

“A Rude Awakening for the Smug”

Amos 5:18-20

I. An Unexpected Announcement

A) Misplaced Confidence

Amos 9:10 *All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, 'Disaster shall not overtake or meet us.'*

Matthew 7:21-23 *Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven ... And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.*

B) A Certain Outcome

II. Substituting Religion for Heart Obedience

A) Worshipping on their Terms

Isaiah 29:13 *... this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me*

What did they do?

Matthew 18:34-35

B) Worshipping on God's Terms

What does God want?

1) → “Seek me”

Amos 5:4-6 *For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: "Seek me and live;*

Do Not ...

- a) Seek Bethel
- b) Enter into Gilgal
- c) Cross over to Beersheba

Do ... Remember where you have fallen

Revelation 2:4-5 *But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first...*

2) → “Practice Justice”

Amos 5:24 *But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

Micah 6:8 *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

3) → “Live Righteously”

Amos 5:14-15 *Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.*

Assyrian Judgment 734-701 B.C.

<u>Prophet</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	
Jonah	793-753	Nineveh	
Hosea	750-722	Northern Israel	3 invasions: 740-734 B.C., 722 B.C., 701 B.C. (722 Fall of Samaria - Assyrian Exile)
Amos	760-750	Northern Israel	
Micah	735-701	Judah	
Nahum	663-612	Judah	
Isaiah	740-701	Judah	

Babylonian Judgement 605-586 B.C.

<u>Prophet</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	
Jeremiah	626-586	Judah	3 Invasions: 605 B.C., 597 B.C., 586/7 B.C. (586 Fall of Jerusalem - Babylonian Exile)
Zephaniah	640-609	Judah	
Joel	597-586	Judah	
Obadiah	597-586	Judah	
Habakkuk	605	Judah	
Ezekiel	597-586	Babylon	
Daniel	605-539	Babylon	

Restoration Period 539-400 B.C.

<u>Prophet</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	
Haggai	520	Jerusalem	Rebuilding of Temple Finished 515 B.C. (538/9 B.C. Return from Exile)
Zechariah	520	Jerusalem	
Malachi	450-400	Jerusalem	

Preaching Schedule

<u>DATES</u>	<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>Subject/Topic</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>Subject/Topic</u>
Oct 14	Intro	1) Intro to Minor Prophets	Jan 13	Jonah	13) The Missionary God
Oct 21	Hosea	2) This is your last chance	Jan 20	Obadiah	14) Reveling in Disaster
Oct 28	Hosea	3) No Rivals	Jan 27	Micah	15) Messiah & the Latter Days
Nov 4	Hosea	4) God's Amazing Love	Feb 3	Micah	16) What the LORD Requires
Nov 11	Amos	5) Social Justice is Godly	Feb 10	Nahum	17) Nineveh's Impending Fall
Nov 18	Amos	6) The Day of the LORD	Feb 17	Zephaniah	18) Judgement & Singing
Nov 25	Amos	7) Judgement & Salvation	Feb 24	Haggai	19) Rebuilding Project
Dec 2		New Members Sunday	Mar 3	Zechariah	20) Repent & Return to God
Dec 9	Amos	8) Recognizing Hand of LORD	Mar 10	Zechariah	21) 8 Visions
Dec 16	Joel	9) The Day of the LORD	Mar 17	Zechariah	22) Joshua the High Priest
Dec 23	Joel	10) The Day of the Church	Mar 24	Malachi	23) Return to Me
Dec 30	Habakkuk	11) Righteous Live by Faith	Mar 31	Summary	24) Minor Prophets
Jan 6	Habakkuk	12) Hope: Always Rejoicing			