

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**

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**Amos 3**

1. To whom is the word spoke in chapter 3, according to 3:1?
  - a. The people of Israel.
  - b. The whole family I brought out of Egypt.
  
2. What does the Lord say in 3:2?
  - a. I have chosen you (only) out of all the families of the earth.
  - b. Therefore I will punish you for all your sins.
  
3. How do we deal with the thought that ONLY Israel was “chosen?”
  - a. Just like it says. Tough luck for us.
  - b. Well it has certainly been made clear in the New Testament (particularly Acts 7-10), the Gentiles have now been included.
  - c. Genesis 22:15-18 talks about God blessing ALL NATIONS through Abraham’s offspring. That sounds almost like a promise to do what he did in the New Testament.
  - d. The concept of being chosen, even used by Paul in his letters, off seems to be more of a “calling” than a final judgment. God called his people into COVENANT RELATIONSHIP and they had a choice whether to remain in that relationship. Also, what were/are they/we chosen for? To go to heaven and be “done” or to be a blessing to others as part of the covenant with God?
  
4. Why were these “chosen” people the ones who were punished for their sins? Shouldn’t they be the ones with the free pass and God punishes everybody else?
  - a. Well, not if we understand what we talked about in the last question.
  - b. Jesus talked about being ready for his return in Luke 12:47-48. Jesus said “from everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded’ and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” And no, this is not a Marvel quote...but it is similar.
  - c. I think Paul clarified this in practice within the church in 1 Corinthians 5, too.
  
5. What is Amos talking about in 3:3-5? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What is Amos saying in 3:6? \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. What does God “promise” through Amos in 3:7? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. How should we view this? \_\_\_\_\_
  
9. What is God saying in 3:12? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. What is God saying in 3:14-15? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. How should we respond to what we have read here? \_\_\_\_\_  
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