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Study Outline

Main Point: As the hard hitting, country preacher, Amos' prophecies pull no punches and are designed to place life back into a greater context. Amos reminds Judah, Israel and the nations that surrounded them that God rules the world and every nation and every person will one day stand before Him in judgment. With this sobering thought in mind, Amos elaborates about the coming judgment making it crystal clear that "God Makes No Exceptions" and "With Great Privilege come Greater Responsibility."

LESSONS CONCERNING GOD'S JUDGMENT: GOD MAKES NO EXCEPTIONS

- NATIONS WILL BE JUDGED ON HOW THEY TREATED GOD'S PEOPLE
- JUDGMENT IS KEPT IN CONTEXT TO THE AMOUNT OF REVELATION RECEIVED

AMOS 1:1-5

SYRIA: CRUELTY TO GOD'S PEOPLE

AMOS 1:6-8

PHILISTIA: SLAVERY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

AMOS 1:9-10

PHOENICIAN: BREAKING TREATIES WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

AMOS 1:11-12

EDOM: VENGEFUL SPIRIT REGARDING GOD'S PEOPLE

AMOS 1:13-15

AMMON: VIOLENCE AGAINST GOD'S PEOPLE

AMOS 2:1-3

MOAB: INJUSTICE TOWARDS GOD'S PEOPLE

WITH GREAT PRIVILEGE COMES GREATER RESPONSIBILITY

- GOD'S LAW DEFINES HOLY LIVING:
GOD DESIRES OBEDIENCE AND HOLINESS OVER RITUAL, RELIGIOUS RITUAL
- GOD'S LAW DEFINES HOLY WORSHIP:
GOD DESIRES WORSHIP, BUT WORSHIP IN THE WAY HE DESIRES IT
FALSE WORSHIP IS VIEWED BY GOD AS IDOLATRY AND BLASPHEMY

AMOS 2:4-5

JUDAH: DESPISED THE LAW - LIVED IN DISOBEDIENCE

AMOS 2:6-9:15

ISRAEL: DESPISED THE LAW - WORSHIPPED IDOLS

AMOS 3

ISRAEL WILL BE JUDGED BY ASSYRIA

AMOS 4

WOMEN NEGLECTED THE POOR IN LUXURY

AMOS 5

RELIGION EMPTY WITHOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS

AMOS 6

THREE WOE'S OF PENDING DESTRUCTION

AMOS 7

THREE VISIONS OF PENDING DESTRUCTION

AMOS 8

ISRAEL'S RIPE FOR JUDGMENT

AMOS 9

ISRAEL WILL BE DISPERSED & RESTORE IN FUTURE

Historical & Scriptural Placement: (758 B.C.)

Amos was born in a Judean country town called Tekoa. He was an outdoorsman by trade until he was called by God to preach in the Northern Kingdom town of Bethel. Amos ministered during the reigns of King Jeroboam II (Israel) and King Uzziah (Judah) making him a contemporary of Jonah and Hosea (Israel) and Isaiah and Micah (Judah).



Day 1: Wrangler Jeans Prophet.....

Amos 1:1; 7:14-15 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What qualifies a person to be used by the Lord? (2). What personal points of encouragement can be gleaned by looking at the calling, equipping and enabling of the prophet Amos? (3). What has the Lord called you to do for His kingdom? What's been keeping you on the sidelines?

Day 2: Walk the Line.....

Amos 3:3 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What does the picture of two people walking together signify? (2). Since people of like interests always walk together, what danger does this present for the child of God? (3). Examine the relationships in your life. Are there relationships that are unhealthy? Are there people it might be wise to pull away from?

Day 3: Prepare to Meet God.....

Amos 4:12 // THINKING POINTS: (1). How can a person practically prepare to meet God? (2). Why is Amos challenging us to think about eternity? And what impact should the reality of eternity have on your life? (3). If you were to die today, are you prepared to meet God? Explain.

Day 4: Worshipping Wrong.....

Amos 5:21-27 // THINKING POINTS: (1). According to this passage what were the inhabitants of Israel doing for God? Do you think they believed they were doing the right things? (2). Though the outward appearance of their worship seemed correct, why was God obviously not pleased? (3). In what way does God want you to bring Him worship?

Day 5: Plumb Line.....

Amos 7:7-9 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What is a plumb line and why was God using one in the midst of Israel? (2). If a plumb line is a standard that you can measure the straightness of something, what is the standard by which God measures humanity? (3). How and why do people reach the conclusion they're morally good? What's fundamentally wrong with the way they reach this conclusion?

Day 6: True Rejection.....

Amos 7:10-17 // THINKING POINT: (1). Why did Amaziah conspire against Amos? (2). As with Amos, when we're rejected for what we believe by the world's establishment, who's actually being rejected in the process? (3). By observing Amos and the way he handled opposition, what lessons can we learn and apply to our own lives?

DEVOTIONS

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