

Session 2: Sept. 11, 2022 Amos 4:1-13 Turn to God

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(13) Listen, and testify in the house of Jacob, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, the God of hosts {armies; multitudes},^a

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

(15) And I will strike the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory will perish, and the great houses will have an end, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 4

(1) Hear this word, you cattle of Bashan, who *are* in the mountains of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

(2) The Lord GOD {Jehovah} has sworn by His holiness, that, indeed, the days will come upon you, that He will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

(3) And you will go out at the breaches, every *cow at that which is* before her; and you will cast *them* into the palace, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(4) Come to Bethel, and commit sin; at Gilgal multiply sin; 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: because this pleases you, O you children of Israel, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(6) And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(7) And also I have withheld 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 upon which it did not rain withered.

(8) So two *or* three cities wandered to one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(9) I have stricken you with blasting {hot wind; judgment} and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmer worm devoured *them*: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men I have killed with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stench of your camps to come up to your nostrils: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,^a and you were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

3:13a - LORD of hosts - Jehovah sabaoth {יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת} - Lord of armies or multitudes

4:11a – Sodom and Gomorrah – Gen. 19:24

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(12) Therefore this is what I will do to you, O Israel: *and* because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel.

(13) Because, indeed, He Who formed the mountains, and created the wind, and declared to man His thoughts, Who made the morning darkness, and treads upon the high places of the earth, The LORD {Jehovah}, The God of hosts {armies}, is His Name.

Chapter 5

(1) Listen to this word which I take up against you, *even* a loud cry, O house of Israel.

(2) The virgin of Israel has fallen; she will rise no more: she is forsaken upon her land; *there is* no one to raise her up.

(3) Because this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; The city that went out *by* a thousand will leave one hundred, and that which went forth *by* one hundred will leave ten, to the house of Israel.

(4) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says to the house of Israel, Seek Me, and you shall live:

(5) But do not seek Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and do not pass to Beersheba: because Gilgal will surely go into captivity, and Bethel will come to nothing.

(6) Seek the LORD {Jehovah}, and you will live; lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it*, and *there be* no one to quench *it* in Bethel.

(7) You who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

(8) *Seek Him* Who makes the seven stars {constellation Pleiades}^a and Orion, and turns the shadow of death into the morning, and makes the day dark with night: Who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD {Jehovah} is His Name:

(9) Who strengthens the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled will come against the fortress.

(10) They hate him who rebukes in the gate, and they despise him who speaks uprightly.

(11) Since therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and you take from him burdens of wheat: you have built houses of carved stone, but you will not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you will not drink wine from them.

(12) Because I know your many sins and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate *from their right*.

5:8a - seven stars -the constellation Pleiades - see Job 9:9