

ATOMS FROM AMOS

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INTRODUCTION

Atoms From Amos

A new atomic reactor for personal development.

(Meditate upon each Atom for one minute).

Each A-Bomb mushrooms with four flashes of light.

I. Atomic Energy For Modern Man

A practical statement of truth.

II. Atomic Radiation From The Holy Bible

A Scripture reference from Amos.

III. Atomic Fall Out For Spiritual Renewal

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ATOM Come To Tekoa Country

AMOS Amos 1:1 The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

ANALYSIS "Amos" means "burden-bearer". A fearless man living at Tekoa on the edge of the desert working as a shepherd. Uzziah was King of Judah and Jeroboam son of Joash king of Israel.

APPLICATION Amos says two years before the earthquake he received "SAW" Spiritual insight of Gods Gospel for the nations.

1. Are God's chosen people immuned from judgment?

2. Amos 1:2 And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion,
 and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the
 habitations of the shepherds shall mourn,
 and the top of Carmel shall wither.

3. As crowds gathered for a religious festival, tranquility
was disturbed by the roaring Lion of Judgment. When the
Shepherd hears the roar he knows the lion is leaping upon
a helpless lamb.

4. Amos says, boasting civilizations face imminent disaster
and will wilt on the vine.

1. Education that teaches reading, writing, and rioting.

2. Amos 1:3-5 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Danascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:

But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad.

I will break also the bar of Danascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD.

3. The idea of three or four tells of multiplied evil deeds. Revolt against moral law had displaced godliness with the noise of unrighteousness. Atrocities had replaced decency.

4. Amos says rebellious acts are against God and Judgment will "not be turned" or detoured from the transgressions.

1. Concern for the civil rights of humanity.

2. Amos 1:6-8 Thus saith the LOED; For three transgressions of Gazia, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom:

But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof:

And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD.

3. Captives of war were disposed of for commercial gain. Selling a whole town into slavery was not unusual. Slave-trading markets were to be found throughout the ancient world. Human life was cheap.

4. Amos says the slave trading nations must become slaves of God or lose their identity.

1. Finding the best and worst in the Shopping Center.

2. Amos 1:9-10 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant:

But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

3. Tyre the most important commercial center had trade relations with all people. Slaves could be bought in her markets. Queen Jezebel was the daughter of the King of Tyre.

4. Amos says human rights should never be up for sale or toyed with by politicians.

1. Forgiveness is the best policy.

2. Amos 1:11-12 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:

But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

3. Edom nursed her hatred for Israel. The Scripture traces the rivalry back to Jacob and Esau. Esau hunted or pursued his brother. His object was to persecute, harass, and seek revenge.

4. Amos says we need to remember the covenant of Brethren.

1. Does everything go in time of war?

2. Amos 1:13-15 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child, of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:

But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:

And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.

3. The Ammonites were decendants of Lot. Cruelty reached its peak in their greed. Pregnant women were ripped apart by their soldiers as they invaded Gilead.

4. Amos says, the shadow of judgment would cover the peasant, princes, and potentate!

1. Respect for the dead is honorable.

2. Amos 2:1-3 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:

But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kirioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet:

And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

3. Funerals and graveyards are due certain considerations. Moab had desecrated the body of a dead Edomite King (2 Kings 3:27). They burnt the bones to lime-powder.

4. Amos says, for this violence the nations will become a "has been". (Even criminals received a decent burial. Deut. 21:23; Josh. 10:27.)

1. Self Judgment is unusual.

2. Amos 2:4-5 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:

But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

3. Even the Prophets were sure of Judgment when thinking of foreign nations. They were sure of mercy when thinking of their home land. Judah has been unfaithful to the commandments of the Lord.

4. Amos says, for spurning the right way I point the index finger towards self.

1. National greatness gone down the drain.

2. Amos 2:6-7a. Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;

That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek:

3. The courts of Israel were controled by bribed judges. Honest, innocent men were sold for "the price of a pair of shoes". The humble poor man with a small debt was trampled in the dust.

4. Amos says, no man should take advantage of the poor, nor hinder him in his purpose to follow God.

Never profane holy thing.

Amos 2:7b-8. And a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name:

And they lay themselves down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god.

Profane means to "untie". The young men and old men took their wine bottle and went in unto the Temple prostitute. The purpose of church attendance was evil. Holy things of God were made common!

Amos says, religious exercise should be a purifying experience.

The indisputable voice of history.

Amos 2:9-12 Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.

But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not.

God had uprooted the inhabitants of Canaan. Delivered Israel from bondage in Egypt. Provided food and raiment for 40 years in the wilderness. And called Prophets to proclaim Gods commandments to the nation.

Amos says, the nations glory is fading because they silenced the God called preachers.

Atom: Judgment is like a wagon full of sheaves.

Amos 2:13-16 Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.

Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself:

Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself.

And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

The ground is giving away beneath a groaning over-burdened wagon. The load has been pressed down and progress has reached a standstill. The warrior, the swift runner, the expert horseman, and the common man are in the wagon.

Amos says the wagon of life is over laden with sin and not even the stout-hearted will escape God's punishment.

Atoms The disasters of the natural world are sermons from God.

Amos 4:6-11

And I also have given you cleanness of teeth
in all your cities, and want of bread in all
your places: yet have ye not returned unto me,
saith the LORD.

And also I have withholden the rain from you,
when there were yet three months to the harvest:
and I caused it to rain upon one city, and
caused it not to rain upon another city: one
piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon
it rained not withered.

So two or three cities wandered unto one city,
to drink water; but they were not satisfied:
yet have not ye returned unto me saith the Lord.

I have smitten you with blasting and mildew:
when your gardens and your vineyards and your
fig trees and your olive trees increased, and
palmworm devoured them: yet have ye not
returned unto me, saith the LORD.

I have sent among you the pestilence after the
manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain
with the sword, and have taken away your horses;
and I have made the stink of your camps to come
up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned
unto me, saith the LORD.

I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew
Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand
plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not
returned unto me, saith the LORD.

Famine - Lack of bread;
Drought - rain fell on select villages,
Blight - figs and grapes were blasted with mildew;
Plague - locusts sheared the crops;
Earthquake - death and destruction.

Amos says you ignored the natural warnings and "did not return to Jehovah".

Atom When it is a sin to attend church.

Amos 4:4-5. Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years:

And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord God.

They go to Bethel and Gilgal for worship. Their ritual was correct -- singing, prayers, and offerings were magnificent. All this to satisfy self.

Amos says religion had become a show whereas sincere church going transforms life.

Atom The over-fed and under-worked women.

Amos 4:1-3

Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that
are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress
the poor, which crush the needy, which say to
their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that
lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will
take you away with hooks, and your posterity
with fishhooks.

And ye shall go out at the breaches, every cow
at that which is before her; and ye shall cast
them into the palace, saith the LORD.

The group of rich wives are described as fat, sleek cows. Their
time was spent in nagging their husbands for more money to spend.

Amos says women who are lazy and desire only luxury are guaranteed
a ghastly fate.

Atom Beware of the cottage on the beach or upon the mountain.

Amos 3:14-15

That, in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.

And I will smite the winter house with the summer house: and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the Lord.

Israel had prospered. Many owned winter houses, some owned summer homes, and others ivory houses. A neglect of God is evident in this luxury.

Amos says the last house of refuge, the horns of the altar shall be cut off.

Atom Salvation by a close shave.

Amos 3:12-13

Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch.

Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord God, the God of hosts.

The revelation is doom without hope. The shepherd sometimes rescued just a pair of knuckle bones or the tip of a lamb's ear from the lion's mouth.

Amos says there will be almost complete annihilation and only a very small remnant will escape the doom predicted.

Amos As crooked as a cork screw.

Amos 3:9-11

Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and
in the palaces in the land of Egypt,
and say, Assemble yourselves upon the
mountains of Samaria, and behold the
great tumults in the midst thereof,
and the oppressed in the midst thereof.

For they know not to do right, saith
the LORD, who store up violence and
robbery in their palaces.

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
An adversary there shall be even round
about the land; and he shall bring down
thy strength from thee, and thy palaces
shall be spoiled.

Israel was not on God's track. "Outsiders" took note of this,
and civil strife plus great disorders would arise from Assyria
and Egypt.

Amos says they were strangers to straight-honest dealing and
even the ordinary things of life were twisted.

Amos There is a particular purpose for every person.

Amos 3:4-8

Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? Will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?

Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him? Shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can be prophesy?

In the country the lion gives notice of his intentions with a roar. The bait brings the bird into the snare. In the city trumpet (siren) sounds the warning.

Amos says the Lord chooses his prophet and proclaims His secrets through the preacher chosen.

Atom Never select friends from the junkyards of humanity.

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be
agreed?

Individuals do not journey together unless some contract is made.
There must be some common knowledge of direction and destiny. A
long trip is usually planned.

Amos says men can have no pleasure on a trip unless there be
harmony.

Atom Family relationship demons responsibility

Amos 3:1-2

Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O Children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

The chosen people of God are regarded as a family. This special privilege of Israel carried a corresponding obligation. The covenant bound them together.

Amos says God has intimate personal knowledge of His family and God will punish the disobedient member.

Atom Prepare to meet the Russians.

Amos 4:12-13

Therefore thus will I do unto thee,
O Israel: and because I will do this
unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O
Israel.

For, lo, he that formeth the mountains,
and createth the wind, and declareth
unto man what is his thought, that
maketh the morning darkness, and
treadeth upon the high places of the
earth, the Lord, the God of hosts, is
his name.

Israel had prepared for earthly living but ignored the spiritual side of life. God of creation has declared his intentions to overthrow the favoured nation.

Amos says man most important - preparation is not temporal but is getting ready to meet his maker.

Atom A Ghost Town Religion

Amos 5:1-2

Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel.

The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up.

Jerusalem has boasted and Israel has boasted of security. History speaks of the most powerful nations being destroyed. Could America be next?

Amos says Israel has failed in her destiny and will die as a virgin without having married or borne children.

Atom Not all the soldiers come marching home.

Amos 5:3 For thus saith the Lord GOD; The
city that went out by a thousand
shall leave a hundred, and that
which went forth by a hundred shall
leave ten, to the house of Israel.

War has been described as Hell. Nothing good can be said
about the mechanics of shedding human blood nor the fruits
of battle.

Amos says only 100 shall return from a thousand sent to war
and only ten shall march from the battle line out of one
hundred.

Atom Church tramps and the remedy.

Amos 5:4-6

For thus said the Lord unto the house
of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live:

But seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal,
and pass not to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall
surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall
come to nought.

Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he
break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and devour it, and there be none to quench
it in Bethel.

They visited every church in the land, some were going to Bethel,
others praised worship at Gilgal, and yet there were many who said
Beer-Sheba is the place to find spiritual worshippers.

Amos says God can only be found by seeking Him with a pure heart and
not by visiting shrines.

Atom The Supreme Court had been stacked.

Amos 5:7-13

Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and
leave off righteousness in the earth,

Seek him that maketh the seven stars
and Orion, and turneth the shadow of
death into the morning, and maketh
the day dark with night: that calleth
for the waters of the sea, and poureth
them out upon the face of the earth:
the Lord is his name:

That strengtheneth the spoiled against
the strong, so that the spoiled shall
come against the fortress.

They hate him that rebuketh in the gate,
and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

Forasmuch therefore as your treading is
upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens
of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone,
but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have
planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not
drink wine of them.

For I know your manifold transgressions and
your mighty sins: they afflict the just,
they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor
in the gate from their right.

Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in
that time; for it is an evil time.

'Blood money' or bribes had covered Justice from view. It was bitter
in the sight of the Creator. Judges lived in big houses with pleasant
vineyards. Exploitation of the poor produced fortunes.

Amos says a true witness was lonely in court and charged the court as
guilty of gross injustice.

Atom A prescription for staying alive.

Amos 5:14-15 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live:
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall
be with you, as ye have spoken.

Hate the evil, and love the good, and
establish judgment in the gate: it may
be that the LORD GOD of hosts will be
gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

The citizens were blind to any responsibility in the democracy.
Justice was a stranger in the land. Bomb shelters nor miracle drugs
can purify the conscience.

Amos says seeking good will keep you alive and has eternity in its
contents.

Atom When the mortician breaks forth with great lamentation.

Amos 5:16-17

Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skillful of lamentation to wailing.

And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.

On every street corner citizens were congregated with tear-filled eyes. In every shop and field folks were mourning. Amateur and professional were at the wailing wall.

Amos says a time of universal sorrow will come because they hate good and love bad.

The fastest athlete will lose the race.

Amos 5:18-20

Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

"The day of the Lord" is the goal. All waited for a new age. A man flees from a lion and runs smack into a bear. A man rushes into his house feeling secure and while leaning against the wall is bitten by a snake.

Amos says the score has been recorded and there are no winners in the heathen arena.

Present formal worship is categorically rejected.

Amos 5:21-27

I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chium your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.

Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts.

Religion degenerated into a system of big occasions. The ritual was padded with sessions of Lent, solemn convocations, series of memorial lectures, and singing noisy songs.

Amos says the annual pilgrimage to church is without virtue unless righteousness rolls down like waters of a never failing stream.

Dangers in being the most powerful and prosperous nation on earth.

Amos 6:1-7

Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;

That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of music, like David;

That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

A confidence of safety prevailed. Officials in the capital were sprawled out on ivory beds, giving cynical speeches, and swilling wine by the bowlful.

Amos says luxury prepared them for Judgment, and had put out of their minds the staggering problems at home and abroad.

Death marches from the cottage to the capital.

Amos 6:8-10

The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all there is therein.

And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die.

And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD.

Scarcely a survivor will escape the epidemic. So few will be alive, perhaps one to a house, the undertaker must search for the dead.

Amos says God will abandon your capital because of pride, and cover the land with death like dew drops from Heaven.

A nation where the land-owning farmers have been reduced to peasants.

Amos 6:11-14

For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

Shall horses run upon the rock? will one plow there with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock:

Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?

But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of the wilderness.

Two questions with obvious answers are given in reference to judicial matters. Can horses gallop up rocky crags? Can farmers plough the ocean with oxen?

Amos says the aristocratic rich who controlled the law courts will discover disastrous results from their inner corruption.

The day when taxes were paid with bails of hay.

Amos 7:1-3

Thus hath the Lord GOD showed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings.

And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.

The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

Tax on all pasture land was the first mowings. This tribute went to the King to feed his cattle and horses. A swarm of locusts had already formed to shear the hay field.

Amos says they could heave a sigh of relief because God through his mercy had stayed the potential calamity.

The atomic power may yet consume the earth with fire.

Amos 7:4-6

Thus hath the Lord GOD showed unto me:
and, behold, the Lord GOD called to
contend by fire, and it devoured the
great deep, and did eat up a part.

Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I
beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob
arise? for he is small.

The LORD repented for this: This also
shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

Having knowledge of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah the
prophet visioned a flaming fire covering all of creation. The
prophet prayed for the nations deliverance.

Amos says in answer to prayer God has put the "fire judgment" off
until a later date.

Atom - A day when the building code was too rigid for contractors.

Amos 7:7-9

Thus he showed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more.

And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

The toughest test was made on the walls using a leaden plummet. The Lord handles the plumb bob personally.

Amos says God's moral plumbline is now testing the nation and the lives of individuals.

Atom The Preachers sermon did not suit the congregation.

Amos 7:10-13

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.

The country was shaken by the sermon on judgment. Even the priest and King felt the sting - the condemnation.

Amos says he was told to break bread with another nation and this was a polite way of wanting to trade off a fearless preacher.

Looking upon the ministry as a professional job.

Amos 7:14-17

Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah,
I was no prophet, neither was I a prophets
son; but I was a herdman, and a gatherer
of sycamore fruit:

And the LORD took me as I followed the
flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go,
prophesy unto my people Israel,

Now therefore hear thou the word of the
LORD: Thou sayest, Prophecy not against
Israel, and drop not thy word against the
house of Isaac.

Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife
shall be a harlot in the city, and thy
sons and thy daughters shall fall by the
sword, and thy land shall be divided by
line; and thou shalt die in a polluted
land: and Israel shall surely go into
captivity forth of his land.

He was not a member of the prophetic guild. Nor did he claim to be a preachers son. There was no special garb to distinguish him as a minister.

Amos says God called me when I was a 'cattlemen' and gave me my mandate directly from heaven.

The last bushel of apples from the orchard.

Amos 8:1-3

Thus hath the Lord GOD showed unto me:
and behold a basket of summer fruit.

And he said, Amos, what seest thou?
And I said, A basket of summer fruit.
Then said the LORD unto me, The end
is come upon my people of Israel; I
will not again pass by them any more.

And the songs of the temple shall be
howlings in that day, saith the Lord
GOD: there shall be many dead bodies
in every place; they shall cast them
forth with silence.

The fruit season has passed. The Autumn frost has arrived. This
is the last of the crop.

Amos says judgment is over-ripe like fruit past season, and the
sweet singing women sound like the screaming hinges of the Temple
door.

Attending church with the mind in reverse.

Amos 8:4-8

Hear this, O Ye that swallow up the needy,
even to make the poor of the land to fail,

Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that
we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we
may set forth wheat, making the ephah small,
and the shekel great, and falsifying the
balances by deceit?

That we may buy the poor for silver, and the
needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the
refuse of the wheat?

The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob,
Surely I will never forget any of their works.

Shall not the land tremble for this, and every
one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall
rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast
out and drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

The worshippers tuned the sermon out and concentrated upon money making,
selling wheat, and cheating with deceitful scales.

Amos says these greedy folks could scarcely wait until the benediction
to go out and trample the poor.

A time when the bald head will not shine.

Amos 8:9-10

And it shall come to pass in that day,
saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the
sun to go down at noon, and I will darken
the earth in the clear day:

And I will turn your feasts into mourning,
and all your songs into lamentation; and
I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins,
and baldness upon every head; and I will
make it as the mourning of an only son,
and the end thereof as a bitter day.

A total eclipse of the sun at noonday. Baldness is here associated with the custom of mourning. Self-glory reaches its mid-day peak.

Amos says judgment will turn joyous songs into intense lamentation.

Amos Weeds are thick in the church yard and cob-webs cover the pulpit.

Amos 8:11-12 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:

And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

A great famine of gospel preaching invaded the land. Few God called young men were entering the ministry. Forces had closed the mouths of the true preachers.

Amos says spiritually hungry people were staggering 'to and fro' desiring to hear the word of God.

Aton Getting where the action is and finding your hands tied.

Amos 8:13-14 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beershebaliveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

Their allegiance had been given to a goddess or patron known as "their darling". False worship was common and true worship rare.

Amos says judgment will shake the capital and even the fair maidens and youths in full vigour would fall unable to act in self-defense.

Atom Quick sand is an unsuitable foundation.

Amos 9:5-6

And the Lord GOD of hosts is he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his name.

Men of the world were sure to collapse. Judgment is like the Nile River coming in over the land or the surging waves of the sea.

Amos says when your life is built upon God the dikeings are firmly fixed for eternity.

Atom The game of hide and seek is over - coming - ready or
not!

Amos 9:1-4 I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and
he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that
the posts may shake: and cut them in the head,
all of them; and I will slay the last of them
with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall
not flee away, and he that escapeth of them
shall not be delivered.

Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine
hand take them; though they climb up to heaven,
thence will I bring them down:

And though they hide themselves in the top of
Carmel, I will search and take them out thence;
and though they be hid from my sight in the
bottom of the sea, thence will I command the
serpent, and he shall bite them:

And though they go into captivity before their
enemies, thence will I command the sword, and
it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes
upon them for evil, and not for good.

They tried to hide in the church, in a tunnel underground, in a cave
beneath the sea, and on the peak of a high mountain. Those who slip
by the first disaster will be hunted and judged.

Amos says no man can save himself and those who have rejected God will
face final doom.

Election returns tell the tale.

Amos 9:7-8

Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the Lord.

Questions were raised about Ethiopians and Philistines. Israel thought in terms of a national God-chosen and elected for salvation.

Amos says his prediction of salvation and damnation is based upon your stand for or against God.

In Eternity the grain elevators are filled with clean corn.

Amos 9:9-10

For, lo, I will command-- and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

The eyes of Jehovah are upon the land-grabbing sinful. They will be given the sieve test and the rubbish completely destroyed.

Amos says the faithful and sinful will be separated as corn through a sieve.

Atom Prophecy turns on the light for todays traveler.

Amos 9:11-12

In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

"The day of Jehovah" was thought of in two ways. First, day of judgment for the enemies of God. Second, day of peace for the friends of God.

Amos says one day wars will cease and the promises of a righteous kingdom fulfilled.

Atom Government programs are no longer needed by the farmer.

Amos 9:13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
that the plowman shall overtake the
reaper, and the treader of grapes him
that soweth seed; and the mountains
shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills
shall melt.

The fertility of the soil plus a perfect season will bring joy.
Before the ploughman has finished, the reaper is gathering the
grain. Fruit will be in abundance.

Amos says the Messianic age is in prospect and the heavens will drip
with the sweetness of God.

Atom The day when all of your worries will be over.

Amos 9:14-15 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

God's people are to be planted in the promise land and shall never be uprooted! All wars, perilous days, raiding enemies, and trials will end.

Amos says the long history of troubles will pass as God interceeds, and brings his followers into the land of peace.