

# The Voices of God to Israel: The Minor Prophets

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## 13 – THE FALL OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM (AMOS 5:1-6:14)

### I. The Kingdom's Downfall (Amos 5:1-17)

#### A. Lamentation (Amos 5:1-3)

- The prophet shares a lamentation concerning that Israel having fallen and will not rise again.
- The Lord proclaims that Israel will experience massive losses.

#### B. The Call to Return (Amos 5:4-9)

- The Lord calls them to seek him and live.
- He tells them not to seek their idols at the traditional locations in Judah.
- They were to seek the Lord before he brings devastation upon them.
- The Lord is the sovereign creator who brings judgment and ruin upon the mighty.

#### C. The Nation's Sin (Amos 5:10-13)

- The nations hate and despises the righteous who speaks out.
- The nation oppresses the poor while they live in luxury.
- God pronounces they will experience judgment because he knows their sins.

#### D. The Exhortation (Amos 5:14-15)

- The prophet calls them to seek good and not evil so that the Lord may be with them.
- They were to hate evil and seek good as they establish a just judicial system.
- By doing this, maybe the Lord God will be gracious to the remnant of Israel.

#### E. The Coming Doom (Amos 5:16-17)

- The Lord proclaims that there will be great mourning as he passes by in judgment.

### II. The First Woe (Amos 5:18-27)

#### A. Misguided Hope (Amos 5:18-20)

- Woe is pronounced on those who desire and rest in the Day of Lord.
- The prophet states that the coming day will do them no good.

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- The Day of the Lord is dark and Israel will find no haven from God's judgment.

## B. Concerning Their Worship (Amos 5:21-27)

- The Lord proclaims that he hates their religious activities and their offerings.
- Instead, the Lord wants justice and righteousness from his people.

## III. The Second Woe (Amos 6:1-14)

### A. Complacent Indulgence (Amos 6:1-7)

- The prophet pronounces woe on those who sitting in comfort and trusting in the nation's strength.
- He calls them to look at the surrounding nations and see if Israel is better than those nations.
- He pronounces woe on those who think the coming doom is far off.
- They sit in ease and they are not grieved by the afflictions of their own people.
- The Lord proclaims that they shall go in exile and those in ease will be removed.

### B. The Lord's Anger and Judgment (Amos 6:8-14)

- The Lord expresses that he hates the pride of Israel and its palaces.
- Because of this, the Lord will deliver the city and everyone in it.
- The prophet describes the horror of so many who will be killed.
- They will be afraid to mention the Lord's name, lest he recognize that some have escaped judgment.
- The prophet presents two unthinkable images to express the nation's arrogance.
- The Lord will bring a nation against Israel who will afflict them greatly.