

Amos 3

Jesus

- **Chapters 1-2**

1. Judgment on 8 Nations
2. Judgment of Judah/**Israel** continue though Ch 6

Heavy Words spoken by a Blue-Collar Sheep-Breeding Burden-Bearing Fruit-Picker
Amos continues to prophesy in Bethel to the House of Israel

I. I am Against You

1 Hear this word that the LORD has spoken **against you**, O children of Israel, **against** the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying:
2 "**You only have I known** of all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities."

A Time of Great Prosperity in Israel
Even so the LORD says *I am against you*

- I Chose You/I Freed You/I Loved You

You sinned against My intimate personal love for you...

Genesis 18:19 For I have known Abraham, in order that he may command his children and his household after him [Israel] , that they **keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice...**

I made you My Special Treasure to be separated unto Me...

Exodus 19:5 ... obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a **special treasure to Me above all people**; for all the earth is Mine. 6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

Deuteronomy 7:6 ...you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a **people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples** on the face of the earth.

Israel was specially chosen to declare God to a dark/dying world...
To whom much is given much is required

Romans 3:1 What advantage then has the Jew? ...2 Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the **oracles of God.**

Romans 9:4 ...the **adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises...** Only to Israel...for the Gentiles

To whom much is given much is required
Israel failed to live up to their responsibility

Matthew 11:20 Jesus began to rebuke the cities [of Israel] in which most of His mighty works had been done, because **they did not repent**: 21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you,

Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

God turned His focus from Israel to the Church
Mark 3/Mat 12

1 Peter 2:9 [The church is...] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may **proclaim the praises of Him who called you** out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

The Church bears the same great responsibility as Israel
Present the Living God to a dark/dying world. A world God desires to save

2 Corinthians 4:4 [We are called to proclaim the good news to those...] whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, **should shine on them.**

Acts 26:18 ...to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus.'

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world.

- Israel not only failed to present God to a dying world
- Israel became worse than pagan nations around them

To whom much is given much is required
Amos 3: I am now against you Israel

3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be **unequally yoked** together with unbelievers. For what fellowship [lit. what in common] has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and **walk in darkness**, we lie and do not practice the truth.

A different direction than God's direction is the wrong direction

4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Will a young lion cry out of his den, if he has caught nothing? 5 Will a bird fall into a snare on the earth, where there is no trap for it? Will a snare spring up from the earth, if it has

caught nothing at all? 6 If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid? 6 If there is calamity [evil] in a city, will not **the LORD have done it?**

Everything that's happened or will ever happen
I have either caused/allowed for My purpose

Isaiah 45:7 I form the light and **create darkness**, I make peace and **create calamity**; I, the LORD, do all these things.

God uses both good/evil for His purpose
I'm telling you beforehand: The calamity that is coming is from Me

7 Surely the LORD God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

- Example: God's revelation to Zechariah
- World Economic system will be based in Iraq/AC headquarters

Zechariah 5:7 Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is a woman sitting inside the basket"; 8 then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he thrust her down into the basket, and threw the lead cover over its mouth. 9 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven. 10 So I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the basket?" 11 And he said to me, "**To build a house for it in the land of Shinar** [Iraq] ; when it is ready, the basket will be **set there on its base.**"

05/13/2025 President Trump shares hope in Saudi Arabia, says future of Middle East is '**commerce, not chaos**'

God warns before He judges

Genesis 6:13 [Before the Flood]...God said to **Noah**, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Genesis 18:17 [Before Sodom]...the LORD said, "Shall I hide from **Abraham** what I am doing...

Jeremiah 25:11 [Southern Kingdom before Exile] And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

Amos 1:2 [Northern Kingdom before Exile] "The Lord roars from Zion, And utters His voice from Jerusalem;

8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The LORD God has spoken!

IOWs Since the Lion is roaring... He must have prey
God is roaring through the Prophet Amos/His prey is Israel

8b...Who can but prophesy?

- **Prophets in Scripture:** OT 53/NT 25

Old/New Testament Prophets
Can't hold in God's Word

Jeremiah 20:9 [I said] I will not make mention of Him, **Nor speak anymore in His name. But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones;** I was weary of holding it back, And I could not.

Micah 3:8 ...truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, And of justice and might, **To declare to Jacob his transgression And to Israel his sin.**

Acts 4:20 [Peter/John]For **we cannot but speak** the things which we have seen and heard."

1 Corinthians 9:16 [Paul For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, **woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!**

Amos comes from Tekoa to Jeroboam's House of Horror
He cannot hold in God's Word/God roars through him

- I have warned you Israel
- I am against you Israel
- Your time is up Israel...Party's over

God warns of and reveals His coming judgment

Matthew 24:21 [Before the Great Tribulation] For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Readiness

Luke 12:35 "Let your **waist be girded** and your **lamps burning...**

Matthew 24:42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming ...44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 ... that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us **watch and be sober.**

- **Waist girded/Lamps burning:** Ready. Available.
- **Watch:** Give strict attention to, be cautious, active to take heed lest through remission and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one. rt. to arouse, cause to rise to arouse from sleep, to awake
- **Sober:** to be sober, to be calm and collected in spirit to be temperate, composed, circumspect

God sends His prophets: Warn of/Reveal coming judgment

The Lion has roared because *He found His prey...*

II. Punishment Described

9 "Proclaim in the **palaces at Ashdod**, And in the palaces in the **land of Egypt**, and say: 'Assemble on the mountains of Samaria; See great tumults in her midst, And the oppressed within her.'

God calls the enemies of Israel's [Philistines/Egyptians]
Watch what happens to the Northern Kingdom

[Why these two?] Their reputations for injustice and brutality would be resented by the Israelites who would consider themselves in every way morally superior to those whom God had summoned as witnesses.

Pride: Humble yourself or be humiliated
God's people became worse than the surrounding pagan nations
Thus these nations are called to watch God deal w/His own people

10 For they [Israel] **do not know to do right,**' Says the LORD, 'Who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.'

God calls Israel foolish
Believing that doing evil will lead to a good end

Jeremiah 4:22 "For **My people are foolish**, They have not known Me. They are **silly children**, And they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, But to do good they have no knowledge."

Jeremiah 9:3 ...like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies. They are not valiant for the truth on the earth. For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me," says the Lord.

Like foolish children who think they know it all
Experts in how to do evil but ignorant of how to do right

Romans 16:19 For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil.

Jeremiah 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Then may you also do good who are accustomed to do evil.

There will be no permanent change apart from New Birth
IOWs No lasting Rehabilitation w/out Regeneration

Romans 7:15b For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do ...**18** For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find

Romans 8:7 ...the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. **8** So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God ...**11** But if

the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit **who dwells in you.**

You must be born again. Period
Born once by water/Second time by the Spirit

- Otherwise it is self-destruction...
- Satan's end goal is self-harm

You destroy/violate your own homes/families with sin
I offered you help but you rejected My Word

11 Therefore thus says the LORD God: "An **adversary shall be all around** the land; He shall **sap your strength from you**, And your **palaces shall be plundered.**"

- **Sequence of Judgment**

1. People Surrounded
2. Strength Sapped
3. Palaces Raided

IOWs When Assyria comes all that will be left of Israel is scraps...

12 Thus says the LORD: "As a shepherd takes from the mouth of a lion Two legs or a piece of an ear, So shall the children of Israel be **taken out** Who dwell in Samaria— In the corner of a bed and on the edge of a couch!

When Assyria comes in less than 30 yrs
Only scraps of what was will be found

13 Hear and testify against the house of Jacob," Says the LORD God, the God of hosts, 14 "That in the day I punish Israel for their transgressions, I will also **visit destruction on the altars of Bethel**; And the **horns of the altar shall be cut off** And fall to the ground. 15 I will destroy the winter house along with the summer house; The houses of ivory shall perish, And the great houses shall have an end," Says the LORD.

- People Surrounded
- Strength Sapped
- Palaces Raided
- Pagan Alters Destroyed

Deceived by prosperity/No idea how bad it would be
Hosea gives more details of the Asyrian invasion...

Hosea 10:5 The inhabitants of Samaria fear **Because of the calf of Beth Aven**. For its people **mourn for it**, And its **priests shriek for it**— Because its glory has departed from it. 6 The idol also shall be carried to Assyria As a present for King Jareb. Ephraim shall **receive shame**, And Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. 7 As for Samaria, her **king is cut**

off Like a twig on the water. 8 Also the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, Shall be destroyed. The thorn and thistle shall grow on their altars; They shall say to the mountains, "Cover us!" And to the hills, "Fall on us!" ...**14** Therefore tumult shall arise among your people, And all your fortresses shall be plundered As Shalman [Assyrian. Lit. fire worshiper] plundered Beth Arbel [house of God's ambush] in the day of battle— A mother dashed in pieces upon her children. 15 Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel, **Because of your great wickedness.** At dawn the king of Israel Shall be cut off utterly.

Destruction will come again in the midst of great prosperity

Luke 17:26 ...as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Are we ready for Jesus to come for His Bride?

- Is there anything/one we place above Jesus?
- Have we disregarded His Word/Warnings?
- Are we ready and watching or entangled?

Are we as the sons of Issachar who see the times
Prepared and know what to do? Signs? In Trump we trust?

- **AC Kingdom:** From permit stage to blueprint to construction
 1. Rise of AI/Geo Economical global shift
 2. Monetary reform
 3. Sexual sin. [Judgment has begun Rom 1]
 4. Rise in Antisemitism
 5. Despising of Truth/Embracing everything else

Are we ready individually/cooperatively for Jesus to come for His Bride?
In need of endurance?

2 Timothy 4:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 **I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.** 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to **all who have loved His appearing.**

How can I be ready for Jesus coming?

- **Fight the good fight:** Engage in daily Spiritual warfare. Don't give up
- **Finished the long race:** Nurture your personal walk of righteousness/holiness/love
- **Keep the Faith:** Stay Ready. Keep watching. Live with an Eternal perspective