

Amos 5:1-27 **Judgment is coming because Israel refused to be corrected**

A Lament for Israel

- 1 Hear this word which I take up against you, a lamentation, O house of Israel:
2 The virgin of Israel has fallen; She will rise no more. She lies forsaken on her land; There is no one to raise her up.
3 For thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God):
"The city that goes out by a thousand Shall have a hundred left, And that which goes out by a hundred Shall have ten left to the house of Israel."

A Call to Seek Yahweh and Live – Warning of Power of God & coming Judgment

- 4 For thus says Yahweh (the Lord) to the house of Israel:
"Seek Me and live;
5 But do not seek Bethel, Nor enter Gilgal, Nor pass over to Beersheba; For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, And Bethel shall come to nothing.
6 Seek Yahweh (the Lord) and live, Lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph, And devour it, With no one to quench it in Bethel —
7 You who turn justice to wormwood, And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!"

8 He made the Pleiades and Orion; He turns the shadow of death into morning And makes the day dark as night; He calls for the waters of the sea And pours them out on the face of the earth; Yahweh (the Lord) is His name.
9 He rains ruin upon the strong, So that fury comes upon the fortress.

Israel's refusal to hear correction from God – Reason for Judgment of God

- 10 They hate the one who rebukes in the gate, And they abhor the one who speaks uprightly.
11 Therefore, because you tread down the poor And take grain taxes from him, Though you have built houses of hewn stone, Yet you shall not dwell in them; You have planted pleasant vineyards, But you shall not drink wine from them.
12 For I know your manifold transgressions And your mighty sins: Afflicting the just and taking bribes; Diverting the poor from justice at the gate.
13 Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time, For it is an evil time.

Call to Repentance

- 14 Seek good and not evil, That you may live; So Yahweh Elohey Tsebaovt (the Lord God of hosts) will be with you, As you have spoken.
15 Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate. It may be that Yahweh Elohey Tsebaovt (the Lord God of hosts) Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Day of the Lord

- 16 Therefore Yahweh Elohey Tsebaovt (the Lord God of hosts), Adoney (the Lord), says this:
"There shall be wailing in all streets, And they shall say in all the highways, 'Alas! Alas!' They shall call the farmer to mourning, And skillful lamenters to wailing.
17 In all vineyards there shall be wailing, For I will pass through you," Says Yahweh (the Lord).

18 Woe to you who desire the day of Yahweh (the Lord)! For what good is the day of Yahweh (the Lord) to you? It will be darkness, and not light.

19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him!

20 Is not the day of Yahweh (the Lord) darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?

21 "I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.

22 Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.

23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.

24 But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream.

25 "Did you offer Me sacrifices and offerings In the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

26 You also carried Sikkuth your king And Chiun, your idols, The star of your gods, Which you made for yourselves.

27 Therefore I will send you into captivity beyond Damascus," Says Yahweh Elohey Tsebaovt (the Lord), whose name is the (God of hosts).

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Facts Revealed:

A Lament for Israel [Amos 5:1-3]

✧ The lamentation for Israel indicates a surviving remnant of only ten percent after Israel is carried away from their land.

✧ This warning came about 84 years before Israel was carried away by the Assyrians beyond Damascus.

A Call to Seek Yahweh and Live – Warning of Power of God & coming Judgment [Amos 5:4-9]

✧ From the time Israel received the Law at Mount Sinai, Yahweh has continually called attention to the fact that their life was tied to walking according to the commandments of God.

✧ The Warning to not seek Bethel, Gilgal, or Beersheba is a reference to the idolatry that has been practiced in the places where Yahweh had set His name to be worshipped.

Yahweh warned Israel to avoid idolatry because will come to nothing.

✧ Seek Yahweh and live, lest He pour out devouring wrath upon them.

✧ The message is to the people of Israel because they have perverted justice and turned away righteousness.

✧ Yahweh is the One Who created the star clusters known as Pleiades and Orion. It is He Who causes the earth to experience light and darkness, sustains the earth systems and provides rain to fall on the earth and water it.

✧ Yahweh also pours out punishment against the strong fortresses of those who oppress their people.

Israel's refusal to hear correction from God – Reason for Judgment of God [Amos 5:10-13]

✧ Those who come at the command of Yahweh to publicly rebuke wickedness in the gate, and speak uprightly, the people hate and abhor.
(sounds like the liberals of America today).

✧ Because the rich oppress the poor and take taxes from them to increase their own wealth and advance their own interests, building houses with hewn stone and planting pleasant

vineyards in their arrogance, when Yahweh is trying to call them to repentance. [Isaiah 9:10]
(Again it sounds like the present administration of America today).

- ✧ Yahweh knows their manifold transgressions and mighty sins, such as:
Afflicting the just, taking bribes, and diverting justice from the poor.
- ✧ The prudent keep silent because it is an evil time.
(much like the nations of the world today).

Call to Repentance [Amos 5:14-15]

- ✧ Call for repentance that Yahweh may be with you and you will live **if you**:
 - ✧ **Seek good and not evil,**
 - ✧ **Establish justice in your administration.**
- ✧ It may be that Yahweh will be gracious to the remnant.

The Day of the Lord

- ✧ Therefore Yahweh Elohey Tsebaot (the Lord God of hosts), Adoney (the Lord), says this:
"There shall be **wailing** in all streets, And they shall say in all the highways, '**Alas! Alas!**'
They shall call the farmer to **mourning**, And **skillful lamenters to wailing**.
In all vineyards there shall be **wailing**, For I will pass through you," Says Yahweh (the Lord).
[Amos 5:16-17]
- ✧ Looking to the time called "The Day of Yahweh (The Lord)" which begins with wrath and judgment of the "Great Tribulation" and leads to the establishment of the "Kingdom of God," Kingdom of Heaven, "Kingdom Age"
- ✧ Because troublous times come first, Yahweh calls for wailing, mourning, and skillful lamenters to wail and say, "Alas! Alas! For the severity of the trouble which will be worse than anything experienced from the day of creation and will never be equaled again.
[Matthew 24:21, Mark 13:19]
- ✧ The "Day of the Lord" is described as perilous and terrible times throughout the books of prophecy. [Isaiah 2:5-21, 13:4-13, Jeremiah 46:10, Ezekiel 30:1-3, Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-11, 3:14-15, Zephaniah 1:7-18, Zechariah 14:1-3, 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3, 2 Peter 3:10]
- ✧ **Woe to you who desire the day of Yahweh** (the Lord)! For what good is the day of Yahweh (the Lord) to you? **It will be darkness, and not light.**
It will be as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him!
Is not the day of Yahweh (the Lord) darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it? [Amos 5:18-20]
- ✧ We all eagerly look forward to the Kingdom Age when all will be righteous with all the blessings that accompany righteousness.
However we must not forget that the Great Tribulation comes first as Yahweh pours out His wrath on the earth attempting to cause men to repent from fear since they did not repent when Yahweh waited through the times of His patient long suffering.. [2 Peter 3:9]
- ✧ **"I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.**
Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, **I will not accept them**, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.
Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments. [Amos 5:21-23]
- ✧ Yahweh is repulsed by the hypocritical worship from people who live in sin and then come into His House and do praise services hoping He will accept them.
- ✧ But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream. [Amos 5:24]
- ✧ What Yahweh will accept is repentance and turning fully to righteousness and justice.

- ☆ "Did you offer Me sacrifices and offerings In the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? You also carried Sikkuth your king And Chiun, your idols, The star of your gods, Which you made for yourselves. [[Amos 5:25-26](#)]
- ✧ Even during the forty years of wilderness wandering from the time they left Egyptian bondage and the time they entered the Promised Land under the direct guidance of Yahweh, they carried their gods from Egypt and rebelled against Yahweh.
- ☆ **Therefore I will send you into captivity beyond Damascus,**" Says Yahweh Elohey Tsebaovt (the Lord), whose name is the (God of hosts). [[Amos 5:27](#)]
- ✧ Because they never gave up the idolatry introduced by Jeroboam [[2 Kings 17:22-23](#)]
- ✧ Yahweh has no option but to cast them out from their land, which He did when the Assyrians carried them captive beyond Damascus to the farthest realms of the Assyrian empire.