

Amos

Lesson 3

Ezekiel 9

- 1 Then He cried out in my hearing with a loud voice saying, "Draw near, O executioners of the city, each with his destroying weapon in his hand."
- 2 Behold, six men came from the direction of the upper gate which faces north, each with his shattering weapon in his hand; and among them was a certain man clothed in linen with a writing case at his loins. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.
- 3 Then the glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub on which it had been, to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed in linen at whose loins was the writing case.
- 4 The Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, *even* through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst."
- 5 But to the others He said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him and strike; do not let your eye have pity and do not spare.
- 6 "Utterly slay old men, young men, maidens, little children, and women, but do not touch any man on whom is the mark; and you shall start from My sanctuary." So they started with the elders who *were* before the temple.
- 7 And He said to them, "Defile the temple and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!" Thus they went out and struck down *the people* in the city.
- 8 As they were striking *the people* and I *alone* was left, I fell on my face and cried out saying, "Alas, Lord God! Are You destroying the whole remnant of Israel by pouring out Your wrath on Jerusalem?"
- 9 Then He said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is very, very great, and the land is filled with blood and the city is full of perversion; for they say, 'The Lord has forsaken the land, and the Lord does not see!'
- 10 "But as for Me, My eye will have no pity nor will I spare, but I will bring their conduct upon their heads."
- 11 Then behold, the man clothed in linen at whose loins was the writing case reported, saying, "I have done just as You have commanded me."

Ezekiel 13:17-20

- 17 "Now you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who are prophesying from their own inspiration. Prophecy against them
- 18 and say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Woe to the women who sew *magic* bands on all wrists and make veils for the heads of *persons* of every stature

to hunt down lives! Will you hunt down the lives of My people, but preserve the lives *of others* for yourselves?

19 “For handfuls of barley and fragments of bread, you have profaned Me to My people to put to death some who should not die and to keep others alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies.” ’ ’ ”

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am against your *magic* bands by which you hunt lives there as birds and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let them go, even those lives whom you hunt as birds.

Micah 3:5-12

5 Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray;

When they have *something* to bite with their teeth,

They cry, “Peace,”

But against him who puts nothing in their mouths

They declare holy war.

6 Therefore *it will be* night for you—without vision,

And darkness for you—without divination.

The sun will go down on the prophets,

And the day will become dark over them.

7 The seers will be ashamed

And the diviners will be embarrassed.

Indeed, they will all cover *their* mouths

Because there is no answer from God.

8 On the other hand I am filled with power—

With the Spirit of the Lord—

And with justice and courage

To make known to Jacob his rebellious act,

Even to Israel his sin.

9 Now hear this, heads of the house of Jacob

And rulers of the house of Israel,

Who abhor justice

And twist everything that is straight,

10 Who build Zion with bloodshed

And Jerusalem with violent injustice.

11 Her leaders pronounce judgment for a bribe,

Her priests instruct for a price

And her prophets divine for money.

Yet they lean on the Lord saying,

“Is not the Lord in our midst?”

Calamity will not come upon us.”

12 Therefore, on account of you
Zion will be plowed as a field,
Jerusalem will become a heap of ruins,
And the mountain of the temple *will become* high places of a forest.

Jeremiah 14:13-16

13 But, “Ah, Lord God!” I said, “Look, the prophets are telling them, ‘You will not see the sword nor will you have famine, but I will give you lasting peace in this place.’ ”

14 Then the Lord said to me, “The prophets are prophesying falsehood in My name. I have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a false vision, divination, futility and the deception of their own minds.

15 “Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who are prophesying in My name, although it was not I who sent them—yet they keep saying, ‘There will be no sword or famine in this land’—by sword and famine those prophets shall meet their end!

16 “The people also to whom they are prophesying will be thrown out into the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and there will be no one to bury them—*neither* them, *nor* their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters—for I will pour out their *own* wickedness on them.

Jeremiah 23:16-18

16 Thus says the Lord of hosts,
“Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you.
They are leading you into futility;
They speak a vision of their own imagination,
Not from the mouth of the Lord.

17 “They keep saying to those who despise Me,
‘The Lord has said, “You will have peace” ’;
And as for everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart,
They say, ‘Calamity will not come upon you.’

18 “But who has stood in the council of the Lord,
That he should see and hear His word?
Who has given heed to His word and listened?

Jeremiah 23:21-22

21 “I did not send *these* prophets,
But they ran.

I did not speak to them,
But they prophesied.

22 “But if they had stood in My council,
Then they would have announced My words to My people,
And would have turned them back from their evil way
And from the evil of their deeds.

Jeremiah 23:25-32

25 “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy falsely in My name, saying, ‘I had a dream, I had a dream!’

26 “How long? Is there *anything* in the hearts of the prophets who prophesy falsehood, even *these* prophets of the deception of their own heart,

27 who intend to make My people forget My name by their dreams which they relate to one another, just as their fathers forgot My name because of Baal?

28 “The prophet who has a dream may relate *his* dream, but let him who has My word speak My word in truth. What does straw have *in common* with grain?” declares the Lord.

29 “Is not My word like fire?” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer which shatters a rock?

30 “Therefore behold, I am against the prophets,” declares the Lord, “who steal My words from each other.

31 “Behold, I am against the prophets,” declares the Lord, “who use their tongues and declare, ‘*The Lord* declares.’

32 “Behold, I am against those who have prophesied false dreams,” declares the Lord, “and related them and led My people astray by their falsehoods and reckless boasting; yet I did not send them or command them, nor do they furnish

Matthew 10:24-28

24 “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master.

25 “It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house ^bBeelzebul, how much more *will they malign* the members of his household!

26 “Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

27 “What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear *whispered* in *your* ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

28 “Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in ^bhell.

2 Timothy 4:1-5

- 1 I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:
- 2 preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.
- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,
- 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.
- 5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Hebrews 1:1-2

- 1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,
- 2 ^ain these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the ^fworld.

John 6:63

63 “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

John 7:17-18

- 17 “If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or *whether* I speak from Myself.
- 18 “He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
- 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Titus 3:5

5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, ^bbringing salvation to all men,
 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,
 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of ^bour great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,
 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Titus 3:8, 14

8 This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

14 Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.

Titus 1:16

16 They profess to know God, but by *their* deeds they deny *Him*, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.

Matthew 7:15-20

15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
 16 "You will ^aknow them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn *bushes* nor figs from thistles, are they?
 17 "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.
 18 "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.
 19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
 20 "So then, you will know them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:21-27

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- 21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.
 22 “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’
 23 “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’

The Two Foundations

- 24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.
 25 “And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and *yet* it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.
 26 “Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.
 27 “The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”

1 Kings 12:28-30

- 28 So the king consulted, and made two golden calves, and he said to them, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt.”
 29 He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.
 30 Now this thing became a sin, for the people went *to worship* before the one as far as Dan.

Hosea 8:1-6

- 1 *Put* the trumpet to your lips!
 Like an eagle *the enemy comes* against the house of the Lord,
 Because they have transgressed My covenant
 And rebelled against My law.
 2 They cry out to Me,
 “My God, we of Israel know You!”
 3 Israel has rejected the good;
 The enemy will pursue him.
 4 They have set up kings, but not by Me;
 They have appointed princes, but I did not know *it*.
 With their silver and gold they have made idols for themselves,
 That they might be cut off.
 5 He has rejected your calf, O Samaria, *saying*,

“My anger burns against them!”
 How long will they be incapable of innocence?
 6 For from Israel is even this!
 A craftsman made it, so it is not God;
 Surely the calf of Samaria will be broken to pieces.

2 Kings 10:29

29 However, *as for* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin, from these Jehu did not depart, *even* the golden calves that *were* at Bethel and that *were* at Dan.

Psalms 139:1-16

1 O Lord, You have searched me and known *me*.
 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 You understand my thought from afar.
 3 You ^ascrutinize my path and my lying down,
 And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.
 4 Even before there is a word on my tongue,
 Behold, O Lord, You know it all.
 5 You have enclosed me behind and before,
 And laid Your hand upon me.
 6 *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 It is *too* high, I cannot attain to it.
 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit?
 Or where can I flee from Your presence?
 8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
 If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.
 9 If I take the wings of the dawn,
 If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
 10 Even there Your hand will lead me,
 And Your right hand will lay hold of me.
 11 If I say, “Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,
 And the light around me will be night,”
 12 Even the darkness is not dark to You,
 And the night is as bright as the day.
 Darkness and light are alike *to You*.
 13 For You formed my inward parts;
 You wove me in my mother’s womb.

14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
 Wonderful are Your works,
 And my soul knows it very well.
 15 My ^aframe was not hidden from You,
 When I was made in secret,
 And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;
 16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;
 And in Your book were all written
 The days that were ordained *for me*,
 When as yet there was not one of them.

Genesis 10:6-14

6 The sons of Ham *were* Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan.
 7 The sons of Cush *were* Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah *were* Sheba and Dedan.
 8 Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth.
 9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord."
 10 The beginning of his kingdom was ^aBabel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.
 11 From that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah,
 12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.
 13 Mizraim became the father of Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim
 14 and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.

Jeremiah 47:4

4 On account of the day that is coming
 To destroy all the Philistines,
 To cut off from Tyre and Sidon
 Every ally that is left;
 For the Lord is going to destroy the Philistines,
 The remnant of the coastland of Caphtor.

Zephaniah 2:4-5

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 5 “Baldness has come upon Gaza;
 Ashkelon has been ruined.
 O remnant of their valley,
 How long will you gash yourself?

Acts 17:24-27

24 “The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of
 heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;
 25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since
 He Himself gives to all *people* life and breath and all things;
 26 and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face
 of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of
 their habitation,
 27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find
 Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

2 Samuel 7:8-13

8 “Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the
 Lord of hosts, “I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be
 ruler over My people Israel.
 9 “I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your
 enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of
 the great men who are on the earth.
 10 “I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that
 they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the
 wicked afflict them any more as formerly,
 11 even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel;
 and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The Lord also declares to you
 that the Lord will make a house for you.
 12 “When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will
 raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will
 establish his kingdom.
 13 “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his
 kingdom forever.

2 Chronicles 13:4-5

- 4** Then Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, "Listen to me, Jeroboam and all Israel:
5 "Do you not know that the Lord God of Israel gave the rule over Israel forever to David and his sons by a covenant of salt?"

Jeremiah 33:14-26

- 14** 'Behold, days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
15 'In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth.
16 'In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is *the name* by which she will be called: the Lord is our righteousness.'
17 "For thus says the Lord, 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;
18 and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to prepare sacrifices continually.' "
19 The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,
20 "Thus says the Lord, 'If you can break My covenant for the day and My covenant for the night, so that day and night will not be at their appointed time,
21 then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant so that he will not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers.
22 'As the host of heaven cannot be counted and the sand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.' "
23 And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,
24 "Have you not observed what this people have spoken, saying, 'The two families which the Lord chose, He has rejected them'? Thus they despise My people, no longer are they as a nation in their sight.
25 "Thus says the Lord, 'If My covenant *for* day and night *stand* not, *and* the fixed patterns of heaven and earth I have not established,
26 then I would reject the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, not taking from his descendants rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them.' "

Acts 2:29-36

29 “Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

30 “And so, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat *one* of his descendants on his throne,

31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay.

32 “This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

33 “Therefore having been exalted ^ato the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

34 “For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says:

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at My right hand,

35 Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.” ’

36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Acts 15:14-18

14 “Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name.

15 “With this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written,

16 ‘After these things I will return,

And I will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen,

And I will rebuild its ruins,

And I will restore it,

17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord,

And all the Gentiles ^bwho are called by My name,’

18 Says the Lord, who ^bmakes these things known from long ago.

Joel 3:18

18 And in that day

The mountains will drip with sweet wine,

And the hills will flow with milk,

And all the brooks of Judah will flow with water;

And a spring will go out from the house of the Lord

To water the valley of Shittim.

[*New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update*](#) (La Habra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 1995), Joe 3:18.

