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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Amos

C1-3

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 nation their 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 to 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

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then common. When their 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).

C4-6

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

C5 Again, speaking in present tense the prophet announced the fall. We see this with all of the prophets (1-2). Following the proclamation, the appeal again is to repent. They are reminded that The Lord created the galaxy.

Horoscopes continues to be a plague to believers. Many believers see horoscopes as a matter to dabble. We can connect the dots that it is considered idolatry no matter how harmless we may consider it.

There's a marvelous word within this prophecy of doom. God turns darkness into light (8). And whenever we believe The Lord is taking too long, it has to be his plan to do so. As the prophet reveals, The Lord responds with blinding speed and power (9). The prophet is clear, run from evil. Then God will be our helper (14).

There were those who called upon the day of The Lord as if it would not be that horrific. But often in our lives we try to escape circumstances we create without confession and admission. The prophet says it's like fleeing from a lion running into a bear (19).

God simply will not accept any church activity while we conduct ourselves with contemptuous activities (21-23). The Lord desires the pure heart (24).

C6 This chapter turns more to the people as a whole again. It is clear that arrogance is a major driver in their condition (8). They have completely lost a since of balance even thinking they were responsible for their victories (13-14).

C7-9

C7 The prophet has a series of visions locusts, fire and a plumb line. While the first two

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are obviously those that devastate the land, the plumb line vision is not as obvious. The two former, The Lord does not do them or it would exterminate the nation. The plumb line was like a level to determine the accuracy of a wall or beam. God would use the plumb line to measure Israel.

Amaziah the priest accuses Amos of hatching a plot against Israel, and tells him to return to Judah. It is to the demise of Amaziah and his family as Amos pronounces the priest's death.

C8 This chapter has the ripe fruit object lesson. Israel is ripe for punishment. They also had the typical "attend church" mentality. But they could barely hear the benediction before they returned to their sin (5).

C9. The final chapter is the final chapter. It is filled with the extreme degree of what He will do to Israel. The land will melt with God's heat of correction. Then the question that provides clarity for eternity, is Israel more important than Ethiopians? Contextually, the answer is no! He provides similar stories with other nations. However, this is stated in the sense of punishment. If He'll punish other nations, He'll certainly punish Israel arguably even more.

However, there is no question concerning their call to be a light to all nations, and their selection by God among all other peoples and nations, their importance without question and they are unique in this regard.

The prophecy ends with hope. God will restore the fallen house of David (11). The people will never be uprooted again.

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