

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: February 14, 2024
Amos 7:10-17

1. What is happening in in 7:10-11?
 - a. Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam.
 - b. He told Jeroboam: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you...”
 - c. He told Jeroboam that Amos said “Jeroboam will die by the sword and Israel will surely go into exile....”

2. Is this what Amos was doing and is this what he had said? _____

- Did it matter? What was the motivation of Amaziah? _____

3. What did Amaziah say to Amos?
 - a. He told him to get out.
 - b. He told him to go back to Judah.
 - c. He told him not to prophesy in Bethel any more.

4. How do we respond to prophets that say things we do not want to hear? _____

5. How do Amos respond to Amaziah?
 - a. I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet....
 - b. I was a shepherd and took care of sycamore-fig trees.
 - c. The lord took me from tending flock and told me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’
 - d. You say, don’t prophesy, but God says here is a prophecy against you!
 - e. Something like Acts 5:29 or Acts 26:19.

6. Why is important to remember these words of Amaziah?
 - a. Do you really think that your pastors want to say hard things to you that they know might make you mad?
 - b. If someone is truly called by God, they can’t do anything but what God has said...so any attacks against them will not really change anything. They will just put the messenger in a place where they have to decide between obeying God and making you happy.
 - c. Do you know how many times your pastors have considered going back to the flocks and the fig trees...and then decided that they had to keep saying the hard things because it is where God has called them to be?

7. Knowing all of this, how will we respond to hard words from the prophets in our lives?

