

CHAPTER 6

WOE to them *that are* at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, *which are* named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

2 Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: *be they* better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;

4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

5 That chant to the sound of the viol, *and* invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David;

6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7 ¶ Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go cap-

tive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

8. The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.

9 And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die.

10 And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that *is* by the sides of the house, *Is there yet any* with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD.

11 For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

12 ¶ Shall horses run upon the rock? will *one* plow *there* with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into

gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock:

13 Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?

14 But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.

CHAPTER 7

THUS hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, *it was* the latter growth after the king's mowings.

2 And it came to pass, *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.

3 The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

4 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

5 Then said I, O Lord GOD,

cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.

6 The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

7 ¶ Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

8 And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:

9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10 ¶ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat

bread, and prophesy there:

13 But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it *is* the king's chapel, and it *is* the king's court.

14 ¶ Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I *was* no prophet, neither *was* I a prophet's son; but I *was* an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit:

15 And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

16 ¶ Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not *thy word* against the house of Isaac.

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

CHAPTER 8

THUS hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit.

2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my peo-

ple of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

3 And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: *there shall be* many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast *them* forth with silence.

4 ¶ Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,

5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; *yea*, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

7 The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:

10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only *son*, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

11 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.

13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

14 They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beer-sheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

CHAPTER 9

ISAW the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away,

and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.

2 Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:

4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

5 And the Lord GOD of hosts *is* he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.

6 *It is* he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name.

7 *Are ye not* as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of

Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.

9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

11 ¶ In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 6:1-7 is a warning about self-indulgences. The people were self-secure and were depending upon themselves and their riches. Amos gives solemn warning that they must turn from those things of the flesh and return to the Lord, or punishment would be inevitable. Their pride and the injustice of the land could not go unpunished.

Chapter 8 records the vision of the summer fruit. The Hebrew word for summer fruit is “hayit” and the word for end (verse 2) is “hatz.” These two words look and sound alike, and Amos used one to lead to the other. The goodness of Israel was like the summer

fruit. It was perishable and soon deteriorated. God’s judgment would come upon Israel.

In verses 4-14 God names the sins of the people, and warns that He will send His wrath upon them—not only by natural calamities, but by a famine of the Word of God. The people had not listened to the Word of God when they had the opportunity; therefore, God would take His Word from them. God warns that their idols at Dan and Beersheba would be powerless to help them in the coming calamity (verse 14).

Chapter 9 records the final vision at the altar, with the Lord standing upon the altar. Judgment

begins at the house of the Lord (1 Peter 4:17). The people had been outwardly religious, but their hearts were not sincere. Verses 8 and 9 summarize what God is going to do. He compares the coming judgment to the sifting of grain. The good seed, the true believers, will be saved; but the chaff will be burned.

The Book of Amos closes on a note of victory. In verses 11-15 the promise of future restoration is given.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

“A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape” (Proverbs 19:5).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 29: For today’s memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1871

CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT DIED AT BRIGHTON, ENGLAND.

Charlotte Elliott wrote perhaps the greatest soul-winning hymn in the history of Christendom, “Just As I Am.” For the many years since it was written, many churches use this hymn more than any other—sometimes exclusively) for their invitation hymn. Some churches start every invitation with the same hymn.

It has been said that someone was witnessing to Charlotte Elliott. She found it difficult to understand the Gospel. Someone told her just to come to Christ. She could not understand what it meant to come to Christ. Finally someone shouted, “Come just as you are.” From this statement came the great song, “Just As I Am.” Let’s sing it now.

JUST AS I AM

*Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears, within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relive,
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

1865

THE BIRTHDAY OF AMBROSE J. TOMLINSON.

Ambrose Tomlinson was one of the founders of the Church of God movement. Someone has estimated over forty denominations have since evolved from this group. Though very controversial, nevertheless, he was a leader.

1962

CLYDE J. KENNEDY DIED.

Kennedy was a defender of the faith. He was president of the American Council of Christian Churches from 1958 until 1961. Let us pray today for the American Council of Christian Churches and its leaders, and for fundamentalists everywhere who stand for the truth of God.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1862

PRESIDENT LINCOLN, IN PRELIMINARY EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION warned South that he would free slaves in all states in rebellion on January 1, 1863.

1868

RACE RIOT, NEW ORLEANS.

1905

RACE RIOT, ATLANTA. Ten blacks and two whites killed. Martial law proclaimed.

1915

XAVIER UNIVERSITY, FIRST BLACK CATHOLIC COLLEGE IN U.S., opened in New Orleans, LA.

1960

MALI PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENT.

1961

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION ISSUED REGULATION prohibiting segregation on interstate buses and in terminal facilities.

A Christian Life . . .

GIROLAMO SAVONAROLA (1452-1498)

Italian reformer. Girolamo Savonarola was in a Dominican monastery for seven years. He began to preach the Bible in Florence, Italy, in 1481. This city became a republic due to Savonarola's preaching and his immense popularity with the common people. They elected him to be the city manager.

Pope Alexander VI offered him a cardinal's position if he would quit preaching the Bible and exposing the sins of the Vatican. Savonarola refused the "red hat" of the cardinal and replied, "I'll take a red hat of blood." He was excommunicated, imprisoned, tortured, then burned at the stake.

Before dying, he said, "Rome will not quench this fire." Nineteen years after Savonarola's death, Martin Luther began the Reformation.



Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION: PROPHETIC DETAILS OF CHRIST'S DEATH

(Assignment 29)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

Identified with a rich man in His death (712 B.C.)

() Isaiah 53:9

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence neither was any deceit in his mouth. (Fulfilled—Matthew 27:57-60)

Beaten and spit upon (700 B.C.)

() Isaiah 50:6

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. (Fulfilled—Matthew 26:67)

Silent in His own defense (712 B.C.)

() Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. (Fulfilled—Matthew 27:12-14)

Condemned on the basis of a false testimony (1000 B.C.)

() Psalms 35:11

False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not. (Fulfilled—Matthew 26:59)

His Body resurrected and saw no corruption (1000 B.C.)

() Psalms 16:10

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. (Fulfilled—Acts 2:27-32)