

# Youth Teaching Resources

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## Getting On in Galatia: Paul's Angriest Letter (May 29-July 3)

Living Like You Mean It — Galatians 6:1-16

## Nothing 'Minor' About These Prophets (July 10-31)

**The Leaning Tower of Israel — Amos 7:7-17**

Full Pockets and Empty Hearts — Amos 8:1-12

A Seriously Broken Home — Hosea 1:1-10

A Love That Won't Let Go — Hosea 11:1-11

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# The Leaning Tower of Israel

*Amos 7:7-17*

## YOUTH Teaching Guide

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This youth teaching outline is designed to support THE BIBLE LESSON by Tony Cartlege, printed in *Baptists Today*. You can subscribe to either the digital or print edition of *Baptists Today* to access the lessons. Please also ensure that each person in your class has a copy of *Baptists Today* so they can prepare before the lesson.

## PARENT PREP

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It's really easy to read through our Facebook feeds and see all the things that are going well. It's even easier to only have those things come up in your feed that you agree with. With a simple "unfollow" or "hide" we can make it to where we only see what we want to see. But how many times do we do this in our real life as well? We listen to the people that echo what we have said and agree with the people that are saying what we want to say. There are times though that we need someone like Amos that will stand up and say what we need to hear. Who are those people in your life that you trust to speak truth into you even when it is hard to hear? If you don't have someone that will do this for you, find them. If you do, go give them a hug and buy a cup of coffee for them. We need those people that will lift us up, but we also need those people that will knock us down a peg or two as well.

## TEACHING THE LESSON

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### Fellowship

Begin your session by showing the clip "10 Movies That Actually Predicted the Future" from *Screen Rant*. If you are unable to show the clip, summarize it to the best of your ability, and then facilitate a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) What was your favorite prediction from a movie that came true?
- 2) What is something that you have seen in a movie that you wish were true?
- 3) What are other predictions that you have heard that are true?
- 4) How does prophesy relate to your faith?
- 5) Do you think the Bible prophesies the future?

### Information

Transition to the next section of the session by reading Amos 7:7-17. Allow the students to ask any initial questions they have about the text. As you answer their questions, you may want to provide some of the information from THE BIBLE LESSON in *Baptists Today*.

When the students have had an opportunity to share their initial thoughts, continue the discussion by facilitating a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) What was life like for the people of Israel when Amos began to preach?

- 2) What does God observe when he drops the plumb line to see where the nation of Israel stands?
- 3) What does God promise when he sees what the nation of Israel has become?
- 4) How is Amos' prophesy received? What happens to Amos?
- 5) What does Amos say will happen to the people of Israel? What can they do overcome their tragedies?

If your group would like to continue their discussion on this passage, share some of the insights provided in "Digging Deeper" (NF Online Adult Teaching Guide). You may want to use some questions like the following to facilitate your discussion:

- 1) What do you know about Amos?
- 2) Were the people of Israel religious during the time of Amos? How could they be religious and God still not happy with them?
- 3) Who is this Jeroboam that Amos speaks of?

You may also want your group to discuss "The Hardest Question" (NF Online Adult Teaching Guide): Why were the kingdoms divided?

## Transformation

Conclude your time together by leading your group through the spiritual practice of *Lectio Divina*. If you have not led a group through this spiritual practice, familiarize yourself with it before leading your group through the practice. You may choose to pause in between sections and allow the group to verbally respond to what they hear. Conclude your time together by allowing your students to respond by writing or drawing what they heard while practicing *Lectio Divina*.

Close with a prayer thanking God for the people in our lives that tell us those things that aren't easy to hear but make us better followers of Jesus.