

I. Wrongs Reviewed - Amos 2:4-8

1. God is going to judge the nations - see the list from 1:3-2:3
- Rea -so the judgment of God is for ALL nations not just Christian ones
2. Judah will be judged as well (**verse 4**)
- Rea -Judah is the southern kingdom, Israel is the northern one
3. The judgment on Judah uses the same wording as the judgment on the nations
- Rea -does it bother you to think that God will judge you just like He will judge say...
Russia?
4. With the word “because” you get to find out why God judged Judah and why God will judge others as well
 - A. Rejected the Lord’s instruction
 - B. Not kept His statutes
 - C. The lies of the ancestors-like their ancestors they had become infatuated with the lies of false prophets
 - *to reject God’s instructions is to reject God Himself
- Rea 5. If you dare, discuss the things that America might be judged for
6. God will send fire against Judah (**verse 5**)
- Rea -a apt analogy for His judgment
7. I will not relent (**verse 6**)
 - A. They sell the righteous
 - B. They sell the needy*oppression
 - C. They sold into slavery those who couldn’t pay their bills - small debts
8. They “trample” the poor (**verse 7**)
 - they obstruct the need
 - they are involved in incest
8. Compare the words of Proverbs 22:22-23 about the poor
10. These sins “profaned the holy name” of God
- Rea -our actions reflect on God
11. They took the garments of the poor (**verse 8**)
 - They drank the wine taken from the poor
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. The people of God and those who are not the people of God will be held to the same standards??
 2. This might be seen as a “sin list”
 - I was taught at seminary not to get into a “sin list” - but here is one
 3. Discuss how God looks after the poor - and why

II. History Relived - Amos 2:9-11

1. He reminds them what He had done for them (**verse 9**)
 - A. I destroyed the Amorite
 - B. I destroyed his fruit and his roots
- Rea -together these words speak to thorough destruction

C. I brought you out of Egypt (**verse 10**)

And then through the wilderness

And then into the promised land

D. I raised up some of your sons to be prophets and others to be Nazirites (**verse 11**)

-it is a true privilege to be used as God's spokesmen

2. Is this not the case?

Rea -a challenging question

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Has the blessing of God made you better? - more dedicated

2. Have you quickly forgotten what God has done for you?

3. God identifies Himself as the one who is responsible for all these good things

III. Judgment Reckoned - Amos 2:12-16

1. But you (**verse 12**)

A. Made your Nazirites to drink wine

-this would make them less than God's spokesmen that they were intended

B. Made your prophets not to speak

-had rather have silence than the word of God

Rea -judging by Sunday morning attendance people do not want to hear the word of the Lord

Rea -do you really want to hear from God?

2. I am about to crush you (**verse 13**)

-like a weighted wagon

-the same God who blessed them was about to judge them

Rea -seems appropriate doesn't it?

-they've received such an abundance that God was going to all them to be crushed

3. Even the swift will not escape (**verse 14**)

-the warrior will not save his own life

4. The archer will not stand his ground (**verse 15**)

-the one on horseback will not save himself

Rea 5. Save "himself"

6. Most courageous will not survive (**verse 16**)

-this is God's declaration

Rea -there is no "if" "ands" and "buts" when God "declares"

-there is no escape when God sends judgment

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Even though they were "blessed" they would be "judged"

2. God takes down the proud - always

3. If we recognize God's blessing, we will be made into better persons