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I read Stuart, Douglas K. *Hosea-Jonah*. Vol. 31. Word Biblical Commentary pages 366-380. Regarding the form, structure and setting of Amos 7:1-8:3 it was interesting to learn that this portion of the book was the first encounter of prophetic material. “Here for the first time in the book we encounter prophetic material in which Amos mentions himself, as well as the only biographical (or autobiographical) narrative about the prophet.”¹ It was also fascinating to learn that v 13 is used to confirm that Amos’ location of preaching was at Bethel. “V 13 confirms that Amos preached at least sometimes, if not usually, at Bethel, the main – and official – sanctuary of the North, and that the sorts of messages contained in 7:1-8:3 were characteristic of what he has apparently been preaching for some time.”²

According to Stuart, there are several ways to order Amos’ four visions in 7:10-17. “(1) the four visions would have taken place over a substantial time period. (2) the four visions could have occurred together, or at least without any intervening revelations to Amos. (3) Amos could have delivered these oracles at various times and places. (4) the ordering of the four visions may correspond to their actual delivery.”³ Stuart believed that Amaziah accused Amos of death threats against the king but having no foundation. “There is no record of that Amos actually predicted that Jeroboam would die in war or by any other sort of violence.”⁴ It was interesting to learn that the term “basket of summer fruit” was simply a harvesting basket. “A basket of summer fruit is merely a harvesting basket used by workers to hold any tree fruit, such as figs or olives that would ripen for the fall harvest.”⁵ The ending explanation of Amos 7:1-8:3 was very informative and gave many topics that could be used in ministry context. “Ignorance is not bliss.

¹ Stuart, Douglas K., *Hosea-Jonah*, Vol 31. World Biblical Commentary., 367.

² Stuart, *Hosea-Jonah*, Vol 31. World Biblical Commentary. 368.

³ Stuart, *Hosea-Jonah*, Vol 31. World Biblical Commentary. 369.

⁴ Stuart, *Hosea-Jonah*, Vol 31. World Biblical Commentary. 375.

⁵ Stuart, *Hosea-Jonah*, Vol 31. World Biblical Commentary. 378.

Refusal to consider the reality of God's wrath against evil amounts to willingness to condone evil."⁶

⁶ Stuart, *Hosea-Jonah, Vol 31*. World Biblical Commentary. 380.