

Christ Fellowship

Series: Minor Prophets
Lesson 5
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“Amos”

The Lion Roars!

I. The Introduction (1.1)

“sheepbreeder” cf. 2 Kings 3.4

II. Opening Summary (1.2)

III. Divine Oracles Against Nations (1.3—2.16)

A. Divine Oracles Against Nations Without Privilege (1.3—2.3)

1. Divine Oracle Against Damascus (1.3-5)

The phrase, “For three rebellions. . . and for four,” is differently viewed as to its precise meaning among scholars. It may well be a symbolized completeness meaning three and four components, or seven things—completeness of rebellion and godless insensitivity. Note for the first 7 indictments, only 1 thing is cited. Whatever the precise meaning of the phrase, the LORD will judge them for their insensitivity to people. Their arrogant acts carry full responsibility. YHWH’s word will not change, punishment is their lot, He will not revoke it!

The association of fire with YHWH’s burning anger is a common O.T. theme (Deut. 32.22; Isa. 5.24-25; 9.18-19; 66.15; Jer. 15.14; 17.4; Zeph. 1.18, 3.8. 2 Kings 16.9—This prophecy was completed around 730 B.C., approximately 30 years after Amos.

2. Divine Oracle Against Gaza (1.6-8)

3. Divine Oracle Against Tyre (1.9-10)

4. Divine Oracle Against Edom (1.11-12)

5. Divine Oracle Against Ammon (1.13-15)

6. Divine Oracle Against Moab (2.1-3)

B. Divine Oracles Against Nations With Privilege (2.4-16)

1. Divine Oracle Against Judah (2.4-5)

It is not “false gods” (NIV) but lies of false prophets and leaders who deceive the people and caused perversion of moral, civil, ceremonial, and personal behavior/attitudes of people. The leaders of Judah are no different from other nations! They follow liars, not YHWH. cf. Isa. 3.12; 9.15-16; 28.15; Mic. 3.5; Jer. 23.14, 32. The advantage of Judah increases their guilt, they have rejected the guidelines of life. The shift from listing specific sin(s) as with the preceding nations emphasizes the responsibility to YHWH! (The other nations are judged on the basis of common morality and conscience, Judah stands uniquely before YHWH!)

2. Divine Oracle Against Israel (2.6-16)

a. Messenger (2.6a)

b. Indictment (2.6b-12)

c. Announcement of Punishment (2.13-16a)

1) What the LORD will do (2.13)

2) The 7-fold results (2.14-16a)

d. Divine Confirmation (2.16b)