

Series: AMOS - SIN BRINGS JUDGMENT

Title: Vileness of Israel: Sins in Good Standing

Text: (Amos 4)

I. Vices of the Nations. (1:1-2:16)

“Look Around & See God’s Judgment” (Ch 1-2)

8 Nations Mentioned in the coming Judgment.,

A. 6 Gentile Nations Condemned: (Ch 1:1-2:3)

B. Judah is Condemned: (Ch 2:4-5)

C. Israel Condemned: (2:6-16)

II. Vileness of Israel. (3:1-6:14)

A. Israel Must Be Punished: (Ch 3)

B. Israel is Rebellious & Willful: (Ch 4)

C. Israel’s Doom is Lamented: (Ch 5-6)

A. Israel Must Be Punished: (3:1-15)

A Message of Explanation

1. Prophet's Claim: (3:1-8)
2. Prophet's Proclamation: (3:9-12)
3. Prophet’s Indictment: (3:11-15)

B. Israel is Rebellious & Willful (4:1-12)

A Message of Accusation: 3 Sins that Grieve God’s Heart

In Chapter 4: The fearless prophet "starts meddling" now and begins to name sins. He calls the women living in careless luxury "fat cows of Bashan."

See them telling their husbands to bring them more drinks.

1. Luxury: Women of Samaria (4:1-3)
 - a. What is Luxury: (4:1a)
 - b. Who is Guilty of it: (4:1b)
 - c. What will Happen to them: (4:2)

2. Hypocrisy: Sacrilege of Israel (4:4-5)

3. Obstinacy: Stubbornness of Israel: (4:6-11)

Amos is not impressed with the religion at Bethel; to him it is just another sin on their records. God had sent his warnings to them (v. 6-11), but they would not listen.

- a. Famine: (4:6)
- b. Drought: (4:7-8)
- c. Sickness: (4:10a)

He had taken the best of their young men to die in war (4:10), but still the nation did not repent.

- d. Defeat in War: (4:10b)
- e. Catastrophe: (4:11)
- f. Ultimate Judgment: (4:12a)

God would no longer use natural calamities. Now He would come Himself (v. 12). "Prepare to meet your God."

4. A Call of an Encounter with God: (4:12b-13)

C. Israel Will be Destroyed: (5:1-6:14)

A Message of Lamentation

1. Lamentation of Amos: (5:1-3)
2. Invitation to seek God: (5:4-9)
3. Denunciation of Injustice: (5:10-13)
4. Invitation to seek Righteousness: (5:14-15)
5. Admonition Concerning God's day: (5:16-20)
6. Rejection of Israel's Worship: (5:21-27)
7. Self-Deception of the Complacent: (6:1-6)
8. Retribution for Israel's Sin: (6:7-14)