

- I) V1 INTRO: I saw the Lord standing by the altar and He said Strike the doorposts that the thresholds
- II) THIS CHAPTER: Contains the fifth and final vision that Amos saw
- III) IT: Concludes the message of judgment that God has sent Amos to proclaim
  - a) Amos continues the theme of judgment, but concludes with *encouragement* (V13-15)
    - 1) Is 54:8 With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you," Says the LORD, your Redeemer.
    - 2) Ps 30:5 For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning
- IV) ISRAEL: Is being punished by the Lord for her continuous and habitual rebellion
  - a) As we have seen, she has not valued her special place in the world: she has built pagan worship shrines and altars, ordained a pagan priesthood, rejected justice, robbed and pillaged the poor, polluted her tithes and offerings to the Lord, offered unacceptable sacrifices, refused to return to God, undergone drought and famine, rejected correction, ignored God's word, created worship songs that God called *noise* and refused to hear, gave herself to greed and sexual immorality and refused to repent when hit by plagues and other judgments: she went so far as to tell Amos to just get out of town and preach his message elsewhere
- V) GOD: Has brought a message of judgment but they are not listening
  - a) In spite of the judgment that He is bringing, He still will recover them and deal with them
    - 1) What is needed is their repentance, and God foresees that this will indeed occur
- VI) ULTIMATELY: They will come back to Him, though they endure as a nation very severe judgment
  - a) Heb 12:11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
- VII) AMOS: Has been speaking of judgment that would soon come upon Israel
  - a) In the near future, Assyria will enter in to the northern kingdom and decimate it
- VIII) THIS CHAPTER: Speaks of the judgment to come, but will conclude with a promise of restoration
  - a) The judgment is in reference to the Assyrian invasion which occurred around 722 BC
    - 1) Amos was written around 760-753 BC, so the invasion was on the horizon
- IX) V1 I SAW THE LORD: Standing by the altar *and He said* Strike the doorposts that the thresholds
  - a) Up until this time, Amos had said The Lord God showed me, or He showed me
    - 1) Now, he says *I saw* the Lord
- X) AMOS: Is getting a vision of the glorious light that indicates the presence of God
  - a) It is not that he is seeing God in His complete glory, for that is not possible to do
    - 1) Ex 33:18-20 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.
      - 2) 1 Ti 6:16 (God) alone has immortality, *dwelling in unapproachable light*, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.
      - 3) Jesus is God incarnate, clothed in human flesh

- I) **V1 AMOS: Saw the glory of the Lord standing by the altar**  
a) This altar is not the altar in Jerusalem: this altar is the pagan altar that was in Beth El  
1) This altar was dedicated to Baal and was in ancient Samaria
- II) **V1 NOTICE: Strike the doorposts that the thresholds may shake and break them on the heads of them**  
a) When Assyria invaded, the people would rush to the temple to find protection  
1) God is saying that there will be no safety for them, but the temple would fall down on them
- III) **SOME WILL ESCAPE: From the temple but they will not get away**  
a) Not only will the people die, but their lineage will be cut off: their future children will not be born  
1) ALSO: Any who temporarily escape will ultimately be caught and taken into captivity  
2) 2 Ki 17:5-7 Now the king of Assyria went throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria and besieged it for three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. For so it was that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and they had feared other gods  
3) Assyrian records indicate that 27,290 were taken captive and resettled
- IV) **V2-4 THOUGH: They dig into hell (sheol-the place of the dead) from there My hand shall take them up**  
a) The thought is: they can hide themselves in caves or deep holes in the earth, but will not escape  
1) Is 2:10 Go into the rocks, hide in the ground from the fearful presence of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty!
- V) **THIS: Is a way of saying that no matter where they go, they will not escape His judgment**  
a) Even in captivity, they will still be experiencing His judgment
- VI) **FOR THOSE: Who do not know God such thoughts are terrifying: there is no escaping Him**  
a) For those of us who love Him, such a thought brings tremendous comfort  
1) Ps 139:7-10 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.
- VII) **V5-6 THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS: He who touches the earth and it melts and all who dwell there mourn**  
a) Judgment is coming, the Assyrians will invade, but it is God who moved them to do this  
1) Is 8:7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings up over them The waters of the River, strong and mighty-- The king of Assyria and all his glory; He will go up over all his channels And go over all his banks.  
2) Is 28:2 Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one, Like a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, Like a flood of mighty waters overflowing, Who will bring *them* down to the earth with *His* hand.
- VIII) **V6 THE LORD IS HIS NAME: He is the all powerful One**  
a) Ps 147:4-5 He counts the number of the stars; *He calls them all by name*. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is *infinite*.  
1) There are probably more than 170 billion galaxies in the observable Universe, stretching out into a region of space 13.8 billion light-years from us in all directions. If you multiply the number of stars in our galaxy by the number of galaxies in the Universe, you get approximately 10 to the 24th power stars. That's a 1 followed by twenty-four zeros. That's a septillion stars. But there could be more than that. It's been calculated that the *observable Universe* is a bubble of space 47 billion years in all directions.

- I) V7-10 ARE YOU: Not like the people of Ethiopia to Me O children of Israel says the Lord
  - a) POINT: Do not think that you have special privileges and are exempt from My judgment
    - 1) I will judge you as readily as I would judge other nations
  
- II) V8 BEHOLD: The eyes of the Lord God are on the sinful kingdom and I will destroy it from the face
  - a) This speaks of Israel and the divided kingdom: ultimately Israel will once again be united
    - 1) Until that time, it will remain divided but will ultimately be again in existence
  
- III) V9 FOR SURELY: I will command and will sift the house of Israel among all nations as grain is sifted
  - a) Israel ultimately was scattered throughout the world, but God has not forgotten them
  
- IV) V10 ALL THE SINNERS: Of My people shall die by the sword who say the calamity shall not overtake us
  - a) Ultimately, the true will be separated from the false and the true will be preserved
    - 1) Those who have refused to turn to the Lord ultimately die without Him
    - 2) Zech 13:8-9 And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it: I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"
  
- V) V11-12 ON THAT DAY: I will raise up the tabernacle of David which has fallen down and repair its
  - a) This is referring to a yet future time called the Kingdom Age
  
- VI) IN ACTS 15: James, the leader of the church in Jerusalem quoted this passage
  - a) Ac 15:13-18 And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, "Men *and* brethren, listen to me: Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, *Even all the Gentiles* who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.' Known to God from eternity are all His works.
  
- VII) IN OUR DAYS: God is calling out a people to follow Him out of the Gentiles
  - a) In the future, He will raise up the tabernacle of David which has fallen down
    - 1) He will draw people from all nations and they will worship Him, along with restored Israel
    - 2) Zech 2:11 Many nations will join themselves to the LORD on that day, and they, too, will be my people. I will live among you, and you will know that the LORD Almighty sent me to you.
    - 3) AGAIN: This speaks of the time that is still future when Jesus rules in the Millennium
  
- VIII) V13-15 BEHOLD: The days are coming says the Lord when the plowman shall overtake the reaper
  - a) After all of this writing concerning judgment, Amos closes with promises for Israel
  
- IX) ONCE AGAIN: As a nation united, she will be blessed by God and it will be the land of milk and honey
  - a) Ezek 37:19 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the northern tribes and join them to Judah. *I will make them one stick in my hand.*
  
- X) THE PROMISE: Is that God will restore them to the land and once again they will worship Him forever
  - a) Jer 31:33 But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day," says the LORD. "I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.