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# Amos 4:12-13, Amos 5:1-27

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***\*The pdf notes were not not taken today, but here are the bible verses to follow with the mp3 recording\****

The book of Amos is about the nation of Israel and surrounding gentile nations. The timeframe it's talking about - 750 B.C., 200 years after the death of King Solomon - is parallel to what our nation is going through today. Most of the happenings today are not good. We need to take heed and wake up before terrible things happen. Too many people have the idea that we're too big to fail. That's not true. Anything can fail - size doesn't matter. Today we've seen GM, Citigroup, AIG insurance all fail, along with many banks. The founding fathers of America based our country on the bible and God's word, but we've turned away from His word, and we will crumble as others have done before us. God will judge this nation harshly just as he judged the nation of Israel when they turned away from God and His word.

Setting: Amos was a simple herdsman who came from a simple family and a simple life. God chose this simple man for a wonderful job. When "Israel" is mentioned in this book, it is not the nation of Israel but rather the 10 tribes of Israel. Amos comes from a small village about 10 miles south of Jerusalem. At that time, things were prospering for the people, and things had become so great and so corrupt that God decided to judge the people. God at that time never judged people without some warning beforehand. During the time of Amos, many prophets were warning people of pending judgment. Today there are many people warning others of pending judgment who are being ignored and stifled by corrupt people right here in America. The name "Jesus" is highly offensive to many, and this is very dangerous.

The third chapter of Amos is

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## Amos 4:12-13

**12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel; and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.**

**13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought; that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth —Jehovah, the God of hosts, is his name.**

## Amos 5: 1-27

**1 ¶ Hear ye this word which I take up for a lamentation over you, O house of Israel.**

**2 The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is cast down upon her land; there is none to raise her up.**

**3 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: The city that went forth a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which went forth a hundred shall have ten left, to the house of Israel.**

**4 ¶ For thus saith Jehovah unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live;**

**5 but seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall come to nought.**

**6 Seek Jehovah, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, and there be none to quench it in Beth-el.**

**7 Ye who turn justice to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the earth,**

**8 seek him that maketh the Pleiades and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth (Jehovah is his name);**

**9 that bringeth sudden destruction upon the strong, so that destruction cometh upon the fortress.**

**10 They hate him that reproveth in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.**

**11 Forasmuch therefore as ye trample upon the poor, and take exactions from him of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink the wine thereof.**

**12 For I know how manifold are your transgressions, and how mighty are your sins—ye that afflict the just, that take a bribe, and that turn aside the needy in the gate from their right.**

**13 Therefore he that is prudent shall keep silence in such a time; for it is an evil time.**

**14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so Jehovah, the God of hosts, will be with you, as ye say.**

**15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the gate: it may be that Jehovah, the God of hosts, will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.**

**16 ¶ Therefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of hosts, the Lord: Wailing shall be in all the broad ways; and they shall say in all the streets, Alas! Alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful in lamentation to wailing.**

**17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing; for I will pass through the midst of thee, saith Jehovah.**

**18 Woe unto you that desire the day of Jehovah! Wherefore would ye have the day of Jehovah? It is darkness, and not light.**

**19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.**

**20 Shall not the day of Jehovah be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?**

**21 ¶ I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies.**

**22 Yea, though ye offer me your burnt-offerings and meal-offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat beasts.**

**23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.**

**24 But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.**

**25 Did ye bring unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?**

**26 Yea, ye have borne the tabernacle of your king and the shrine of your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.**

**27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith Jehovah, whose name is the God of hosts.**