

Judgment Against Israel

Amos 2:6 – 4:13

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Judgment 8 - Israel

- A longer and more specific judgment
- This is his target audience – Northern Kingdom

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Judgment 8 - Israel

- Sins against the poor – 6b-7a
 - Justice could be bought by the rich for next to nothing
 - Justice for the poor is not being upheld
- They were not a people of God's justice

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Judgment 8 - Israel

- Immorality – 7b
- Father and son have sex with the same woman – likely a temple prostitute
- They were not morally upright people

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Judgment 8 - Israel

- Keep garments taken in pledge from the poor-8a
- See Ex 22:26-27
- They did not care about other people's needs

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Judgment 8 - Israel

- Drink wine taken from the poor – 8b
- NOTE! This was all three sins in one act
- No regard for justice
- No regard for morality
- No regard for the needs of others

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Reason For the Judgment – 9-16

- God protected them, saved them, provided for them, supported them, spoke to them, and set them apart as His special covenant people

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Reason For the Judgment – 9-16

- BUT....
 - They spurned God
 - They rejected God

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Reason For the Judgment – 9-16

- THEREFORE:
 - God is against them in judgment
 - God will crush them and no one will escape
 - Not even the strongest and swiftest warrior

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A Testimony Against Israel – 3:1-15

- Hear this word – the word the LORD has spoken
- Against the whole FAMILY
 - God chose them out of all the families of the earth – reference to Abraham?

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A Testimony Against Israel – 3:1-15

- They did not live up to their privileged position
- With privilege comes responsibility

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Cause and Effect – 3:3-8

- 7 rhetorical questions
 - Cause and effect questions
 - God is against them because of their own actions

NOTE!

Amos begins with the general to more specific in the series of questions

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Cause and Effect – 3:3-8

- Verses 7 & 8
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- God has spoken, it will happen.
- Israel should know the words of God, but they got rid of the prophets so that they do not hear God any more
- But Amos has to tell them

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The Effect on Israel – 3:9-15

- The calling of the nations to witness Israel's downfall and judgment
- “They do not know how to do right”
- The destruction of their nation is at hand

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The Effect on Israel – 3:9-15

NOTE!

- The horns of the altar – See 1 Kings 1
- There will be no safe place from God's punishment and wrath
- Their wealth will not save them

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Hardness of Heart – Amos 4

- The cows of Bashan – Bashan was well known for its excellent cattle. See Ps 22:12
- Crimes of oppressing the poor and drunkenness
- They will be taken away into exile

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Hardness of Heart – Amos 4

Hardness of Heart – refusal to respond to God

1. Famine
2. Crop failure due to drought
3. Vegetables and vineyards struck with blight, disease, and locusts

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Hardness of Heart – Amos 4

Hardness of Heart – refusal to respond to God

4. Plagues against the nation
5. Defeat in war
6. Plagues of fire

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Hardness of Heart – Amos 4

Who is this God to be feared?

- Forms the mountains
- Creates the wind
- Knows the thoughts of mankind
- Causes the sun to rise and set

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Hardness of Heart – Amos 4

Who is this God to be feared?

- He is the sovereign One!
- The LORD God Almighty
 - The highest designation of God

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Conclusion/Summary

God, the Almighty, the One who walks on the highest peaks of the earth, the One who is sovereign over the universe:

He is the One who speaks to us, who wants to reveal His thoughts to you!

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Conclusion/Summary

- You are the one that He wants a relationship with
- You are the one that He has called unto Himself
- You are His special possession!

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Conclusion/Summary

- Set aside time and space with God!
- Hear Him, commune with Him, know Him
- We have the privilege of a relationship with God
- We have the responsibility of a relationship with God

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Conclusion/Summary

Luke 12:48

Do not neglect
the privilege
and purpose of
God
