

Amos 6

Amos 6.1-3

V1 – What feeling did the Northern Kingdom have about their worship of God? They were at ease; they felt good and thought they were secure

-Why? Because the leaders of worship were "distinguished" men

-Sound familiar today? It is very up-to-date

-Look at the denominational preachers on TV and notice the audiences of 10,000 (or more)

V2 – Calneh, Hamath, Gath – They are all cities that had already fallen to Assyria

-Amos? Are you any better than they were?

V3 – Amos? Are you the ones to decide when the destruction will come?

Amos 6.4-7

V4 – How much at ease were they? Beautiful ivory beds and couches, good meat to eat

V5 – They made up songs and invented instrumental music (some translations)

V6 – They drank from sacred bowls and had the best oil (for anointing, etc.)

-But what was missing? They should have been grieved over the moral decay of the Northern Kingdom

V7 – Who will be at the head of the line going into exile? The richest people and the nobles of the Northern Kingdom

Date for *Amos 6*: about 760 BC – about 40 years the fall of the Northern Kingdom (721 BC)

Amos 6.8-11

V8 – Why had God come to hate the Northern Kingdom? Because of their arrogance

V9 – Ten men will die in one house

V10 – Terrible scene: Only one person will be left to bury others

-Whom would they blame the destruction on? God

-They would not want to mention God's name

V11 – All houses would be destroyed

Amos 6.12-14

V12 – Rhetorical questions:

-Can horses run on rocks? No

-Can oxen plow up rocks? No

-Message? You have done the impossible by turning righteousness into wickedness

V 13 – Lodebar – town east of the Jordan River

-pun: "a thing of nothing"

-Karmaim – "a pair of horns"

-There were towns captured by Jeroboam II, but were very insignificant towns

-Yet, they were so proud of those conquests

V 14 – Hamath – a mountain pass in the mountains of Lebanon

-Arabah = Dead Sea

-Message? God would destroy the whole nation (from one end to the other)

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