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Amos 1:1

The words of Amos,
who was among the shepherds of Tekoa,
which he saw concerning Israel
in the days of Uzziah king of Judah
and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash,
king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

Amos 7:15

Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah,
“I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son,
but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs.
But the LORD took me from following the flock,
and the LORD said to me,
‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Amos 1:2

And he said:

“The LORD roars from Zion
and utters his voice from Jerusalem;
the pastures of the shepherds mourn,
and the top of Carmel withers.”

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Amos 2:6-8

Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Israel, and for four,
I will not revoke the punishment,
because they sell the righteous for silver,
and the needy for a pair of sandals –
those who trample the head of the poor
into the dust of the earth
and turn aside the way of the afflicted;

Amos 2:6-8

“...a man and his father go in to the same girl,
so that my holy name is profaned;
they lay themselves down beside every altar
on garments taken in pledge,
and in the house of their God
they drink the wine of those
who have been fined.”

Amos 2:9-10

“Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite
before them, whose height was like
the height of the cedars
and who was as strong as the oaks;
I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath.

“Also it was I who brought you up
out of the land of Egypt
and led you forty years in the wilderness,
to possess the land of the Amorite.”

Amos 2:11-12

“And I raised up some of your sons for prophets,
and some of your young men for Nazirites.
Is it not indeed so, O people of Israel?”
declares the LORD.

“But you made the Nazirites drink wine,
and commanded the prophets, saying,
‘You shall not prophesy.’”

Amos 2:13-16

“Behold, I will press you down in your place,
as a cart full of sheaves presses down.
Flight shall perish from the swift,
and the strong shall not retain his strength,
nor shall the mighty save his life;
he who handles the bow shall not stand,
and he who is swift of foot shall not save himself,
nor shall he who rides the horse save his life;
and he who is stout of heart among the mighty
shall flee away naked in that day,”
declares the LORD.

Amos 3:1-2

“Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt:

“You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”

Amos 3:7-8

“For the Lord GOD does nothing
without revealing his secret
to his servants the prophets.

“The lion has roared;
who will not fear?
The Lord GOD has spoken;
who can but prophesy?”

Amos 4:1-3

“Hear this word, you cows of Bashan,
who are on the mountain of Samaria,
who oppress the poor, who crush the needy,
who say to your husbands,
‘Bring, that we may drink!’”

Amos 4:1-3

“The Lord GOD has sworn by his holiness that,
behold, the days are coming upon you,
when they shall take you away with hooks,
even the last of you with fishhooks.

“And you shall go out through the breaches,
each one straight ahead;
and you shall be cast out into Harmon,”
declares the LORD.

Amos 4:12-13

“Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel;
because I will do this to you,
prepare to meet your God, O Israel!

“For behold, he who forms the mountains
and creates the wind,
and declares to man what is his thought,
who makes the morning darkness,
and treads on the heights of the earth –
the LORD, the God of hosts, is his name!”

Amos 5:1-7

Hear this word that I take up over you
in lamentation, O house of Israel:

“Fallen, no more to rise, is the virgin Israel;
forsaken on her land, with none to raise her up.”

For thus says the Lord GOD:

“The city that went out a thousand
shall have a hundred left,
and that which went out a hundred
shall have ten left to the house of Israel.”

Amos 5:1-7

For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel:
“Seek me and live; but do not seek Bethel,
and do not enter into Gilgal
or cross over to Beersheba;
for Gilgal shall surely go into exile,
and Bethel shall come to nothing.”

Seek the LORD and live,
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it
for Bethel, O you who turn justice to wormwood
and cast down righteousness to the earth!”

Amos 5:8-9

He who made the Pleiades and Orion,
and turns deep darkness into the morning
and darkens the day into night,
who calls for the waters of the sea
and pours them out on the surface of the earth,
the LORD is his name;
who makes destruction flash forth
against the strong,
so that destruction comes upon the fortress.

Amos 5:10-13

“They hate him who reprovess in the gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.
Therefore because you trample on the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.”

Amos 5:10-13

“For I know how many are your transgressions
and how great are your sins –
you who afflict the righteous,
who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.

“Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent
in such a time, for it is an evil time.”

Amos 5:14-15

Seek good, and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be with you, as you have said.

Hate evil, and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Amos 5:16-17

Therefore thus says the LORD,
the God of hosts, the Lord:

“In all the squares there shall be wailing,
and in all the streets they shall say, ‘Alas! Alas!’
They shall call the farmers to mourning
and to wailing those who are skilled in lamentation,
and in all vineyards there shall be wailing,
for I will pass through your midst,”
says the LORD.

Amos 5:18-20

“Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand
against the wall, and a serpent bit him.

“Is not the day of the LORD darkness,
and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?”

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Amos 5:25-27

“Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings
during the forty years in the wilderness,
O house of Israel?

You shall take up Sikkuth your king,
and Kiyyun your star-god –
your images that you made for yourselves,
and I will send you into exile beyond Damascus,”
says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

Amos 6:1-3

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure
on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!
Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?”

Amos 6:4-8

“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves
instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!”

Amos 6:4-8

“Therefore they shall now be the first of those
who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out
shall pass away.

The Lord GOD has sworn by himself,”
declares the LORD, the God of hosts:

“I abhor the pride of Jacob
and hate his strongholds,
and I will deliver up the city
and all that is in it.”

“Nothing is more certain, than that a general profligacy and corruption of manners, makes a people ripe for destruction.

“A good form of government may hold the rotten materials together for some time, but beyond a certain pitch, even the best constitution will be ineffectual, and slavery must ensue.”

“On the other hand,
when the manners of a nation are pure,
when true religion and internal principles
maintain their vigor,
the attempts of the most powerful enemies
to oppress them are commonly baffled
and disappointed.

~John Witherspoon
from a sermon preached in Princeton, May 1776

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Amos 8:10-11

“Behold, the days are coming,”
declares the Lord GOD,
“when I will send a famine on the land –
not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the LORD.

“They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east; they shall run to and fro,
to seek the word of the LORD,
but they shall not find it.
In that day the lovely virgins and the young men
shall faint for thirst.”

Amos 9:1-4

I saw the LORD standing beside the altar,
and he said:

“Strike the capitals until the thresholds shake,
and shatter them on the heads of all the people;
and those who are left of them
I will kill with the sword;
not one of them shall flee away;
not one of them shall escape.”

Amos 9:1-4

“If they dig into Sheol,
from there shall my hand take them;
if they climb up to heaven,
from there I will bring them down.
If they hide themselves on the top of Carmel,
from there I will search them out and take them;
and if they hide from my sight
at the bottom of the sea,
there I will command the serpent,
and it shall bite them.”

Amos 9:1-4

“And if they go into captivity before their enemies,
there I will command the sword,
and it shall kill them;
and I will fix my eyes upon them
for evil and not for good.”

Amos 9:11-15

“In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name,” declares the LORD who does this.

Amos 9:11-15

“Behold, the days are coming,”
declares the LORD,
“when the plowman shall overtake the reaper
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.”

Amos 9:11-15

“I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities
and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards
and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

“I will plant them on their land,
and they shall never again be uprooted
out of the land that I have given them,”
says the LORD your God.

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to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God, to present your bodies
as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that by testing you may discern
what is the will of God,
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The last words of some of those killed were
“*Ya Rabbi Yasou*”
(My Lord Jesus Christ).

Revelation 20:1-5

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven,
holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit
and a great chain.

And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent,
who is the devil and Satan,
and bound him for a thousand years,
and threw him into the pit,
and shut it and sealed it over him,
so that he might not deceive the nations any longer,
until the thousand years were ended.

Revelation 20:1-5

After that he must be released for a little while.

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them
were those to whom the authority to judge
was committed.

Revelation 20:1-5

Also I saw the souls of those who had been
beheaded for the testimony of Jesus
and for the word of God,
and who had not worshiped the beast or its image
and had not received its mark on their foreheads
or their hands.

They came to life and reigned with Christ
for a thousand years.

The rest of the dead did not come to life
until the thousand years were ended.

This is the first resurrection.