Amos – God’s punishment on prosperous Israel

Amos ministry was a time of Israel’s unusual prosperity. Wealth accumulated – leisure increased and the people followed the pattern of their pagan neighbors.

Amos points to God’s displeasure with injustice toward the poor, external religion without any heart or commitment.

Israel was filled with spiritual poverty and hypocrisy.

1. **God will punish the nations: 1 – 2:5**

 “for three transgressions … and for four”

 This is a saying of sin filled and overflowing – three transgressions filled but four transgressions sin overflowing – 8 times used in Amos 1 -2

 Syria – savage warfare on others – 1: 3-5

 Philistia – slavery – 1: 6 – 8

 Tyre – slavery – 1: 9 -10

 Edom – family hatred – 1:11-12

 Ammon – brutality & savagery – 1:13 – 15

 Moab – inhumanity & irreverence – 2: 1-3

 Judah – rejection of the Law of God – 2: 4-5

1. **God will punish Israel – 2:6 – 4:13**

Moral corruption of Israel – 2:6 -16

Hardness to God Word – 3: 1-8

Tolerance of excessive violence & injustice – 3: 9 -12

Idolatry – 3:13 -15

Unjust treatment by women of the poor – 4:1 -3

Man - made religion – 4: 4-5

Unteachableness – 4: 6 -11

God’s judgment is sure – 4: 12 -13

1. **Israel’s captivity because of sinfulness & unrepentance – 5:1 – 6:14**

 “yet you have not returned to Me” – 4:6,8,9,10,11

 “prepare to meet your God” – 4:12

 The three woes of Amos on Israel’s hard heartedness & unrepentance

1. Woe on injustice – 5:7 -17 – “Seek the Lord that you may live” 5:4,6

 “Seek good and not evil that you may live” – 5:14

 “Those who turn justice into wormwood & cast righteousness down to the earth” 5:7

 The sign of real repentance – 5:15 – hate evil love good…

1. Woe on hypocrisy in worship – 5:18 – 27 – “Alas you who are longing for the day of the Lord”

 “I hate and reject your festivals, nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies” 5:21 22

1. Woe on pride & arrogance – 6:1 -14 - “Woe to them that are at ease in Zion and to those who feel secure in the mountain of Samaria”

 “the sprawlers banqueting will pass away” – 6:7,14

 The 8 woes of the Lord Jesus on the hypocrisy

 Matt. 23 :13 – 36

 Rev. 4:14 – 20 – God’s call to the Laodicean church of today!

1. **God will judge yet restore Israel in the last days – 7:1 -9:15**

 Amos interceded for God’s mercy on Israel – “Lord God please pardon” – 7:2,5

 Seven visions of Amos

1. The locust – 7:1-3
2. The fire – 7:4-6
3. The plumbline – 7:7-9
4. The punishment of Amaziah – 7:10-17
5. The summer fruit – 8:1 -14
6. The altar’s destruction – 9:1-10. 3:14 – the altar of idolatry
7. The return to the land – 9: 11-15 – judgement but the promise of future salvation

 “in that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David” – 2 Sam. 7; Acts 15:16 -18

 At the second coming of Jesus Christ

1. God will reestablish the kingdom of David through Jesus Christ – 9:11
2. The millennial kingdom of Christ will be world-wide – 9:12 – Edom is the name for the nations
3. God will save from the nations those who believe on the name of Jesus Christ – 9:12

 “behold days are coming” –

1. Plowman will overtake the reaper
2. Treader of grapes him who sows grapes
3. Mountains will drip sweet wine
4. All the hills will be desolved
5. I will restore the captivity of my people Israel
6. They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them
7. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine
8. They will make gardens and eat their fruit
9. I will plant them on their land
10. They will not be again be rooted out from their land

 The promise of the Second coming of Jesus Christ –

1. Joel 3:18 -21
2. Amos 9: 11 -15