

EMPTY!

Amos 8

Empty is a sad reality

I. GOD'S PATIENCE IS EMPTY

A. GOD'S ILLUSTRATION (1-2a)

1. The Picture
2. The Point: This basket means something

B. GOD'S REVELATION (2b-3)

1. No more time (2b)
2. No more favor (2c)
3. No more joy (3)

II. THE PARTY AREAS ARE EMPTY (4-10)

- God turns festivals into funerals (see v.10a)

A. THE MERCHANT'S WAYS (4-6)

1. Heartless (4)
2. Irreverent (5a)
3. Dishonest (5b)
4. Greedy (6)

B. THE LORD'S OATH (7)

1. Swearing by Himself
2. Never forgetting any of their deeds!

C. THE NATION'S AFFLICTION (8-10)

1. The Land Quakes (8)
2. The Sun Goes Down (9)
3. The Party's Over (10)
4. All Suffer (8-10)
- There is no such thing as a "solo sin"

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III. **THE PULPITS ARE EMPTY** (11-14)

A. GOD'S DECISION (11)

1. A Hearing Famine
2. No prophet, priest or pastor will be proclaiming the things of God
3. No Bible studies, small groups, Sunday Schools or BSF meetings
4. No sermons or lessons ... no hymns of praise or pleas for aid directed to God

B. PEOPLE'S DESPERATION (12-14)

1. They seek but don't find (12)
2. They thirst but faint (13)
3. They fall and fail to rise (14)

CONCLUSION:

There's more than just a fig basket here.

This is the sad obituary of a sinfully obstinate people

1. They never filled up on godliness
2. They frittered away their filling opportunities

What's God teaching you? - Turn to II Peter 3:9-10, 14-15a