

AMOS 3:1–8

Read Amos 3:1–8.

INTERPRETATION (v. 2)

Notice the word “therefore” in verse 2. Describe the connection between the two parts of this verse, and what is implied by the connecting word “therefore” in this context.

What do you think is meant by the word “punish” in the second half of this verse? Look at a few other translations and see if this word is ever translated differently. Why might this be helpful?

EVALUATION (v. 2)

What principle about God’s relationship with His people do you think is being taught in verse 2?

How did this principle look for the people of Israel?

APPLICATION (v. 2)

How might this principle look for you in real life?

OBSERVATION (v. 8)

Notice the parallelism between the two lines in verse 8. What kind of parallelism would you say this is?

INTERPRETATION (v. 8)

What comparison does this parallelism make?

EVALUATION (v. 8)

What does this comparison teach us about God and His judgment?

APPLICATION (v. 8)

Do you view God this way? How might remembering this comparison change how you live right now?