

Judgments on God's Chosen People

Luke 12:40-48

40 **Be ye therefore ready also:** for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord **when he cometh shall find so doing.**

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 But and **if that servant say in his heart,** My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. **For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.**

II. Judgment on Judah and Israel, (Amos 2:4–6:14)

A. Judgment against Judah for **Despising** the Law, (Amos 2:4–5)

4 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof;

CAUSE:

1. Prejudice – They **Hated** God's Word

4b because they have despised (to **abhor, cast away, despise, disdain, refuse, reject**) the law of the LORD,

2. Protection – They did not **Protected** God's Word

4c and have **not kept**(**protect**) his commandments,

3. Perversion of God's Plan

4d and **their lies**(**deceitfulness**) caused them to err (change from **right**), after the which their fathers have walked:

EFFECT:

5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

REALITY:

586 BC (175 years after Amos's proclamation)

II Kings 25:1-12

1 And it came to pass in the **ninth year** of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that **Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon** came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

2 And the city was besieged **unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.**

3 And on the ninth day of the fourth month **the famine prevailed in the city,** and there was **no bread** for the people of the land.

4 And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain.

5 And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him.

7 And **they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah,** and bound him with **fetters(restrains from motion)** of brass, and **carried him to Babylon.**

10 Years Later

8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the **nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,** came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

9 And **he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire.** (repaired by Zerubbabel – recorded by **Ezra's** in the Bible)

10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, **brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.** (repaired and recorded by **Nehemiah**)

11 Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away.

12 But the captain of the guard left of **the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen. (ministered to by Jeremiah)**

**B. Judgment against Israel for Immorality and Blasphemy, (Amos 2:6–16)
Amos 2:6-16**

6 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof;

Cause:

1. They sold right for riches

6b because **they sold the righteous for silver,**

2. They cheated the poor

6c and the poor for a pair of shoes;

7 That **pant(covet)** after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the **meek(humble)**:

3. They committed sexual sins harms God's name

7b and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, **to profane(to wound) my holy name:**

4. They followed other gods (God doesn't know why!)

8 And they lay themselves down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they **drink the wine of the condemned** in the house of **their god.**

a. I destroyed the Amorite

9 Yet **destroyed I the Amorite** before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

b. I saved you from Egypt

10 Also **I brought you up from the land of Egypt**, and led you forty years through the wilderness, **to possess the land of the Amorite.**

c. I made your children useful in My service

11 And I **raised up of your sons** for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.

5. They perverted God's ways

12 But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not.

13 Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.

EFFECT: You can't escape it!

14 Therefore **the flight shall perish** from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself:

15 **Neither shall he stand** that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself.

16 And **he that is courageous among the mighty** shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

REALITY: (740 BC 20 years after the book of Amos was written)

I Chronicles 5:25-26

25 And **they transgressed against the God of their fathers**, and went a whoring **after the gods of the people of the land**, whom God destroyed before them.

26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria, and **he carried them away**, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and **to the river Gozan, unto this day**.