



NEVER THIRSTY

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AMOS 8:11 NKJV – (11) “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord GOD, “That I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.

The book of Amos is a prophecy against the northern nation of Israel announcing pending judgement (**Amos 5:1**) because the nation had abandoned God. In **Amos 7:15** the prophet tells us that God told him to prophesy to “My people.” **Amos 7:16** reveals that the nation was not interested in hearing from the Lord. In fact, Israel was opposed to prophecies that were negative against the nation. It was a nation that wanted to hear pleasant words.

The reason for the coming judgement and the punishment that will occur is described in **Amos 8**. The chapter starts by speaking of a “basket of summer fruit” which symbolized Israel as being a ripe for judgment.

That is, the rebellious and idolatrous Israel was doomed for punishment. Punishment was coming and it was unavoidable. Their sins were too great. In **verse 3**, God summarizes the pending punishment as songs of the palace that would stop and corpses that would be everywhere. Then God proceeded to list their sins in **verses 4-10**. **Verses 11-14** describes the horrors of the punishment that would follow.

Therefore, **Amos 8:11** is part of God’s description of judgement upon the nation of Israel. **Verse 11** contains the phrase “famine for hearing the words of the Lord” that we want to understand. This famine strikes at the heart of His people, causing the very fabric of society to unravel.

The message of **Amos 8:11** is a warning just as it was back then! Jude 3 tells us that the faith “was once for all handed down to the saints.” The faith was given through the prophets and the apostles in written form. We call it the Word of God or the Bible. Jesus gives us a now remedy before its too late in, **John 7:37-38** Anyone thirsty? Drink from the living water and you shall we shall never thirst.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 SAMUEL 28:6

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Never ignore a nudge or whisper from God.