

Minor Prophets
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –10/02/23

Amos - Lesson 5
Amos 6:1-14

This chapter may seem a bit confusing at times. Don't get bogged down with the names and places or illustrations you don't understand – the main things are the plain things. The details will be explained in class.

1. Read Amos 6:1-7. This chapter begins with the second “woe to you”. According to verse 1, to whom was this “woe” pronounced? How is this connected to the first “woe” in 5:17?
2. To which group of people is he primarily speaking? How does Amos describe their lifestyle?
3. In verse 3 Amos says they *put off the evil day* (they refused to believe any calamity was coming). How do you think they viewed Amos? What parallels do you see in America today?
4. Why will they be *among the first to go into exile*? (v. 7)
5. Read Amos 6:8-11. What is the significance of the Sovereign Lord swearing by himself? What does He abhor? (v.8)
6. Who is said to *deliver up the city and everything in it, and smash the houses into pieces*? How foolish were these complacent people who felt secure? Who had become their enemy? Can any nation or people stand against God?
7. Read Amos 6:12-14. What examples are given to point out the absurdity and foolishness of their actions? What does God declare will happen to them? (v. 14)
8. Some commentators believe the *reign of terror* referred to in v. 3 is a description of the last years of Israel's history before her captivity by Assyria. Read 2 Kings 15:8-31, 17:1-6. List the last six kings of Israel, how long they ruled, what characterized their reign and what happened to them.