

SERMON NOTES
July 18, 2010
“If God Is Against Us”
Amos 1:3-2:16

I. JUDGMENT ON THE GENTILE NATIONS (1:2-2:3)

Eight times Amos uses the phrase “For three transgressions and for four”. It is a Jewish idiom that means “**INNUMBERABLE** or and indefinite **NUMBER** that has **FINALLY** come to the end”.

FIRE – represents the holiness and judgment of God.

SIX GENTILE COUNTRIES:

1. Syria – Damascus was the capital

Facts:

- One of the Jews’ persistent **ENEMIES**.
- God called Syria to **PUNISH** Israel; they went too far. (2 Kings 10:32-33; 13:1-9)
- Damascus **LOST** its power.

2. Philistia – Gaza was one of five key **CITIES**.

Facts:

- Trading in **HUMAN** lives
- Sold **SLAVES** to the Edomites

3. Phoenicia – Tyre was Phoenicia’s major city.

Facts:

- During David and Solomon’s reigns, they had a warm relationship (brotherly covenant).
- Sold Jewish captives to the Edomites
- Judgment came in 332 BC with Alexander the Great.

4. Edom –

Facts:

- Had a grudge against Israel going back to the conflict between **JACOB** and **ESAU**.
- Would not allow their Jewish cousins to pass through their land. (Judges 11:17)

5. Ammon –

Fact:

- Ammonites and Moabites were descendents of the incestuous relations between Lot and his daughters.

6. Moab –

Facts:

- Animosity with Israel began when they would not let the Israelites pass through their land and hired Balaam to **CURSE** Israel. (Duet. 23:3,4)
- Had disrespect for the dead
- Especially wicked

II. JUDGMENT ON THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH

III. JUDGMENT ON THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

Warnings against:

- 1. INJUSTICE**
- 2. IMMORALITY**
- 3. OPEN IDOLATRY**

Amos reminded Israel of their **SINFUL** past; he described the sinful **PRESENT** of Israel; and he told them of their **GLORIOUS** future.

CONCLUSION: We should ask ourselves whether we truly fear God and seek to obey His will.

- **Hebrews 10:30, 31** – For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
- **Romans 2:4** – Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?
- **2 Chr. 7:14** – if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
- **1 John 1:9** - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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Discussion:

CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES – WEEK 1

BELIEF – “What We Need to Know”

Belief #1 - Trinity: the belief that the God of the Bible is the only true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

PRACTICE – “What We Endeavor to Do”

Practice #1 - Worship: worshiping God for who he is and what he has done for us. (Psalm 95:1-7)

VIRTUE – “What We Expect to Be”

Virtue #1 - Joyful: having inner contentment and purpose in spite of our circumstances. (John 15:11)

Prayer Requests:

Praises:

Verse to memorize:

“AMOS: THE LION HAS ROARED” (A ten-part series from the prophet Amos)

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| Week 1 | “Introduction to Amos and prophetic writings” | |
| Week 2 | “The Awesome God” | 1:1-2 |
| Week 3 | “The Sweep of God’s Judgment” | 1:3-2:16 |
| Week 4 | “The Justness of God’s Justice” | Ch. 3 |
| Week 5 | “Prepare to Meet Your God” | Ch. 4 |
| Week 6 | “False Security in Religious Practices” | Ch. 5 |
| Week 7 | “False Security in Military & Material Success” | Ch. 6 |
| Week 8 | “Who Pulls the Strings? Who Speaks the Truth?” | Ch. 7 |
| Week 9 | “A Famine for the Word of God” | Ch. 8 |
| Week 10 | “In Anger Remembering Mercy” | Ch. 9 |