

# **INSPECTION TIME**

## **Amos 7**

**God has a standard and the right to inspect us at any time**

### **I. INSPECTION COMMUNICATION FROM GOD** (1-9)

- It should come as no surprise the God will inspect us, He tells us many times of His intentions.

#### **A. JUDGMENTS CONSIDERED** (1-6)

1. God revealed His plans to Amos (1, 4)
2. Amos interceded for Israel (2, 5)
3. God changed His mind (3, 6)
4. Jacob is spared (3, 6)

#### **B. A DECISION DETERMINED** (7-9)

1. The standard applied (7-8a)
  - a. God decided to measure the people rather than afflict them
  - b. Now the Lord would check to see if it was still true to His unerring standard
2. The time is up (8b) > God bears long but not always.
3. The outcome is set (9)
4. The message is announced (Implied)

### **II. INSPECTION RESPONSES FROM MEN** (10-17)

- God clearly communicated the standard and the results ... How do people respond?

#### **A. AMAZIAH REACTS TO GOD** (10-13)

1. He takes the message personally
  - Rather than face the consequences he fights the standard.
2. He attacks the messenger aggressively (and ignores the message)
  - a. Accusations against Amos (10-11)
  - b. Intimidation of Amos (12-13)
    - Get out and stay out!

#### **B. AMOS REPORTS FOR GOD** (14-17)

1. This is from God (14-15)
  - I am called, commissioned, committed and correct
2. Listen to God (16)
  - The fact that the audience or person does not want it, seeks to refute it and tries to silence it does not keep God or his messenger from speaking!

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3. God says ... (17)
  - a. His words to the reactor (17a)
    - You take this personally, I'll make this personal
  - b. His words to the nation (17b)
    - 1) Israel will certainly be taken into exile
    - 2) The threat is repeated – God did not change His mind
    - 3) Amos stands by the prediction and speaks again for God

### **CONCLUSION**

**The Sovereign Lord God can judge us by any means He chooses**

**We can respond in any way we choose**

**God's inspection time is coming ....**

1. You can change ....
2. Or face the consequences!