

Amos 7:1-8:3 • When There Are No Prophets Available

1. (v.1-3) The first judgment is represented by a **locust swarm** who consumes the **grass**. This has a **short-term** effect of judgment.
2. (v.4-6) The second judgment is represented by **fire** which burns the **roots** and even ruins the **ground**. This has a much **longer-term** effect of judgment.
3. (v.7-9) The third judgment is represented by a **plumb line** which represents very **exact** judgments of God precisely **measured** against His **Word**. This is a picture of **final** judgment.

Overall Point: **Final** judgment did not come without **warnings**, without increasingly **stronger** signs and events just as predicted for the End Times. Righteous men can minister and reach out to a **point** until final **rejection** results in final **judgment**.

4. (v.10-13) The very government and religious authorities that would normally have been in place to **protect** the people and keep them on the **right** path were, themselves, completely **corrupted** and **false**.
5. (v.14-15) When the authorities intended to lead the flock become **corrupt** and **false**, God raises up in their place someone **faithful** to do their job.
6. (v.16-17) One of the characteristics of God's final judgment is to **expose** and mete out particular **punishment** for false teachers and false prophets.
7. (v.8:1-3) The final vision of judgment is represented by a basket of summer fruit, a symbol that Israel is **ripe** for punishment. As fruit is **plucked** from a tree, so the unfaithful will be **plucked** from the land.