

## Sound Familiar?

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**Amos 8:11** says regarding Israel:

'Behold the days are coming,' says the Lord God, 'that I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water. But of the hearing the words of the Lord.'

From Dr. Thomas Constable [1]:

These were times of political stability, material prosperity, and geographical expansion for both the Northern and the Southern Kingdoms (cf. 1:6; 6:2, 13; 2 Kings 14:23-29; 2 Chron. 26:1-15). Jeroboam II and Uzziah were two of the most competent and effective kings that their respective kingdoms enjoyed. They brought their nations to heights of success, second only to those in Solomon's golden age. Archaeologists have found hundreds of ivory inlays in the excavations of Samaria, proving the Northern Kingdom's prosperity.<sup>1</sup> The Northern Kingdom was at the height of its power during Jeroboam II's reign. Aram had not recovered from its defeat by Adad-Nirari III of Assyria in 802 B.C., and Assyria had not yet developed into the superpower that it became under Tiglath-Pileser III (745-727 B.C.). Religion flourished too. The Hebrews participated in the yearly festivals (4:4; 5:5; 8:3, 10) and offered their sacrifices enthusiastically (4:5; 5:21-23). They believed God was with them and considered themselves immune to disaster (5:14, 18-20; 6:1-3; 9:10). Yet they worshiped the native Canaanite deities along with Yahweh.



Even though things were outwardly going well in Israel, God noted that there would come a time when there would be an absolute famine of His Word. **Amos 1-2** provide oracles against many nations, *including* Israel. **Amos 3-6** deal specifically with warnings of judgment against Israel. **Amos 7-9** deal with the visions the prophet saw; first of impending judgment followed by a brief respite that included a challenge and response, followed by two more visions of judgment.

In spite of how well things were outwardly going for Israel, it is clear God was displeased with the nation, hence the need for warnings of coming judgment. By the time we get to **Amos 8**, we see pronounced judgment (basket of fruit), which was the future judgment for Israel (from Amos' perspective), that God utters the words quoted above.

A beautiful basket of summer fruit, ripe and ready to eat often makes mouths water, a good thing. However, here God is telling Amos that the nation of Israel is ripe for *judgment* because of their religious *hypocrisy* and *greed*. Rich Israelites had disdain for poor Israelites, oppressing them and even attempting to exterminate them instead of trying to help them. It is sad what we read from God's perspective. Here's an example from **Amos 5:10-13**:

10 They hate the one who rebukes in the gate,  
And they abhor the one who speaks uprightly.  
11 Therefore, because you tread down the poor  
And take grain taxes from him,  
Though you have built houses of hewn stone,  
Yet you shall not dwell in them;  
You have planted pleasant vineyards,  
But you shall not drink wine from them.  
12 For I know your manifold transgressions  
And your mighty sins:  
Afflicting the just and taking bribes;  
Diverting the poor from justice at the gate.  
13 Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time,  
For it is an evil time.

Rich, powerful Israelites hated other Israelites who spoke the truth and attempted to rebuke evil (**v10**). Sound familiar? Notice that some Israelites were corrupt, loading the poor with this and that tax in an attempt to at least control them and even destroy them financially (**v11**). Sound familiar?

God tells Israel that though they built beautiful, expensive homes they wouldn't live in them and planted beautiful vineyards but wouldn't enjoy their fruit (**v11**). God sees all (**v12**), keeping track of all sin (mighty and manifold; **v12**).



The powerfully rich people of Israel afflicted the just and took bribes to bypass righteousness and truth. In essence, they willingly sold themselves and bought others who would support their lies. They did all this simply to keep justice from happening to the poor.

**Verse 13** notes that times were so bad and evil due to the corruption of the rich and powerful that the prudent person did the only thing they could; they kept silent. If they didn't, they would've come under the same wrath that persecuted the poor. Sounds like today? Fortunately, some are choosing to speak out regarding medical issues connected with CV19 and freedom fighters are willing to stand on the line to regain lost freedom, irrespective of what might happen to them.

During Amos' day, Israel literally begged for judgment because of hypocrisy, greed, religious emptiness (much was done for show), and oppression of the poor. God expected Israelites to take care of other Israelites. Instead, some experienced a major lack of food and other necessities of life. Those who had ample were unwilling to share with those who did not. Rich Israelites lorded it over the poorer folks of Israel. In fact, the rich often ended up "buying" the poor through a form of enslavement simply so they could control them.

Sound familiar, like today? The rich get richer and the poor and middle class grow poorer. This is often done through *indebtedness* (or if that doesn't work, "canceling" a person because of their political views, which often can mean getting the person fired from their job). However, this was not supposed to happen in Israel and it was called "usury," which is charging high interest rates to those who were between a rock and a hard place and were forced to borrow money to live. There was to be no interest charged to fellow Israelites. But why lend if lending doesn't make the lender any profit? Sound like today?

God's impending judgment was, in a way, unique to the situation. God would send a large army against Israel and this was a normal part of how He judged Israel (or other nations), when they went astray. This coming army would cause absolute trembling among the Israelites because of the results of the invasion. God was also planning on sending severe darkness to engulf the land (**Amos 8:9**), and would turn Israel's festivals and celebrations into funerals (mourning; **v 10**). Grief would become a daily part of what the people of Israel had to endure. The implication in these verses is that their grief would last a very long time. This "darkness" may well have been metaphorical or it could've been referring to a solar eclipse.

### A huge jump in prices in 2021...

Gasoline	↑49.6%
Fuel Oil	↑59.1%
Natural Gas	↑28.1%
Used Autos	↑26.4%
Beef	↑20.1%
Pork	↑14.1%
Bacon	↑15.4%
Chicken	↑8.8%
Eggs	↑11.6%
Milk	↑4.3%
Apples	↑6.7%
Coffee up	↑4.7%
Peanut Butter	↑6%
Baby Food	↑7.9%
Electricity	↑6.5%



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Biden's Build Back Better is a UN resolution catering to the whims of the globalists, not the average person.

But aside from all of these things that God would send to Israel, He would do something more. **Amos 8:11** tells us that God would withhold His Word from the people of Israel. In essence, He would stop talking to them. He would have nothing to say for quite some time. It would literally become a famine of words/truth from God because of the way they had shirked their true responsibilities and ignored God's Word and His ways. Because they had ignored God, He would ignore them. He would no longer speak for a long while through any prophet. They would still have access to the Hebrew Scriptures, but they would find no spiritual refreshment from it.

The Israelites would become like blind people groping in the dark, hoping to find just a shred of God's Word to cling to. Instead, they would be frustrated and confounded because they could not "hear" God say anything to them. All of this happened to Israel way back. Today, it is clear that though the Jewish people are back in their Land, they still operate under unbelief just as Ezekiel prophesied (**Ezekiel 34-39**). Their final day of reckoning is coming and will be the Day of Jacob's Trouble (**Jeremiah 30:7**; **Matthew 24:15-31**; the Tribulation), where God will purge Israel, saving for Himself the final remnant that will go into and enjoy the Millennial Kingdom.

But let's *apply* this to today's world. What do we see? More and more churches and religious institutions have gone astray because the leaders of these institutions have gone astray. Instead of clinging to the absolute truth of God's Word, regardless of fallout, increasingly Christendom's leaders have embraced the world and encourage their followers to do the same. What has always been considered evil and wrong is today often either put up with or fully embraced. Too many Christians are shaking hands with the world, doing what they can to find common ground. This creates compromising Christians. The world *never* reaches up to the biblical standard. The Christian instead, always lowering to the world's fallen culture; culture that opposes God at every turn. The more Christians embrace aspects of this world, the greater the fall from grace and truth.

Today, too many preachers present messages that actually oppose and deny God's Word. Christians are told we need to "get along" with and embrace all people of the world, regardless of their ideological beliefs, even if those beliefs oppose God's truth. When Christians do *not* bow the knee to this tyranny, those encouraging Christians to "blend" with the world then become full-blown haters, seeking to cancel anyone who does not comply.

Fewer and fewer study the entirety of God's Word and are often not even familiar with many portions of it. In essence, God's written Word has stopped speaking to people because they prefer the spectacular (dreams, visions, and words of knowledge from today's "prophets" and "apostles"). Because of this, too many people are falling away and can no longer "hear" Him, but think they do, preferring to hobnob with preachers of spiritual pablum. It is causing a serious lack of spiritual discernment and creating spiritual voids in people.

Regarding **Amos 8:11** (quoted at the beginning of this article), the late pastor and commentator Jay Vernon McGee stated the following in the 1970's:

Actually, very little of the Word of God is getting out in this land today. There is a Gideon Bible in every room in every hotel and motel in this country. Nearly everyone owns a Bible.

But who is studying it? Who is reading it? Who is believing it? I think we are beginning to see the famine of the Word of God in this country.

The ancient Israelites found no solace, no spiritual refreshment in His Word because of their abject refusal to live the life He wanted them to live, *from the heart*.

Not sure how God could judge the nations of the past, including Israel, and not judge the world today for its growing and callous rejection of God and His rule. This is happening throughout Christendom today. It's been a long time coming, but we are seeing the terrible fruits of it. People languish while seeking refreshment, receiving none because they want to approach God on *their* terms, not on His.

Judgment is certainly coming to this world because God, in no way, will allow Himself to continue to be mocked by His Creation.

[1] <https://planobiblechapel.org/tcon/notes/pdf/amos.pdf>