

## Questions in Amos

Seeing the questions will help us to understand more clearly the author, the recipients and the purpose of writing. The following points are taken into account:

1. Identify who asks the question (God, author or addressee).
2. The question is answered or is a rhetorical question.
3. The question affirms or defines the author's purpose.

	Amos (NASB)	Who asks?	Answer or Rhetoric	Purpose
1	2:11 <b>"Then I raised up some of your sons to be prophets And some of your young men to be Nazirites. Is this not so, O sons of Israel?"</b> declares the Lord.			
2	3:3 <b>Do two men walk together unless they have made an appointment?</b>			
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11	5:18 Alas, you who are longing for the day of the Lord, <b>For what purpose will the day of the Lord be to you?</b> It <i>will be</i> darkness and not light;			
12	5:20 <b>Will not the day of the Lord be darkness instead of light, Even gloom with no brightness in it?</b>			
13	5:25 <b>“Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offerings in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Israel?</b>			
14	6:10 Then one’s uncle, or his undertaker, will lift him up to carry out <i>his</i> bones from the house, and he will say to the one who is in the innermost part of the house, <b>“Is anyone else with you?”</b> And that one will say, “No one.” Then he will answer, “Keep quiet. For the name of the Lord is not to be mentioned.”			
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17	6:13 You who rejoice in Lodebar, And say, <b>“Have we not by our own strength taken Karnaim for ourselves?”</b>			
18	7:2 And it came about, when it had finished eating the vegetation of the land, that I said, “Lord God, please pardon! <b>How can Jacob stand, For he is small?”</b>			
19	7:5 Then I said, “Lord God, please stop! <b>How can Jacob stand, for he is small?”</b>			
20	7:8 The Lord said to me, <b>“What do you see, Amos?”</b> And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold I am about to put a plumb line In the midst of My people Israel. I will spare them no longer.			
21	8:2 He said, <b>“What do you see, Amos?”</b> And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me, “The end has come for My people Israel. I will spare them no longer.			

22	8:8 <b>“Because of this will not the land quake And everyone who dwells in it mourn?</b> Indeed, all of it will rise up like the Nile, And it will be tossed about And subside like the Nile of Egypt.			
23	9:7 <b>“Are you not as the sons of Ethiopia to Me, O sons of Israel?”</b> declares the Lord. “Have I not brought up Israel from the land of Egypt, And the Philistines from Caphtor and the Arameans from Kir?			
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