1 - ***“A Famine For The Word Of God”  
Amos 8:11-14***

2 - **Background of Amos**

* **Approximately in 760-755 B.C**., during the reign of Jeroboam II, Amos was a Judean sent to prophecy in Israel before their capture by Assyria in 722 B.C.
* **Not a “professional prophet”** (7:14) but a **lowly *“herdsman and grower of sycamore figs”***who obeyed the Lord and conveyed His words. (cf., Jeremiah 1:7)
* **Rejected and told do his prophesying back in Judah by Amaziah** (7:10-13; 2:12).

3 - ***“‘Behold, days are coming,’ declares the Lord God,***

***‘When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the Lord.’”***

Amos 8:11

4 - **What is the cause for such a famine?  
What will happen if such causes exist again?**

5 - **Materialism**

Filling our hearts and minds with the things of this life.

6 – **Materialism**

* **Too busy enjoying the good life! (Amos 6:1-8; 3:15; Haggai 1:2-4)**
* **The things of this life distract us (Luke 10:40-42) and choke out the word. (Matthew 13:22)**
* **What are we seeking? What do we truly hunger for? (John 6:26-27; Matthew 5:6; Isaiah 55:1ff; )**
* **How do we “unentangle” ourselves? (2 Timothy 2:4; Hebrews 12:1; Matthew 19:21)**

7 – **Ignorance**

**Not knowing what God asks of us.**

8 **– Ignorance**

* ***“But they do not know how to do what is right”.* (3:10)**
* **God had revealed Himself but they had refused to listen.**
* **Time and again, God’s *“people are destroyed for lack of knowledge”* (Hosea 4:6; cf., Judges 2:10)**

9 – **Denial of God’s Justice**

* **Believing there’s no accountability**)

10 – **Denial of God’s Justice**

* Kicking the can down the road? (Amos 6:3)
* Not believing we’ll ever have to confront our sins. (Amos 9:10)
* Ignoring God’s warnings. (Amos 4:10-12)
* Believing every day will be like today. (Isaiah 56:12;   
  2 Peter 3:4)
* Is God paying attention? (Psalms 94:7-9)
* What will that day be for you? (Amos 5:18)

11 – **Distaste For Truth**

* We want to hear what we want!

12 – **Lacking A Passion For Truth**

* **We don’t want to hear it**! (Amos 2:10-12; Isaiah 30:9-11)
* **Who’s listening to God**? (Psalms 81:8-13)
* ***“Unable to endure”*** sound teaching. (Amos 7:10;   
  2 Timothy 4:2-4)
* Do we have a “***love of the truth***”? (1 Thess. 2:10)

13 - **Perverted & Indifferent Worship**

What we want rather than what God wants, or simply going through the motions.

14 – **Worshipping as we will**

* **“*For so you love*…”** (Amos 4:4-5)
* Worship of convenience. (Amos 5:4-5)
* “*Will-worship”* (Colossians 2:23; ASV)
* God hates hypocritical and apathetic worship. (Amos 5:21-27; Isaiah 1:10-16; Malachi 1:10)

15 **– A Promise Of Hope**

Return to God and His word and His blessings will follow

16 – **A Promise Of Hope**

* God will “***raise up the fallen***” (9:11) if we turn to Him in humble faith and obedience.
* Through the *“****fallen booth/tabernacle of David****”*. (9:11)
* Though we have fallen, though Jesus Christ, we can be raised to walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4) Though dead, we can live again!