

The Father Judges His Own Child

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

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1. A **Broken-Hearted** Father Questions His Own Children (**Teenager**)

Amos 3:1-15

1 Hear this word that **the LORD hath spoken against(aimed at) you**, O children of Israel, against **the whole(complete) family** which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore **I will punish you for all your iniquities.**

a. Why do you **Comply?** - **You obviously agree with them because you're with them**

3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

b. Why do you **Crow?** - **You wouldn't brag if you didn't think you were something**

4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey?

4b will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?

c. Why are you **Collared?** - **You can't catch a bird without a trap**

5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him?

5b shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

d. Why do you not **Cower?** - **Fear comes - When the alarm sounds**

6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid?

6b shall there be evil in a city, **and the LORD hath not done it?**

2. You've Been **Warned**

7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his **servants the prophets.**

8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

3. The "Others" didn't know – They're **Ignorant!**

9 **Publish** in the palaces at **Ashdod**, and in the **palaces** in the land of **Egypt**, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof.

10 For **they know not to do right**, saith the LORD, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.

4. The **Power** shall be removed

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; **An adversary there shall be** even round about the land; and **he shall bring down thy strength from thee**, and **thy palaces shall be spoiled**.

12 Thus saith the LORD; **As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear**; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch.

13 **Hear ye, and testify** in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts,

14 That **in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him** I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and **the horns of the altar shall be cut off**, and fall to the ground.

15 And **I will smite the winter house with the summer house**; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

D. Israel ... Prepare to meet thy God, (Amos 4)

Amos 4:1-13

1 Hear this word, ye **kine of Bashan**, that are in **the mountain of Samaria**, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

2 The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that **he will take you away with hooks**, and your posterity with fishhooks.

3 And ye shall go out at the breaches, every cow at that which is before her; and ye shall cast them into the palace, saith the LORD.

4 Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal **multiply transgression**; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and **your tithes after three years**:

5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.

8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

11 I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

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, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name.