

Questions On Amos Chapter 3

1. God again identifies Himself as having a special relationship with Israel because He brought them out of the land of _____.
2. What is meant by the fact that of all of the nations on earth, God “knew” only Israel?
 - a. Because God knew Israel, what was He about to do to her?
 - b. Why would Israel be so severely judged? (see verse 7)
3. From verse 3, what can we learn about true unity?
 - a. What is the basis of unity according to 1 Corinthians 1:10?
 - b. What is it according to John 17:20-21?
4. In verses 4-6, what illustrations are used of God’s coming judgments?
 - a. What is the point and purpose of these illustrations?
5. Verse 7 is very helpful in answering speculations about God’s providence. Many people cite various events and circumstances as proofs of God’s “providential” activities. However, what does this verse teach us about God’s miraculous interventions?

6. To what is God's "speaking" and the prophets' prophesying compared in verse 8?
7. What did the people "not know" how to do?
8. Amos 3:12 likely has its basis in Exodus 22:13 (see 10-13 for entire context having to do with caring for a neighbor's property). What is the point of Exodus 22:13?
 - a. The King James Versions, in verse 12 says, "*so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch.*" Assuming that the KJV is correct and the questionable word does refer to "Damascus," why according to 2 Kings 14:25-28 would Damascus be referenced at this particular time?
9. What would happen to the altars at Bethel?
 - a. Were altars devoted to idolatry the only ones with "horns?" (for help see Exodus 27:2 and Exodus 37:25)
 - b. What did these altar "horns" signify?
10. Based upon the things that would be affected by judgment according to verse 15, what can be inferred about the economic situation in Israel at that time?