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Today our message concerns our desire to connect with the Lord's instruction.

The books of the Minor Prophets are shorter in length than those of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel, but they too had a word from God.

We live in a day and an environment much like that which Amos faced where people are living in a land of plenty but with very little regard, if any, for the Lord.

The Lord God showed me this: a basket of summer fruit. He asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" I replied, "A basket of summer fruit." The Lord said to me, "The end has come for my people Israel; I will no longer spare them. In that day the temple songs will become wailing"—this is the Lord God's declaration. "Many dead bodies, thrown everywhere! Silence!" Hear this, you who trample on the needy and do away with the poor of the land, asking, "When will the New Moon be over so we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so we may market wheat? We can reduce the measure while increasing the price and cheat with dishonest scales.

Amos 8:1–5

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We can buy the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and even sell the chaff!" The Lord has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: I will never forget all their deeds. Because of this, won't the land quake and all who dwell in it mourn? All of it will rise like the Nile; it will surge and then subside like the Nile in Egypt. And in that day—this is the declaration of the Lord God— I will make the sun go down at noon; I will darken the land in the daytime.

Amos 8:6–9

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All the sinners among my people who say, "Disaster will never overtake or confront us," will die by the sword. In that day I will restore the fallen shelter of David: I will repair its gaps, restore its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old, so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name— this is the declaration of the Lord; he will do this. Look, the days are coming— this is the Lord's declaration— when the plowman will overtake the reaper and the one who treads grapes, the sower of seed. The mountains will drip with sweet wine, and all the hills will flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel. They will rebuild and occupy ruined cities, plant vineyards and drink their wine, make gardens and eat their produce.

Amos 9:10–14

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1. The Vision of the Summer Basket

1 The Lord God showed me this: a basket of summer fruit. 2 He asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" I replied, "A basket of summer fruit." The Lord said to me, "The end has come for my people Israel; I will no longer spare them. 3 In that day the temple songs will become wailing"—this is the Lord God's declaration. "Many dead bodies, thrown everywhere! Silence!"

Amos 8:1–3

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This basket is symbolic and it represents the state that Israel is in at the time of this vision.

1. It was a delusional time

1 The Lord God showed me this: a basket of summer fruit. 2 He asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" I replied, "A basket of summer fruit."

Amos 8:1–2a

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They were so consumed in their own lives and prosperity that they were blinded to their spiritual condition.

15 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were cold or hot. 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am going to vomit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, 'I'm rich; I have become wealthy and need nothing,' and you don't realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked.

Revelation 3:15–17

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2. It was a definitive time

2 The Lord said to me, "The end has come for my people Israel..."

Amos 8:2b

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God is not obligated to put up with
our iniquities forever.

28 And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, God delivered them over to a corrupt mind so that they do what is not right.

Romans 1:28

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3. It was a dismal time

2 ...“I will no longer spare them. 3 In that day the temple songs will become wailing”—this is the Lord God’s declaration. “Many dead bodies, thrown everywhere! Silence!”

Amos 8:2b–3

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They have chosen the life of sin and rebellion and God has given them their desire. He has decided to leave them alone to engage in their sinful lusts.

“Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7–8

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2. The Verdict Concerning Spiritual Food

11 Look, the days are coming— this is the declaration of the Lord God— when I will send a famine through the land: not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. 12 People will stagger from sea to sea and roam from north to east seeking the word of the Lord, but they will not find it. 13 In that day the beautiful young women, the young men also, will faint from thirst.

Amos 8:11–13

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1. The Surety of the Famine

Look, the days are coming— this is the declaration of the Lord God— when I will send a famine through the land...

Amos 8:11a

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The day of mercy would soon end as their captors came to carry out God's judgment.

When mercy is rejected, all that remains is judgment

Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap, because the one who sows to his flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

Galatians 6:7–8

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2. The Severity of the Famine

Look, the days are coming— this is the declaration of the Lord God— when I will send a famine through the land: not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

Amos 8:11–12a

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This would not be a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing God's word and gleaning from his instruction and wisdom.

Please do not take the Word of God for granted. Read it; study it; share it, and live by it!

In that day the beautiful young women, the young men also, will faint from thirst.

Amos 8:13

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A famine of the word of God will have a devastating impact on our youth. The young people are the ones who would suffer the most.

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from being a nation of atheists” Josh
McDowell**

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