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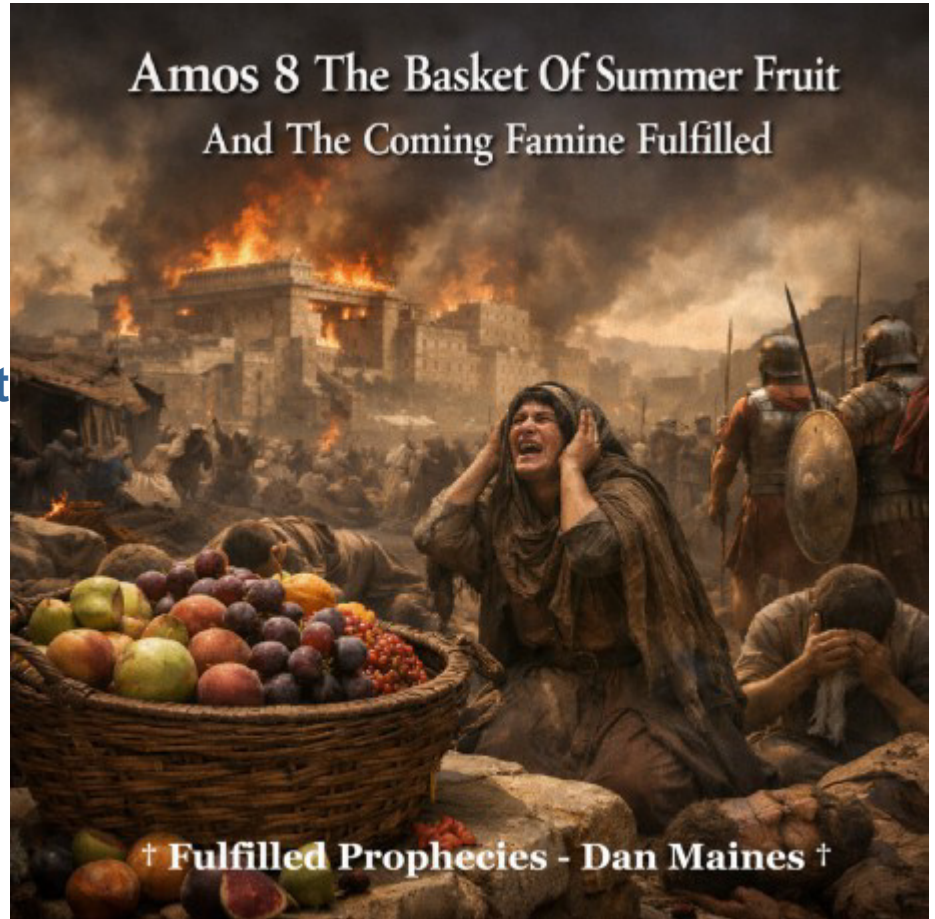
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## Amos 8 The Basket Of Summer Fruit And The Coming Famine Fulfilled



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### Introduction

† Amos 8 brings us face to face with the final stage of Israel's covenant judgment, the fruit is ripe, the time is up, and the Lord declares the end has come (Amos 8:2)

† This isn't about the end of the physical world, it's about the end of the Old Covenant system centered in Israel, fulfilled in

the first century with the destruction of Jerusalem

† The vision of summer fruit shows that Israel had reached full maturity in sin, and judgment was no longer delayed (Matthew 23:32, Luke 21:22)

### **Amos 8:1-2**

This is what the Lord GOD showed me, and behold, there was a basket of summer fruit. And He said, What do you see, Amos? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then the LORD said to me, The end has come for My people Israel. I will no longer spare them.

† The basket of summer fruit represents something fully ripened, Israel's sin had reached its full measure (Genesis 15:16, Matthew 23:32)

† The statement I will no longer spare them shows that mercy had reached its limit under that covenant system (Luke 19:41-44)

† This directly connects to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem, declaring their destruction was certain because they did not recognize their time of visitation (Luke 19:44)

### **Amos 8:3**

The songs of the palace will turn to wailing on that day, declares the Lord GOD. The corpses will be many, and in every place they will throw them out in silence.

† The temple songs turning into wailing points to the destruction of the temple in AD 70 (Matthew 24:1-2)

† Josephus records that the streets of Jerusalem were filled with dead bodies during the siege, fulfilling this imagery exactly

† Silence reflects shock and devastation, the complete collapse of the old religious system (Lamentations 2:10)

### **Amos 8:4-6**

Hear this, you who trample the needy, to put an end to the humble of the land, saying, When will the new moon be over, so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may open the wheat market, to make the bushel smaller and the shekel bigger, and to cheat with dishonest scales, so as to buy the helpless for money and the needy for a pair of sandals, and that we may sell the refuse of the wheat?

† Israel's leaders were exploiting the poor while pretending to be religious, showing outward obedience but inward corruption (Isaiah 1:13-17)

† They couldn't wait for Sabbath to end so they could go back to dishonest gain, revealing their hearts were far from God (Matthew 15:8)

† This is exactly what Jesus condemned in the Pharisees, devouring widows' houses while appearing righteous (Matthew 23:14)

### **Amos 8:7-8**

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob, Indeed, I will never forget any of their deeds. Because of this will the land not quake and everyone who lives in it mourn? Indeed, all of it will rise up like the Nile, and it will be tossed about and subside like the Nile of Egypt.

† God declaring He will not forget their works shows judgment is based on covenant accountability (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

† The trembling land symbolizes national upheaval, not a global earthquake, but the shaking of Israel's world (Hebrews 12:26-

28)

† This language is consistently used in scripture for covenant judgment, not the end of the physical planet (Isaiah 13:13)

### **Amos 8:9-10**

And it will come about on that day, declares the Lord GOD, that I will make the sun go down at noon and make the earth dark in broad daylight. Then I will turn your festivals into mourning and all your songs into songs of mourning; and I will bring sackcloth on everyone's waist and baldness on every head. And I will make it like a time of mourning for an only son, and the end of it will be like a bitter day.

† The darkening of the sun is prophetic language of judgment, not literal cosmic collapse (Isaiah 13:10, Ezekiel 32:7)

† Jesus used the same language in Matthew 24:29 describing the fall of Jerusalem, confirming the connection

† Mourning as for an only son reflects the depth of the national tragedy in AD 70 (Zechariah 12:10)

### **Amos 8:11-12**

Behold, days are coming, declares the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, but rather for hearing the words of the LORD. People will stagger from sea to sea and from the north even to the east; they will wander about seeking the word of the LORD, but they will not find it.

† This famine is not physical but spiritual, the removal of God's word from an unfaithful people (Proverbs 1:28-29)

† Jesus warned that the kingdom would be taken from them and given to a nation producing its fruit (Matthew 21:43)

† After AD 70, the temple system ended, and with it their covenant access as they knew it, fulfilling this famine

### **Amos 8:13-14**

On that day the beautiful virgins and the young men will faint from thirst. As for those who swear by the guilt of Samaria, who say, As your god lives, Dan, and, As the way of Beersheba lives, they will fall and not rise again.

† The thirst here connects to the famine of hearing God's word, spiritual collapse among the people (Hosea 4:6)

† Idolatry in Samaria and Dan shows their long-standing rebellion that led to this judgment (1 Kings 12:28-30)

† They will fall and not rise again refers to the end of that covenant system, not individual annihilation (Hebrews 8:13)

### **Historical References**

† Josephus, Wars of the Jews 5.12-13 describes famine, death, and devastation in Jerusalem during the Roman siege

† Tacitus, Histories 5.12 records the collapse and suffering of the Jewish nation in that period

† Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 3.5 confirms the destruction of Jerusalem as a fulfillment of Christ's prophecy

### **How it applies to us today**

† We see that God is patient, but there is a point when judgment comes, Israel had centuries of warning before the end came (2 Peter 3:9)

† External religion without a changed heart leads to judgment, not blessing (Matthew 23:27-28)

† We live in the fulfilled kingdom today, not under fear of that covenant judgment, but in the life Christ has already secured (Luke 17:20-21)

† The famine of hearing the word no longer applies to us in Christ, because He is the living Word dwelling in us (John 1:14)

† We must walk in truth and not repeat the hypocrisy of Israel, because God sees the heart (Hebrews 4:13)

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q:** What does the basket of summer fruit represent?

**A:** It represents Israel being fully ripe for judgment, their sin had reached its full measure (Matthew 23:32)

**Q:** Is the darkening of the sun literal?

**A:** No, it's prophetic language of judgment used throughout scripture (Isaiah 13:10, Matthew 24:29)

**Q:** What is the famine of hearing the word?

**A:** It's the removal of God's voice from an unfaithful covenant people (Proverbs 1:28-29)

**Q:** Did this happen in the first century?

**A:** Yes, it was fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 (Luke 21:22)

**Q:** Does this apply to us today?

**A:** Not as judgment, but as a warning to walk faithfully in the fulfilled kingdom (Hebrews 12:28)

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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