

Questions On Amos Chapter 2

1. The first 3 verses of this chapter pronounce judgment upon Moab. The kings of Israel, Judah and Edom had allied against Moab (see 2 Kings 3 for that history). Though the account of this action is not listed in the Kings narrative and likely happened *after* that account in retaliation against Edom, **for what act was judgment pronounced against Moab?**

2. The judgments against other nations primarily targeted the people for their crimes against their fellow man. However, with Judah it was different (vs. 1 & 2). For what reasons was judgment being passed upon them?
 - a. The last statement in verse 4 addresses what common problem of religious people?

 - b. According to Jesus in Matthew 15:3 and 9, what are the consequences of following mere human *tradition*?

 - c. What would God send upon Judah and Jerusalem? (*Thought Question: When would this happen?*)

3. List the crimes of Israel (vs. 6-8):

4. Like Hosea, Amos cites some of the great things that God did for Israel. What things are listed in verses 9-11?

- a. The term “Amorite” was a general term for the Canaanites. What particular ones were described as being giants? (see Numbers 13:32-33)

5. In order to help Israel, God raised up some of their sons to be _____ and some of them to be _____ (v. 11)
 - a. According to Numbers 6:3, what were Nazirites to avoid drinking?

 - b. But what did Israel encourage the Nazirites to do?

 - c. What did Israel discourage the prophets from doing?

 - d. According to Amos 7:12-13, who was one of the prophets who was told to not prophesy?

6. Whether Amos meant that *God* was pressed down, or that the *sinner*s would be pressed down, what illustration did he use to make his point?

7. According to verses 14-16, what would Israel NOT be able to rely upon when God’s judgment came against them?