**CHAPTER** **7**

*The prophet sees, in three visions, evils coming upon Israel: he is accused of treason by the false priest of Bethel.*

**1** These things the Lord God shewed to me: and behold the locust was formed in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter rain, and lo, it was the latter rain after the king’s mowing.

**2** And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, I said: O Lord God, be merciful, I beseech thee: who shall raise up Jacob, for he is very little?

**3** The Lord had pity upon this: It shall not be, said the Lord.

**4** These things the Lord God shewed to me: and behold the Lord called for judgment unto fire, and it devoured the great deep, and ate up a part at the same time.

**5** And I said: O Lord God, cease, I beseech thee, who shall raise up Jacob, for he is a little one?

**6** The Lord had pity upon this. Yea this also shall not be, said the Lord God.

**7** These things the Lord shewed to me: and behold the Lord was standing upon a plastered wall, and in his hand a mason’s trowel.

**8** And the Lord said to me: What seest thou, Amos? And I said: A mason’s trowel. And the Lord said: Behold, I will lay down the trowel in the midst of my people Israel. I will plaster them over no more.

**9** And the high places of the idol shall be thrown down, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste: and I will rise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

**10** And Amasias the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying: Amos hath rebelled against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

**11** For thus saith Amos: Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall be carried away captive out of their own land.

**12** And Amasias said to Amos: Thou seer, go, flee away into the land of Juda: and eat bread there, and prophesy there.

**13** But prophesy not again any more in Bethel: because it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is the house of the kingdom.

**14** And Amos answered and said to Amasias: I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet: but I am a herdsman plucking wild figs.

**15** And the Lord took me when I followed the flock, and the Lord said to me: Go, prophesy to my people Israel.

**16** And now hear thou the word of the Lord: Thou sayest, thou shalt not prophesy against Israel, and thou shalt not drop thy word upon the house of the idol.

**17** Therefore thus saith the Lord: Thy wife shall play the harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be measured by a line: and thou shalt die in a polluted land, and Israel shall go into captivity out of their land.