

A Study of the Prophets

OT Survey Lesson 109--Amos 3:1-6:14

Introduction: Amos wrote down his messages for later generations to read. In this section he records some of the sermons he delivered to the people of Israel as he warned them of destruction by the Assyrians.

Lesson aim: To show why God's judgment against the northern kingdom of Israel by Assyria was a just punishment.

The doom of Israel--Amos 3:1-15

1. What unique position did Israel have among the nations? (3:2) What did God say He was going to do because of this?
2. Amos said the Lord would do nothing unless he did what? (3:7)
3. What enemies of Israel are invited to witness her destruction? (3:9) Why is Israel to be destroyed? (v. 10)
4. Who did God say he would use to pull down Israel's strength and loot her citadels? (v. 11)
5. What things in particular would be destroyed? (v. 14-15)

The depravity of the Israel--Amos 4:1-13

1. How does Amos describe the luxuriating women of Samaria? (v. 1) What had these women done? What did the Lord say would happen to them? (v. 2-3)
2. Describe Israel's worship of false gods (v. 4-6).
3. What had God done to cause Israel to repent? (v. 6-11) Yet what did Israel do?
4. What does Amos urge the Israelites to prepare to do? (v. 12) How is God described? (v. 13)

A Dirge over Israel--Amos 5:1-6:14

1. What does Amos sing in behalf of Israel?
2. A town with a population of a thousand would be reduced to what? (v. 3)
3. What does God plead with the people to do? (v. 4-6) How does Amos describe God in v. 8-9?
4. Of what sins were the people guilty? (v. 10-12) What does Amos urge the people to do about these things? (v. 14-15)
5. What did God say the day of the Lord would be for the Israelites? (v. 18)
6. Was God willing to accept the worship of the people? (v. 21-23) What did He really want from them? (v. 24)
7. What did God say He would make happen to them? (v. 27)
8. Who is warned in Amos 6:1? Describe how they lived (v. 4-6).
9. What was it about Israel that God loathed? (v. 8)
10. Israel had turned _____ into poison, and the fruit of righteousness into _____ (6:12).