

I. Amos is a Book of Warning

- A. All seemed to be safe and peaceful
- B. Judgement is imminent
- C. Opportunity for repentance is limited

II. Call to Repent – Chapter 5

- A. The call to repent carries little hope of response - it begins with a *dirge*
 - 1. A funeral poem written by the family to mourn their loss
 - 2. It was combined with professional mourning to express the intensity of grief
- B. “Seek Me that you might live” (5:4, 6)
 - 1. The alternative is judgement (5:6-7)
 - 2. The return must be real not formal
 - a) “Do not go to Bethel” (the House of God)
 - b) “Do not go to Beersheba” (the place where the promises were confirmed to the Patriarchs)
 - c) “Do not come down to Gilgal” (the place where God cleansed Israel before the conquest)
 - d) Each are places where God manifested Himself in the past
 - 3. “Remember the power and justice of God” (5:8-9)
 - a) Probably a quote from a well-known psalm or hymn
 - b) Apparently used in ceremonies in Israel
 - c) The words are now used against them

Assignment:

Read Micah. Note the sins Micah exposes. How is Micah similar to Amos? How is Micah different from Amos?

4. Review of the sin of the nation (5:10-13)
5. “Seek good and not evil, that you may live” (5:14)
 - a) To seek God, they must seek good
 - b) They must do good in the present
6. Misconception about The Day of the Lord:
 - a) The Day of the Lord is a key concept in prophecy:
 - (1) A day of the manifest control of God throughout history
 - (2) A day of judgment against sin
 - (3) A day of deliverance for the righteous
 - b) Israel saw it as a day of deliverance for the righteous
 - c) The people comforted themselves in difficult times with the thought of that wonderful day
 - (1) The Day of the Lord is only wonderful if you are among the righteous
7. “I hate, I reject your festivals” (5:21)
 - a) I am already present – you don’t have to go to another place or wait for another time
 - b) I must endure the emptiness of it all
 - c) I don’t want to hear it anymore
8. What I want is a flood of righteousness
 - a) That is when I will manifest Myself and My blessing (5:14)

