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<sup>12</sup>Then Amaziah said to Amos, “You seer, get out of here! Flee to the land of Judah. You may eat food and prophesy there. <sup>13</sup>But you must never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the sanctuary of the king and the national temple.”

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I was not a prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet. Rather, I was a sheep breeder and I took care of sycamore fig trees. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from tending flocks, and the LORD said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

## Second Reading — Ephesians 1:3–14

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<sup>4</sup>He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

<sup>7</sup>In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. <sup>9</sup>He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. <sup>10</sup>This was to be carried out when the time had fully come, in order to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have also obtained an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in keeping with the purpose of his will. <sup>12</sup>He did this so that his glory would be praised as a result of us, who were the first to hope in Christ.

<sup>13</sup>In him, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and in him, when you also believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. <sup>14</sup>He is the down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of God’s own possession, so that his glory would be praised.

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<sup>12</sup>They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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