



Sunday School Lesson

February 4, 2024

God is Not Fooled

Amos 5:14-15, 18-27

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Questions for Us Today

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Have you observed or been a part of a religious service or ceremony that didn't appear to be genuine?

If so, how did you respond?

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Objectives

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To understand the role and prophecy of Amos to the people of Israel and Judah.

To understand how the situation then compares to our society now.

Sunday School Lesson Segments – 1

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Amos

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember These Things

Points of Information – Amos

Amos was a shepherd from the town of Tekoa in Judah. Amos 1:1; 7:14, 15.

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Amos was a contemporary of Jonah, Hosea and Isaiah.

Amos prophesied in the days of Kings Jeroboam II (Israel) and Uzziah (Judah).

Points of Information – Amos

Although Amos was a native of the Southern Kingdom of Judah, he prophesied primarily in and to the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

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Following the directives of the Lord, Amos declared particular judgment on the people for their hypocritical worship and their harsh treatment of the poor.

Points of Information – Amos

Amos spoke of why and how the Lord God would punish sin.

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Amos predicted the captivity of the Israelites and (in general) where it would occur.

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Lesson Context - 1

9 The Book of Amos begins with God's declarations of judgment and punishment on the neighbors of Israel.

Amos 1—2:1-3.

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Lesson Context - 2

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Then, the Lord God turned to Israel and Judah regarding their disobedience.

Amos 2:4—3.

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Lesson Context - 3

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The fifth Chapter of Amos begins with a call to God's people for repentance.

Then, the text speaks regarding the Day of the Lord.

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UMI Outline #1

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Amos 5:14-15

Love Good, Hate Evil

Amos 5:14-15 [NLT]

Do what is good and run from evil so that you may live! Then the Lord God of Heaven's Armies will be your helper, just as you have claimed.

Hate evil and love what is good; turn your courts into true halls of justice. Perhaps even yet the Lord God of Heaven's Armies will have mercy on the remnant of His people.

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UMI Outline #2

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Amos 5:18-20

A Day of Darkness

Amos 5:18-20

What sorrow awaits you who say, "If only the Day of the Lord were here!"

In that day you will be like a man who runs from a lion – only to meet a bear.

Yes, the Day of the Lord will be dark and hopeless, without a ray of joy or hope.

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UMI Outline #3

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Amos 5:21-24

God Desires Justice, Not Empty Rituals

Amos 5:21-22

“I hate all your show and pretense – the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and solemn assemblies.

I will not accept your burnt offerings and grain offerings.

Amos 5:23-24

Away with your noisy hymns of praise! I will not listen to the music of your harps.

Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice, an endless river of righteous living. [KJV: But let justice flow like water and righteousness, like an unfailing stream.]

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UMI Outline #4

Amos 5:25-27

Israel's Idolatry Results in Exile

Amos 5:25-26

“Was it me you were bringing sacrifices and offerings during the forty years in the wilderness, Israel?”

No, you served your pagan gods – Sakkuth your king god and Kaiwan your star god – the images you made for yourselves.

Amos 5:27

So I will send you into exile, to a land east of Damascus," says the Lord, whose Name is the God of Heaven's Armies.

Remember these things:

Let's keep it real in our worship and service for the Lord.

The Lord is pleased when we are genuine in what we do for Him.

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THE BABYLONIAN EMPIRE c. 600 BC