



Amos

A Prophet
for Today

The Establishment and the Amateur

Amos 8:1-14

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit. And he said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass by them. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," declares the Lord GOD. "So many dead bodies!" "They are thrown everywhere!" "Silence!"

Hear this, you who trample on the
needy and bring the poor of the land to
an end, saying, "When will the new
moon be over, that we may sell grain
And the Sabbath, that we may offer
wheat for sale, that we may make the
ephah small and the shekel great and
deal deceitfully with false balances, that
we may buy the poor for silver and the
needy for a pair of sandals and sell the
chaff of the wheat?"

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who dwells in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?" "And on that day," declares the Lord GOD, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.

“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD, “when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.

They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it. "In that day the lovely virgins and the young men shall faint for thirst. Those who swear by the Guilt of Samaria, and say, 'As your god lives, O Dan,' and, 'As the Way of Beersheba lives,' they shall fall, and never rise again."

Amos 8:1-14

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: behold, a basket of *qayis* . And he said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of *qayis* ." Then the LORD said to me, "The *qes* has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass by them. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," declares the Lord GOD. "So many dead bodies!" "They are thrown everywhere!" "Silence!"

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Leviticus 10:1-3

Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them. And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD has said: 'Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.'"

And Aaron held his peace.

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Leviticus 19:35-36

You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity. You shall have **just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin**: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

Proverbs 20:10

Unequal weights and unequal measures are both alike an **abomination** to the LORD.

Social ethics must never be substituted for personal ethics. Crusading can easily become a dodge for facing up to one's lack of personal morality. By the same token, even if I am a model of personal righteousness, that does not excuse my participation in social evil. The man who is faithful to his wife while he exercises bigotry toward his neighbor is no better than the adulterer who crusades for social justice. What God requires is justice both personal and social.

– R. C. Sproul



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Amos 6:8

The **Lord GOD has sworn by himself**, declares the LORD, the God of hosts: “**I abhor the pride of Jacob** and hate his strongholds, and I will deliver up the city and all that is in it.”

and all of it **rise like the Nile**, and be tossed about and sink again, **like the Nile of Egypt?**” “And on that day,” declares the Lord GOD, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.

Amos 9:5

The Lord GOD of hosts, he who touches the earth and it melts, and all who dwell in it mourn, and **all of it rises like the Nile, and sinks again, like the Nile of Egypt;**

I will make the **sun** go down at noon
and **darken** the earth in broad daylight.
I will turn your **feasts** into **mourning**
and all your **songs** into **lamentation**;

“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD, “when I will send a **famine** on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of **hearing the words of the LORD.**”

Ezekiel 7:26

Disaster comes upon disaster; rumor follows rumor. They seek a vision from the prophet, while the **law perishes from the priest** and **counsel from the elders.**

They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east; they shall
run to and fro, **to seek the word
of the LORD**, but they shall not
find it.

Have we got a Bible still in our hands? Let us prize it, read it and commit its precious truths to mind. It is not an inalienable possession; it may not be ours forever. Is the Bible still preached in our church? Let us love to hear the word of God; let us be urgent to bring others within earshot of it. It is not our guaranteed privilege; the voice of the preacher could be silenced.

– J. A. Motyer



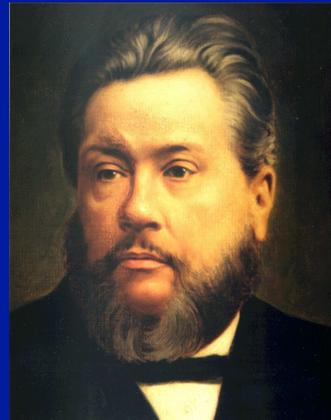
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Psalm 119:130

The unfolding of your words gives
light;
it imparts understanding to the
simple.

I would rather speak five words out of this book than 50,000 words of the philosophers. If we want revivals, we must revive our reverence for the Word of God. If we want conversions, we must put more of God's Word into our sermons.

– Charles Spurgeon



Jeremiah 8:20

“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”