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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Amos

C1-4

C1 Amos is the shepherd from Tekoa in Judah. Neighboring nations will experience the wrath of God because of their part in oppressing God's people. No matter the condition of God's people the pattern of allowing their enemies to overcome them, is followed by their enemies demise. It's never a fortunate experience to concoct evil toward believers no matter how disobedient they are.

C2 The prophets turns attention toward Judah and Israel. Comparing both nations, there will be fire coming upon Judah for apostasy. They simply reject God. They would not follow his commands. Jesus said if you love me, obey my commands (.). Concerning Israel they oppressed the poor and sold people into slavery. They too did the unspeakable sexually, and did not have any sense of thankfulness when The Lord defeated their enemies (7,9-11).

C3 God had an exclusive relationship with them, but they treated the relationship as less than common. When there should be a primary focus on The Lord.

One of the extraordinary principles in the prophecy is God's policy of advanced warning and revelation. He reveals his plans to his servants the prophets (7). Given, His people's condition no one will be able to save them (12).

C4 As with the other prophets much of the dishonor is attributed to success (1). However it is noteworthy that they continue to have religious services. That is, they still went to church and had church meetings and offerings (4-5). Note the offering to idols. They did have other shrines and gods, but this may be activities directed toward The Lord, but because of their hearts it was no better than offering to idols.

Also, they just did not get it. The Lord's policy is to administrate correction incrementally. He does not completely allow the enemy to neutrally wipe our His people. It's only when they have been dishonorable over time. The prophecy is so assured, Amos speaks in present tense. As a

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result the whole catalog of correction is unleashed (12).

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