

Woe

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Introduction

1. Amos 5:18-6:7
2. Amos was a prophet that was not liked by the people he was preaching to.
3. He was told to quit, but he told them different because he was not chosen by them to preach, but by God Amos 6:13-17
4. Amos uses many interesting illustrations to show their condition as they stood before God. Grasshoppers, famine, Cows, plumbline
5. In our lesson today Amos pronounces two woes upon them, let us notice these quickly

II Discussion

1. The first Woe 5:18- 27
 - a. Attitudes and worship
 - i. Expectation 18-20
 1. The desire for the day of the Lord to come
 2. It would not be as they expected. It was
 - a. Darkness not light
 - b. Flee a lion and met a bear
 - c. Placed hand on wall and there is a serpent
 - ii. Their worship
 1. God hated their gatherings, feast days Passover, Harvest, Tabernacles 21a
 2. Unacceptable offerings,22
 - a. The offerings were items that would or is supposed to consecrate the worshiper
 3. Their songs Instrumental music was not acceptable to God, 23 Adam Clarke on Amos 6:5
 4. Their worship was devoid of application, ritual
 - a. Martin Luther King Jr. quoted verse 24 often
 5. The worship for the 40 years of wandering was not correct, it was mingled with idol worship of Moloch and Chiun
 - iii. Therefore you will go into captivity, 722BC
2. The second Woe is one showing their indifference
 - a. Description of indifference Those that are at ease in Zion 6:1, Jerusalem
 - i. Military security
 - b. The challenge to indifference verse 2
 - i. Check these cities and see what happened to them
 - ii. The leaders were happy with the status quo

- iii. The leaders were more interested in their privileges
- c. The Sin of indifference 3-6 shown with 6 word pictures
 - i. Guilty of hardened unbelief verse 3 put away...
 - 1. They refused the voice of warning
 - 2. They did not deny the day of Judgement was coming, it was not for them
 - ii. Heartless oppression 6:3b seat of violence... violence was encouraged
 - iii. Self-indulgence ivory couches, finest food
 - iv. They indulged in profane revelry they chant sounded like drunken feast
 - 1. The musical instruments were used to worship idol their belly
 - v. Drunken debauchery verse 6
 - 1. Large sacrificial bowls used in the temples, sacrilege
 - 2. Consuming large amounts of wine
 - 3. Anointing themselves, while could be good, but here again hints at sacrilege
 - vi. Calloused unconcern verse 6b they did not grieve when they should
 - 1. They were too concerned with self-indulgence that they could not see the approaching doom
 - 2. The leaders put their own welfare above the people of the nation
- d. The punishment of indifference 6:7
 - i. They would go away into captivity 722 BC

III Conclusion

They had every opportunity to return back to God

The prophets were preaching for them to repent and turn back to God

The people and the leaders were not heeding the warnings.

Things were continuing on as they were

We too have warnings from God, He is coming again

We need to do all we can do to be ready.

Are you ready?

Sources: The Minor Prophets by James E. Smith, College press. The Minor Prophets by Homer Hailey; Timeless sermon for now and eternity Vol 2 Paul D. Murphy, MSOP thumb drive; Adam Clarke