

AMOS AS A PROPHET OF HOPE

Amos said that if the people of Israel repented God would show them His love and mercy once again.

Amos made a call to the people of Israel to go to the Lord. He assured them that this would be the only way for them to live.

In the first two visions, Amos pleaded with the Lord to forgive and have mercy on His people. He justified his plea that Israel was too small for such punishment and indeed the Lord listened to him.

Amos prophesied that a few people in Israel would remain and survive God's destruction.

These would comprise those who had been righteous for they would be the people the Lord would continue dealing with.

Amos called upon the people of Israel to have a change in heart instead of showing hypocrisy in their ways of worship. In doing so, the prophet said that God would show them His mercy.

Amos foresaw a time when justice would prevail in the court of law. This fairness would enable the people to enjoy themselves.

Amos prophesied that there would be happiness in the future. He attributed this to the restoration and the reunion of the Davidic kingdom.

Amos declared that the Lord still loved the people of Israel despite their sinfulness. He presented the Lord wondering how he could ever give up on His people. This meant that

God was still willing to keep Israel as His own people.

Amos foretold the time in Israel when the people's corns would grow faster than they could harvest. This meant that Israel would have plenty of food.

Amos said that the mountains in Israel would drip with sweet wines that everybody would have in plenty to drink.

Amos prophesied a time when Israel would return to the land of their ancestors. This meant that their exile would come to an end.

Amos told the Israelites that the Lord would keep the promises He had made to the ancestor Abraham. For this reason, they would continue being His chosen people.

Amos said that law and order would be maintained in the Davidic kingdom. In the process, all the people would follow the covenant laws.

Amos prophesied that the Lord would give victory to Israel over her enemies. He showed the people that it would be the Lord to fight the enemies but not themselves.

According to Amos, the Lord would spare the descendants of Jacob. He would only destroy the wicked meaning that the repentant would be spared.

Amos prophesied that a new king would be appointed for Israel. This king would be righteous and rule with justice as opposed to his predecessors.

Amos prophesied that Israel would once again conquer what was left in Edom.

Amos declared that their ruined city Jerusalem would be rebuilt and so would be its temple.

Revision Questions

1. "You refuse to admit that a day of disaster is coming but what you do only brings the day closer" (Amos 6:3) To what extent do Amos show that disaster in Israel was reality and irreversible?
2. "According to Amos God's judgement on Israel would be severe to the point of no return". Discuss
3. "Amos' message was more of a message of hope than condemnation" Discuss
4. To what extent is Amos referred to as prophet of doom?

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