

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Spring/Summer Series: The Minor Prophets

Text: Amos (Part 2)

INTRODUCTION:

1. Amos's Prophetic Ministry (1:1; 7:14-15)
2. Amos's Prophetic Concerns (1:2)
3. His is cited in the NT by Stephen who quotes fr. Amos 5:25-27 (in Acts 7:42-43), and by James cites Amos 9:11 in Acts 15:16.

EIGHT ORACLES OF JUDGMENT AGAINST THE NATIONS (1:3-2:16)

1. The _____ of the oracles.
Three elements of each: 1) Certainty; 2) Cause; 3) Character of
Throughout chs. 1-2 Amos repeated a phrase, "For three sins of . . . even for four." By using this phrase, he was saying that each of the countries had sinned to the point where judgment was inevitable. They had sinned fr. **full** ("three") to **overflowing** ("four"). Their sins had gone beyond God's patience, and judgment was now irreversible. This would be carried out by the Assyrian Empire between 738-732 B.C. (Tiglath-Pileser) and then from Shalmaneser V and Sargon II between 725-722 B.C. (the fall of Samaria).
2. The _____ of the oracles concerning . . .
 - A. Judah (2:4-5)
Judah's sins differ from those of the foreign nations. Judah had sinned against the law of the Lord as given by Moses.
 - B. Israel (2:6-16)
What made Israel's violations so flagrant (vss. 6b-8) was that God had taken such good care of His people (vss. 9-11).

FIVE MESSAGES BY AMOS (chs. 3-6)

Three of them begin with the command: "Hear this word" (3:1; 4:1; 5:1). Two of the messages begin with the warning: "Woe to you" (5:18; 6:1).

1. *Hear this word*: the _____ of judgment (3:1-15)
2. *Hear this word*: the _____ for judgment (4:1-13)
3. *Hear this word*: the need for _____ (5:1-17)

4. *Woe to you: who _____ in hypocrisy (5:18-27)*
5. *Woe to you: who live in _____ (6:1-14)*

FIVE _____ OF DIVINE RETRIBUTION (7:1-9:10)

1. The vision of the LOCUSTS (7:1-3)
2. The vision of the FIRE (7:4-6)
3. The vision of the PLUMB line (7:7-9)
4. The vision of the RIPE fruit (ch. 8)
5. One vision of the _____ of judgment (9:1-10)
 - A. The LORD's _____ judgment (9:1-4)
 - B. The LORD's _____ power (9:5-6)
 - C. The LORD's _____ justice (9:7-10)

RESTORED ISRAEL'S BLESSED FUTURE (9:11-15)

After all God's judgments are past, when the nation has received full punishment for her sins, the Lord will move in mercy to renew & refresh His people. God will restore David's kingdom over both the North & the South, & through it He will bless all nations of the earth. He will reverse the covenant curses & bring unprecedented prosperity to the land. Dispersed Israel will be returned to her land, there to dwell securely and enjoy its goodness. Then He who has always claimed them as "My people" (7:8, 15; 8:2; 9:10, 14; cf. Hos. 2:23; Zech. 8:8; 13:9) will once again take the title "your God" (Amos 9:15).

1. Political _____ (11)
 "In that day" God will "restore David's fallen tent". God will reestablish David's "tent" over both the Northern & Southern Kingdoms. David's dynasty, which had been a protective canopy (tent) over all the people of Israel, had "fallen" with the great schism (the division of the United Kingdom into a divided Kingdom; 1 Kings 12). God promised to unite the 2 kingdoms once again under Davidic rule (Jer. 30:3-10; Ezek. 37:15-28; Hos. 3:4-5).
2. National _____ (12)
 Israel will *possess the remnant of Edom*. In fact, "all nations" will be brought under the dominion of the Davidic King, for they too bear God's name.
3. _____, _____ & _____ (13-15)