

12 – CONDEMNATION AND DISCIPLINE (AMOS 3:1-4:13)

I. The Lord's Condemnations (Amos 3:1-15)

A. Israel's Relationship with the Lord (3:1-8)

1. The Call to Listen (Amos 3:1)

- Amos calls the people to listen to the word of the Lord who brought them out of Egypt.

2. The Exclusive Relationship (Amos 3:2)

- Out of all of the nations, the Lord proclaims that he has only known them.
- Because of that exclusive relationship, he will punish them for their iniquities.

3. The Questions (Amos 3:3-6)

- The Lord asks a series of rhetorical questions to express his sovereignty.

4. The Lord's Forthrightness (Amos 3:7)

- The Lord expresses that he does nothing without revealing his plans to his prophets.

5. The Lion has Roared (Amos 3:8)

- Amos proclaims that the Lord has roared, therefore he can't do anything but proclaim it.

B. Israel's Moral Decadence (3:9-10)

- The Lord calls the nations to come and observed the condition of Israel.
- Israel no longer knows what is right and has stored up violence and robbery.

C. The Coming Catastrophe (3:11-15)

- The Lord announces an adversary who will sap their strength and plunder their palaces.
- To answer those who believed in God's help for the nation, Amos brings God's word.
- The chance of the Lord's help is like a shepherd finding a few remains of an animal taken by a lion.
- The Lord will bring judgment on the altars of Bethel and the palaces of Israel.

II. Unheeded Disciplines (Amos 4:1-13)

The Voices of God to Israel: The Minor Prophets

A. The Coming Exile (Amos 4:1-5)

- The Lord refers to the wealthy women of Israel as cows who oppress the poor.
- The Lord has sworn that they will be carried away into exile with fishhooks.
- The Lord tells them to go make their offerings to their meaningless idols.

B. Their Refusal to Repent (Amos 4:6-13)

- The Lord states that he gave them famine and drought, but they did not respond.
- The Lord struck their agriculture with blight and locusts, but they did not respond.
- The Lord struck them with a plague and death, but they did not respond.
- Because they refused to listen, they were to prepare to meet their God.
- The Lord proclaims himself as the creator and the sovereign God.