nations of the earth.
11. He will reverse the covenant curses and bring unprecedented prosperity to the land. Dispersed Israel will be returned to her land, there to dwell securely and enjoy its goodness.
12. Amos ends his prophecy with the wonderful promise that Israel shall be planted, protected, and never again pulled up from her land.