

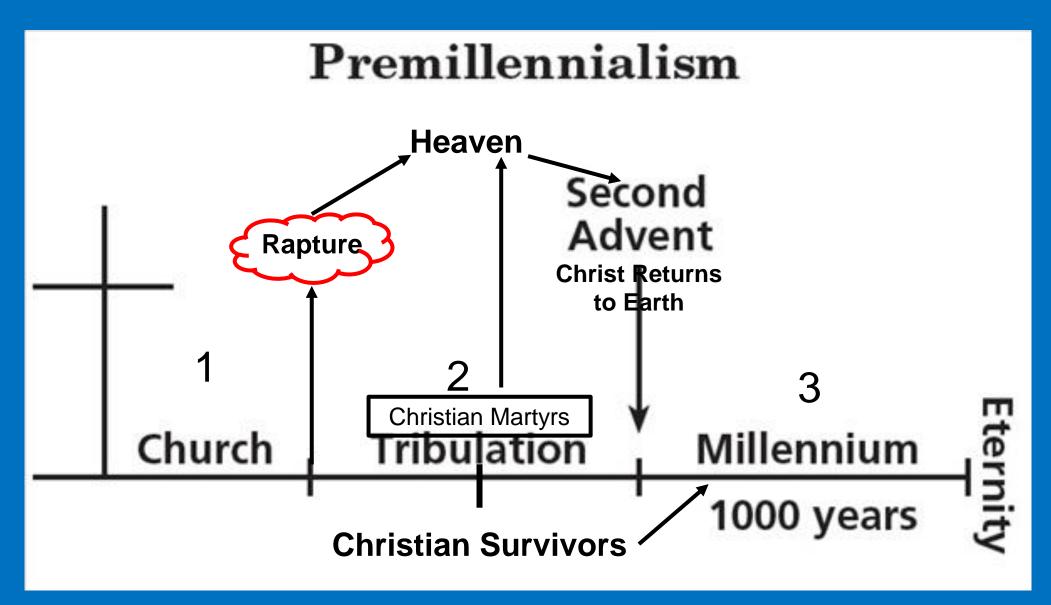
Chapter 5
Amos
755 B.C.

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Chapter One



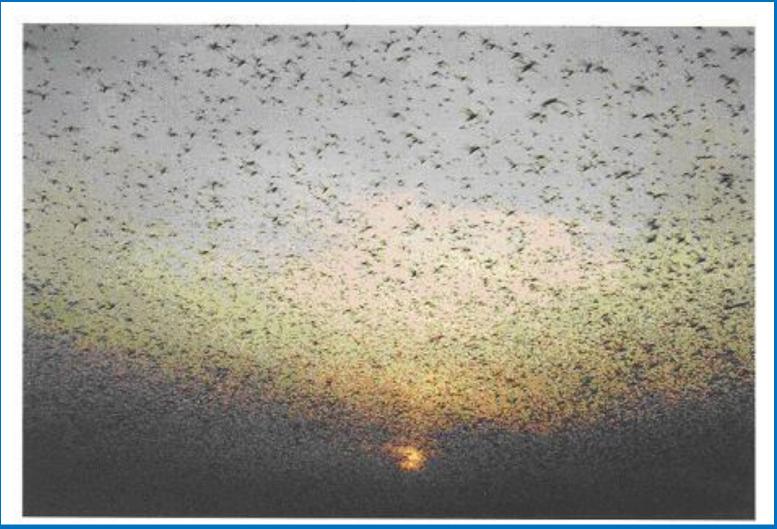
Chapter <u>Two-Obadiah-Judgment</u> on Edom



Edom

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Chapter 3-Joel <u>Judgment on</u> <u>Judah Day of the Lord</u>



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Lesson Four-Jonah-Judgment on Nineveh



Chapter Five-Amos-Judgment On Surrounding Nations

Bethel

Introduction

 Amos lived in the village of <u>Tekoa</u>, about 10 miles south of Jerusalem.

 He traveled north to Bethel and preached against Israel's idolatry and paganism.



Tekoa

http://www.citizenphilosophy.net/Voegelin and Ancient Israel.html

- Amos told the people to repent and escape imminent judgment.
- The nation of Israel had experienced prosperity.
 They should have worshiped God and followed His laws (Matthew 5:45). []



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- Amos was not a
 professional prophet, but a
 layman, a shepherd, and
 possibly a master
 shepherd.
- Amos was a foreigner and came from the land of Judah.
- Due to extreme opposition, Amos was forced back to Judah where he continued his ministry through writing.



Tekoa

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Chapters-1-2

1:1-2- Prophecies Concerning The Surrounding Nations []

 Uzziah reigned as king over Judah during the days of Amos. Both Judah and Israel were experiencing times of prosperity. Jeroboam II, a wicked king of Israel, had a powerful influence over Judah.



- God used the locusts of Joel to symbolize God's punishment upon Judah and God used the earthquake in verse 1 to symbolize His judgment against Israel.
- Zechariah (Zechariah 14:3-5) and Josephus referenced the earthquake in verse 1. []



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Mt. Carmel in vs. 2 [*] Mt. Carmel means "garden land,"
 thus referring to a beautiful watered area.

 Because of Israel's sins, the area would soon be dry and desolate.



Condemned Territories



Damascus-capital of Syria

Syrian Empire

1:3-5-Concerning Damascus []

Samaria

 Damascus, the capital of Aram, was a very strong and powerful city. It was located northeast of Israel. The <u>Arameans</u> [Syrians] acted wickedly with much cruelty.



Damascus-capital of Aram (Syria)

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 It is noted the Arameans would crush and mangle the bodies of prisoners under heavy studded threshing sledges. Due to this act, God invoked punishment upon Damascus.

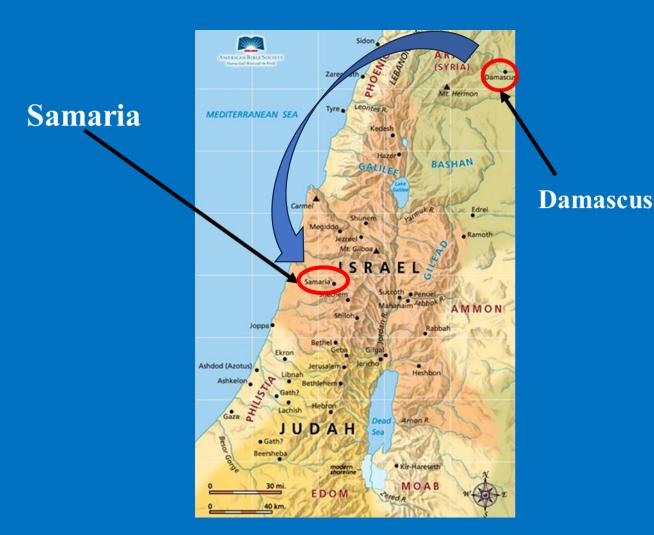
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Damascus

Samaria

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 Hazael was the founder of the Aramean dynasty and Ben-hadad was Hazel's son He tried to destroy Samaria, the capital of Israel.



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 Amos prophesied against Ben-hadad and the city of Damascus. This prophecy of doom came true in 2 Kings 16:9. []



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Condemned Territories

Philistia



Damascus

Syrian Empire

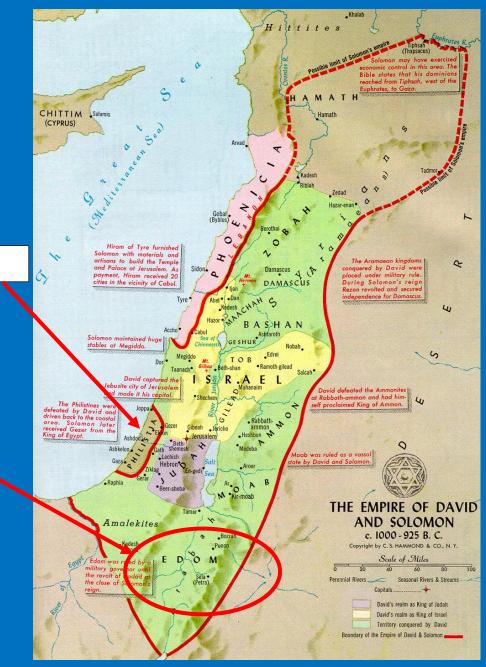
1:6-8-Concerning Philistia []

- Philistia was the region west of Judah and encompassed the Philistine cities.
- The Philistines descended from Ham, the oldest son of Noah. God cursed Ham and his son Canaan for Ham's evil behavior toward Noah (Genesis 9:20-27). []



http://joshua-biblestudy.blogspot.com/2012/02/joshua-15.html

- Amos 1:8 speaks about God's judgment upon Philistia since they sold Israelite slaves to the Edomites, Israel's bitterest enemy. []
- King Nebuchadnezzar (605 B.C.) eventually destroyed the Philistine cities.



Philistia

Edomites

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Condemned Territories

Tyre

Philistia



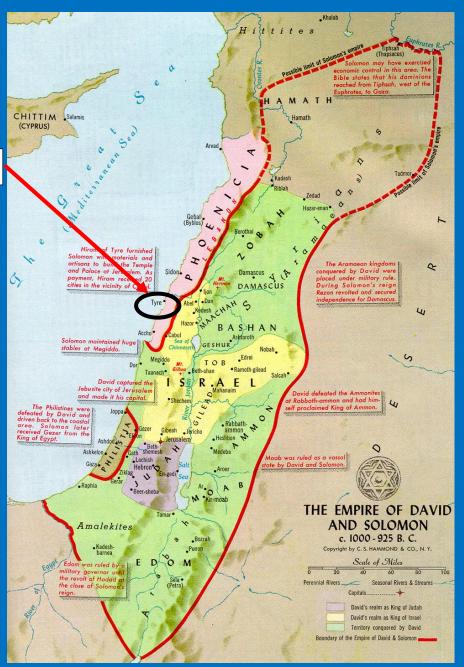
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1:9-10-Concerning Tyre []

David and Solomon
 made a covenant with the
 inhabitants of Tyre.
 (Explain Jesus went to
 Tyre-God forgives
 Matthew 15:23-28 []

Tyre

This covenant protected the Hebrews from slavery (2 Samuel 5:11; 1 Kings 5:1-12; 9:13). []



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 According to Amos 1:9-10, this covenant was broken.

Tyre

- God promised judgment upon Tyre since they broke the covenant.
- Alexander the Great Conquered Tyre in 332 B.C.

CHITTIM Salamis (CYPRUS) THE EMPIRE OF DAVID AND SOLOMON Amalekites

Condemned Territories

Tyre .

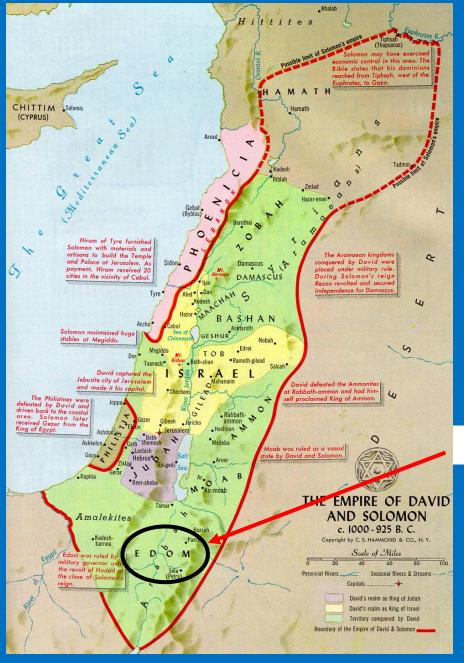
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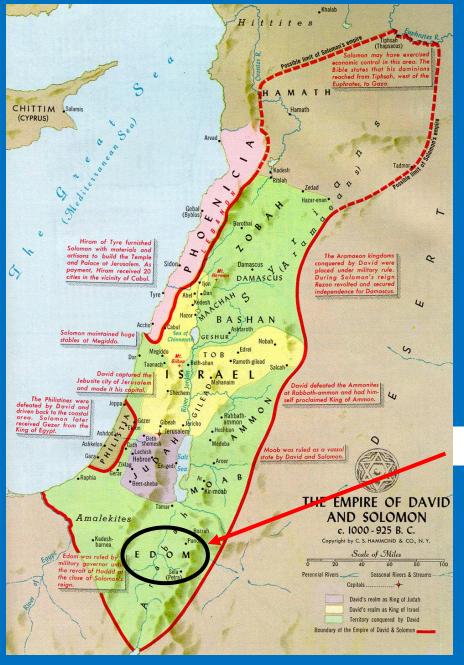
Damascus

1:11-12-Concerning Edom

- The Edomites were descendants of <u>Esau</u> and lived southeast of Judah (1:11-12). []
- Amos [and Obadiah]
 prophesied against Edom for
 its wicked behavior toward
 the Israelites after they
 entered the Promised Land.



- The Israelites asked Edom for a rite of passage through their land.
- The Edomites denied passage thus forcing them to take a much longer route.
- Other references demonstrated Edom's wicked behavior toward Israel (Numbers 20:14-21; 2 Chronicles 28:17; Obadiah 10-12). []



Condemned Territories

Tyre

Philistia



Damascus

Ammon

1:13-15-Concerning **Ammon**

- The Ammonites (1:13-15)
 were descendants of
 Lot's younger daughter
 who conceived Ammon
 through Lot (Genesis
 19:37-38). []
- Ammon acted wickedly and cruelly to those in Gilead (2 Kings 15:16).



Gilead

Ammon

Condemned Territories

Tyre

Philistia



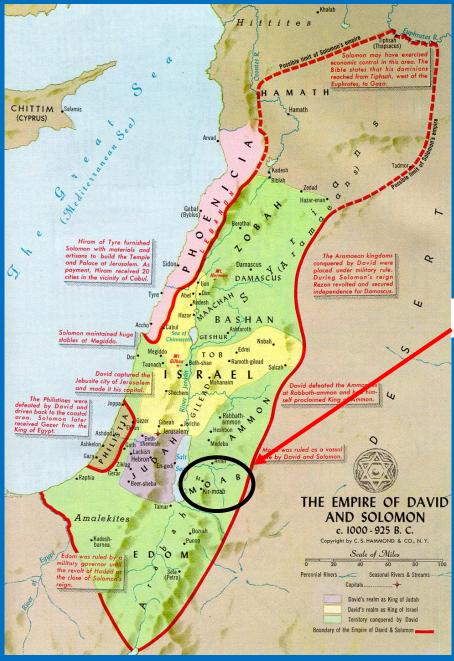
Damascus

Ammon

Moab

2:1-3-Concerning Moab

- The Moabites were
 descendants of Lot's <u>oldest</u>
 daughter who conceived
 Moab through Lot. []
- The king of Moab acted wickedly when he sacrificed his son by fire (2 Kings 3:26-27). []



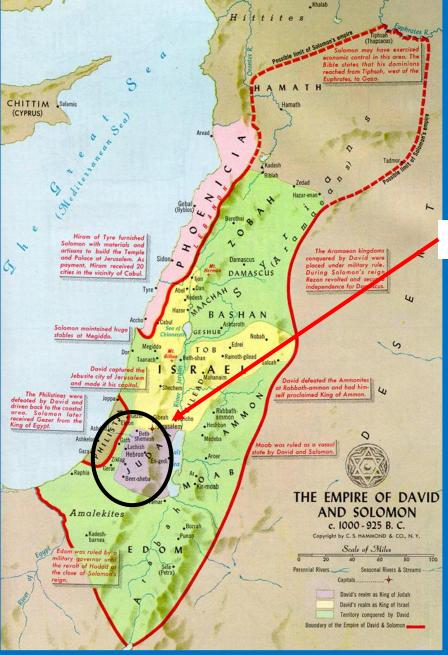
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2:4-5-Concerning Judah

- Amos prophesied against Judah for its wickedness.
 []
- This prophecy was fulfilled when Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem in 586 B.C.



Judah

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2:6-16-Concerning Israel

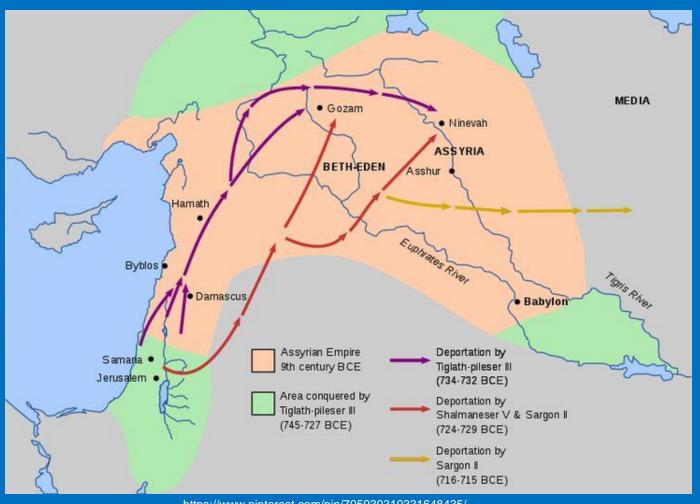
- Amos lists the sins of Israel (2:6-8; 12). []
- God's judgment toward Israel came true when the king of Assyria captured Israel in 722 B.C.



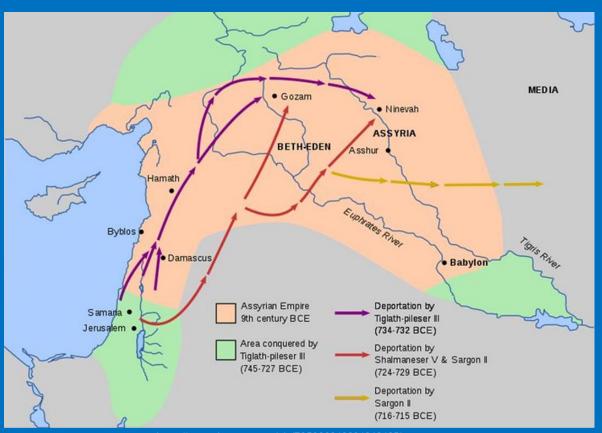
Israel

Chapters 3-6-The Sermons of Amos

Israel's Captivity and Dispersion by Assyria

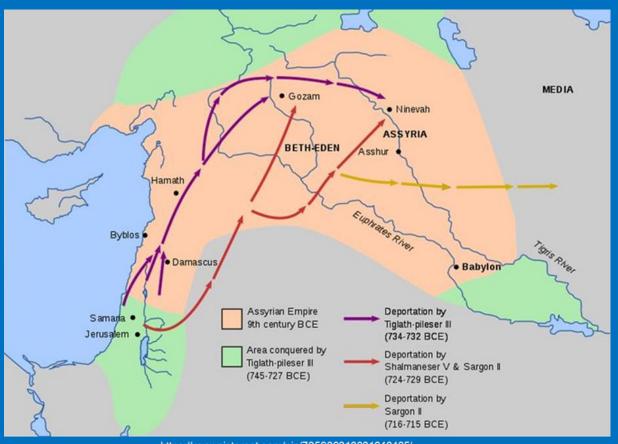


- Amos prophesied against Israel and Judah (3:1-2).
 []
- Notice the judgment God gave to Samaria, the capital of Israel (3:9). []
- Only a <u>remnant</u> of Israel would remain after its destruction.
- Amos verbalized judgment upon the women of Samaria (4:1-3). []



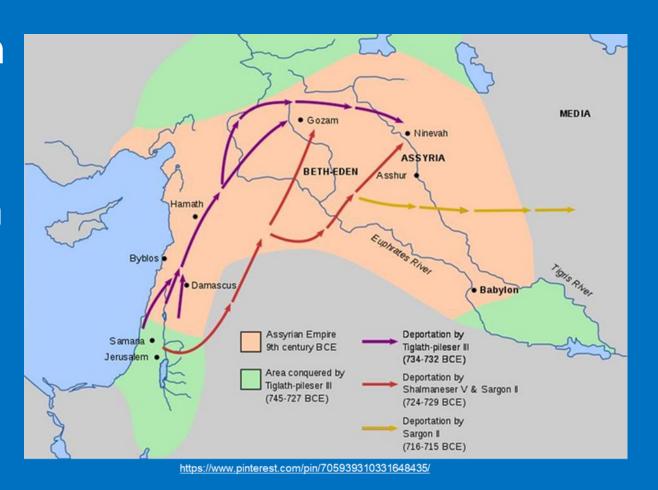
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- Amos prophesied concerning Israel's captivity. The Assyrians led the Israelites away by meat and fish hooks (4:2).
- God sent hardships upon Israel to make them turn from their wicked ways (4:6-12). []

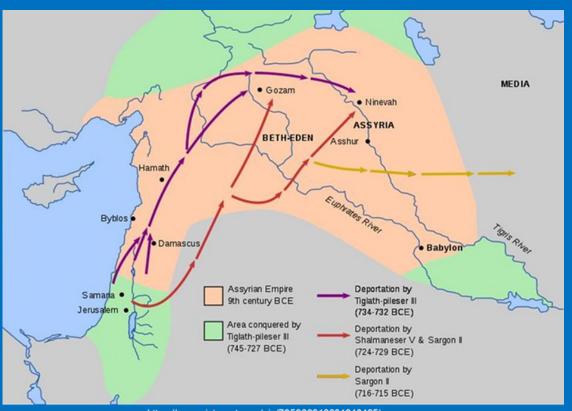


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- God can give no harsher punishment than stated in 4:12-"Prepare to meet your God, O Israel."
- Chapter 5 is a dirge given by Amos over the fate of Israel.
- Verse 3 states <u>90%</u> of Israel's population would go into captivity. []

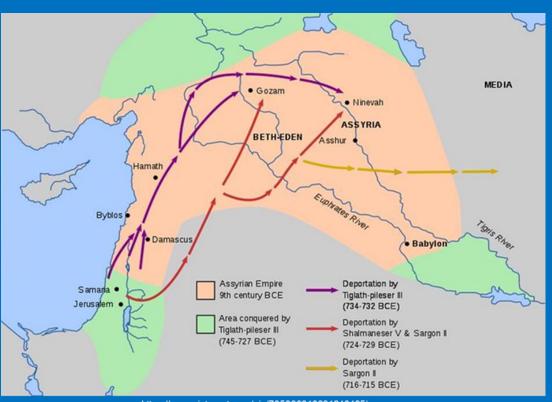


- Time after time, God told Israel to <u>repent</u> (vs. 4; 6).
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- God sternly warned Israel against following other gods (5:25-27). []



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- Amos 5:27 stated Israel's captivity would take them to a far-away land beyond the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers (2 Kings 17:6). []
- Amos 6:14 outlines the boundaries Assyria would take. []



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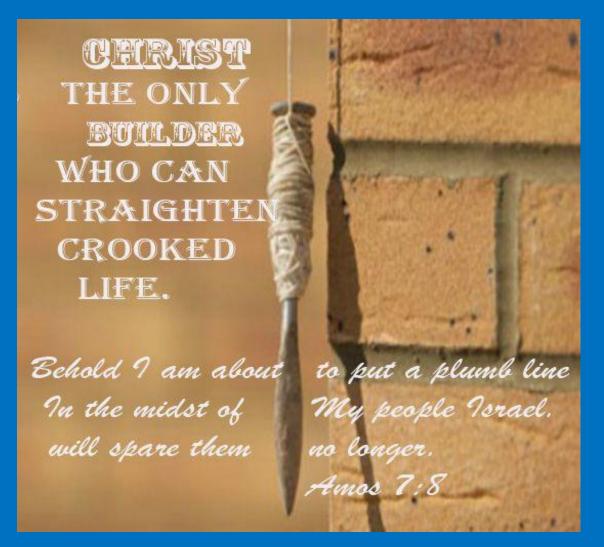
Chapters 7-9-The Visions of Amos

- Amos 7:1-3 references
 God's impending
 judgment upon Israel
 through a locust
 infestation. []
- Amos pleads for the nation and God halts judgment.



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- God pronounced a judgment of fire (7:4-6). []
- Again, Amos pleaded for God to withhold judgment.
- God measured Israel with a plumb line. He found Israel seriously off plumb in accordance with the Law (7:7-9). []



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- Amos 7:10-17 states how Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, told Amos to leave Israel. []
 - God gave a curse through Amos.
- The summer fruit Amos saw in his vision symbolized the end of the fruit season (8:1-3). []
- Amos saw the fruit fully ripe, edible, and ready for picking [ripe for judgment].



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- This vision symbolized Israel's soon demise.
- Amos gave an apparent analogy (8:8-9) of a total eclipse that occurred in Asia Minor in 763 B.C.
 Possibly the same one they saw in Nineveh. []
- God used this eclipse to symbolize God's imminent judgment upon Israel.

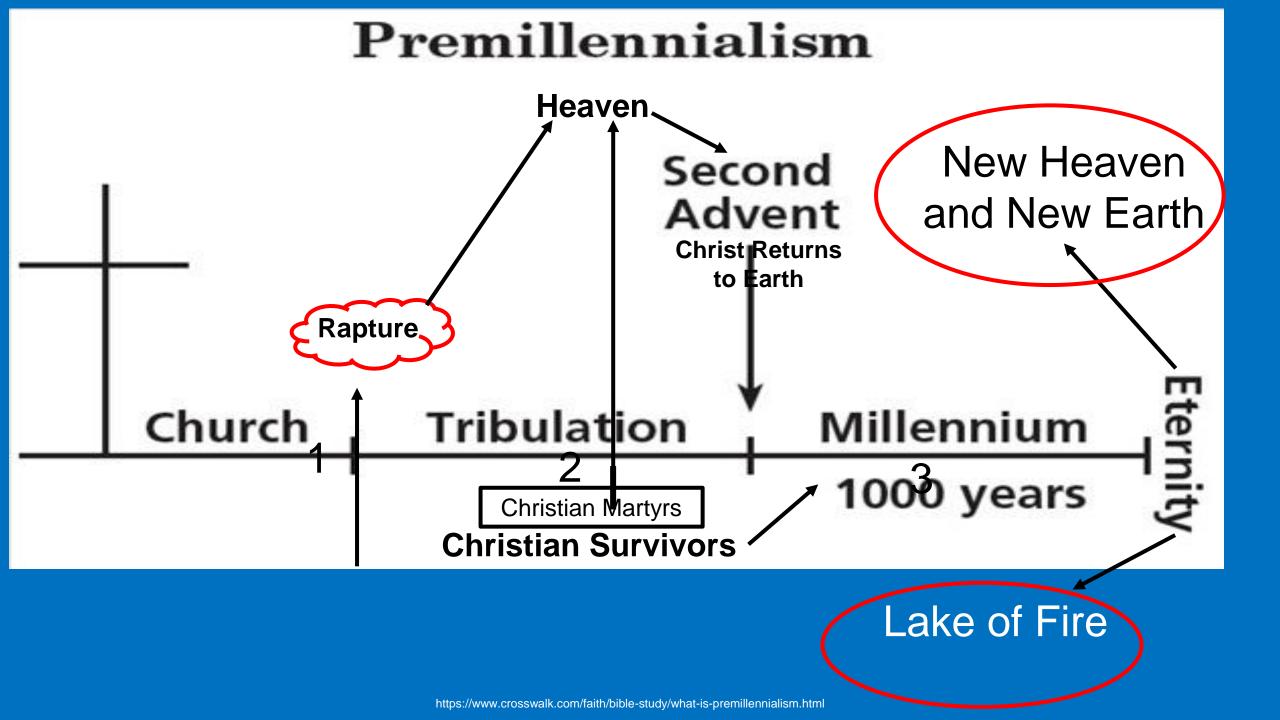


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- Amos told the people they would <u>thirst</u> for the word of God when in captivity (8:11-12). []
- Amos gave Israel another warning of doom (9:8-9). []
- Amos ends his book with a wonderful prophecy concerning Israel's reign during the Millennium (9:11-15). []



https://rodiagnusdei.wordpress.com/2014/05/01/what-does-revelation-2115-tell-us-about-the-new-jerusalem-randyalcorn/



Summary

- God gave repeated warnings for Israel to repent and turn from their sins.
- However, each warning was rebuffed and not taken seriously.
- As with Israel, God warns us today of sin through His Word, other believers, and our conscience.
- It is up to everyone to heed God's warnings.
- God corrects us for good and not for demise.
- God has given each of us "free-choice" to follow His instructions or to disobey them.
- Trust God for the best in your life. End----

Matthew 5:45

45 so that you may prove yourselves to be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes <u>His sun to rise on the evil and the good</u>, and <u>sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous</u>. []

Zechariah 14:5

2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. 4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

. 5 You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him! [][]

• Amos 1:2

2 And he said,

"The Lord roars from Zion,

And from Jerusalem He utters His voice;

And the shepherds' pasture grounds mourn,

And the summit of Carmel dries up." []

Amos 1:3-5

1 This is what the Lord says:

"For three offenses of Damascus, and for four,

I will not revoke its punishment,

Because they threshed Gilead with iron sledges.

4 "So I will send fire upon the house of Hazael [Syrian King],

And it will consume the citadels of Ben-hadad (Son of Hazael].

5 "I will also break the gate bar of Damascus,

And eliminate every inhabitant from the Valley of Aven [near Damascas-center of heathen worship],

As well as him who holds the scepter, from Beth-eden [House of pleasure-summer home of the king of Damascus]; So the people of Aram [Syria] will be exiled to Kir [unknown region-the Assyrian Empire will eventually conquer Syria],"

Says the Lord. []

2 Kings 16:9

9 So the king of Assyria [Powerful empire to the east of Syria] listened to him [Ahaz, king of Judah]; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus [capital of Syria] and captured it, and led the people of it into exile to Kir, and put Rezin to death.

Note: it is the Assyrian dynasty that conquered Israel in 722 B.C. []

Amos 1:6-8

6 This is what the Lord says:

"For three offenses of Gaza, and for four,

I will not revoke its punishment,

Because they led into exile an entire population

To turn them over to Edom.

Amos 1:6-8

7 "So I will send fire on the wall of Gaza

And it will consume her citadels.

8 "I will also eliminate every inhabitant from Ashdod,

As well as him who holds the scepter, from Ashkelon;

And I will direct My power against Ekron,

And the remnant of the Philistines will perish,"

Says the Lord God. []

Genesis 9:20-27

20 Then Noah began farming and planted a vineyard. 21 He drank some of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent. 22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it on both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.

24 When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him. 25 So he said,

"Cursed be Canaan;

A servant of servants

He shall be to his brothers."

26 He also said,

"Blessed be the Lord,

The God of Shem;

And may Canaan be his servant.

27 "May God enlarge Japheth,

And may he live in the tents of Shem;

And may Canaan be his servant." []

Amos 1:8

8 "I will also eliminate every inhabitant from Ashdod, As well as him who holds the scepter, from Ashkelon; And I will direct My power against Ekron, And the remnant of the Philistines will perish," Says the Lord God. [] Amos 1:9-10

9 This is what the Lord says:

"For three offenses of Tyre, and for four,

I will not revoke its punishment,

Because they turned an entire population over to Edom

And did not remember the covenant of brotherhood.

10"So I will send fire on the wall of Tyre,

And it will consume her citadels." []

2 Samuel 5:11

11 Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David with cedar trees, carpenters, and stonemasons; and they built a house for David.

1 Kings 5:1-12

1 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always been a friend of David. 2Then Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, 3"You know that David my father was unable to build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the wars which surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. 4 But now the Lord my God has secured me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune.

5 So behold, I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, just as the Lord spoke to David my father, saying, 'Your son, whom I will put on your throne in your place, he will build the house for My name.' 6 Now then, issue orders that they cut cedars from Lebanon for me, and my servants will be with your servants; and I will give you wages for your servants in accordance with all that you say, for you yourself know that there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians." 7 When Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he greatly rejoiced; and he said, "Blessed be the Lord today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people."

8 So Hiram sent word to Solomon, saying, "I have heard the message which you sent me; I will do everything you wish concerning the cedar and juniper timber. 9 My servants will bring the timbers down from Lebanon to the sea; and I will have them made into rafts to go by sea to the place where you direct me, and I will have them broken up there, and you will carry them away. Then you shall do what I wish, by giving food to my household."

10 So Hiram gave Solomon all that he wished of the cedar and juniper timber. 11 Solomon then gave Hiram twenty thousand kors of wheat as food for his household [1,160,000], and twenty kors [a kor is 58 gallons=1,160] gallons] of pure oil; this is what Solomon would give Hiram year by year. 12 And the Lord gave wisdom to Solomon, just as He promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a covenant.

Amos 1:11-12

11This is what the Lord says:

"For three offenses of Edom, and for four,

I will not revoke its punishment,

Because he pursued his brother with the sword

And stifled his compassion;

His anger also tore continually,

And he maintained his fury forever.

12"So I will send fire upon Teman

And it will consume the citadels of Bozrah [35 miles north of Petra[." []

Numbers 20:14-21

14 From Kadesh Moses then sent messengers to the king of Edom to say, "This is what your brother Israel has said: 'You know all the hardship that has overtaken us; 15 that our fathers went down to Egypt, and we stayed in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians treated us and our fathers badly. 16 But when we cried out to the Lord, He heard our voice and sent an angel, and brought us out from Egypt; now behold, we are at Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory.

17 Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or vineyard; we will not even drink water from a well. We will go along the king's road, not turning to the right or left, until we pass through your territory.'" 18 Edom, however, said to him, "You shall not pass through us, or I will come out with the sword against you." 19 Again, the sons of Israel said to him, "We will go up by the road, and if I and my livestock do drink any of your water, then I will pay its price. Let me only pass through on my feet, nothing more."

20 But he said, "You shall not pass through." And Edom came out against him with a heavy force and a strong hand. 21 So Edom refused to allow Israel to pass through his territory; then Israel turned away from him. [1]

Amos 1:13-15

13 This is what the Lord says:

"For three offenses of the sons of Ammon, and for four,

I will not revoke its punishment,

Because they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead In order to enlarge their borders.

14 "So I will kindle a fire on the wall of Rabbah [capital city],

And it will consume her citadels

Amid war cries on the day of battle,

And amid a storm on the day of tempest.

15 "Their king will go into exile,

He and his princes together," says the Lord.

Genesis 19:37

36 And so both of the daughters of Lot conceived by their father. 37 The firstborn gave birth to a son, and named him Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day. 38 As for the younger, she also gave birth to a son, and named him Ben-ammi; he is the father of the sons of Ammon to this day. []

Amos 2:1-3

1 This is what the Lord says:

"For three offenses of Moab, and for four,

I will not revoke its punishment,

Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime.

2 "So I will send fire upon Moab

And it will consume the citadels of Kerioth [possible capital];

And Moab will die amid the panic of battle,

Amid war cries and the sound of a trumpet.

3 "I will also eliminate the judge from her midst

And slay all her leaders with him," says the Lord. []

26 When the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom; but they could not. 27 Then the king of Moab took his oldest son who was to reign in his place, and offered him as a burnt offering on the wall. And great anger came upon Israel, and they departed from him and returned to their own land. []

Amos 2:4-5

4 This is what the Lord says:

"For three offenses of Judah, and for four,

I will not revoke its punishment,

Because they rejected the Law of the Lord

And have not kept His statutes;

Their lies also have led them astray,

Those which their fathers followed.

5 "So I will send fire upon Judah,

And it will consume the citadels of Jerusalem." []

Amos 2:6-8; 12

6 This is what the Lord says:

"For three offenses of Israel, and for four,

I will not revoke its punishment,

Because they sell the righteous for money,

And the needy for a pair of sandals.

7 "These who trample the head of the helpless to the dust of the earth

Also divert the way of the humble;

And a man and his father resort to the same girl

So as to profane My holy name.

8"And on garments seized as pledges they stretch out beside every altar, And in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined. 12"But you made the Nazirites drink wine, And you commanded the prophets, saying, 'You shall not prophesy!' []

Amos 3:1-2

- 1 Hear this word which the Lord has spoken against you, sons of Israel, against the entire family which He brought up from the land of Egypt:
- 2 "You only have I known among all the families of the earth... []

Amos 3:9

9 Proclaim on the citadels in Ashdod [a principle city in Philistia] and on the citadels in the land of Egypt and say, "Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samaria [capital of Israel-northern kingdom] and see the great panic within her and the oppressions in her midst. []

Amos 4:1-3

1 Hear this word, you cows of Bashan [a fertal land east of the Jordan river. It was know for its fat cattle] who are on the mountain of Samaria, Who exploit the poor, who oppress the needy, And say to their husbands, "Bring now, that we may drink!" 2 The Lord God has sworn by His holiness, "For behold, the days are coming upon you When they will take you away with meat hooks, And the last of you with fish hooks. 3 "You will go out through holes in the walls, One in front of the other, And you will be hurled to Harmon," declares the Lord. []

Amos 4:6-12

6"But I gave you also cleanness of teeth in all your cities,

And lack of bread in all your places;

Yet you have not returned to Me," declares the Lord.

7"Furthermore, I withheld the rain from you

While there were still three months until harvest.

Then I would send rain on one city,

But on another city I would not send rain;

One part would be rained on,

While the part not rained on would dry up.

8 "So the people of two or three cities would stagger to another city to drink water,

But would not be satisfied;

Yet you have not returned to Me," declares the Lord.

9 "I struck you with scorching wind and mildew;

The caterpillar was devouring

Your many gardens and vineyards, fig trees and olive trees;

Yet you have not returned to Me," declares the Lord.

- 10"I sent a plague among you as in Egypt;
- I killed your young men with the sword, along with your captured horses,
- And I made the stench of your camp rise up in your nostrils;
- Yet you have not returned to Me," declares the Lord.
- 11"I overthrew you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,
- And you were like a log snatched from a fire;
- Yet you have not returned to Me," declares the Lord.

12"Therefore so I will do to you, Israel; Because I will do this to you,

Prepare to meet your God, Israel." []

Amos 5:3

3 For this is what the Lord God says:

"The city which goes forth a thousand strong

Will have a hundred left,

And the one which goes forth a hundred strong

Will have ten left to the house of Israel." []

Amos 5:4,6

4 For this is what the Lord says to the house of Israel: "Seek Me so that you may live.

6 "Seek the Lord so that you may live, Or He will break through like a fire, house of Joseph, And it will consume with no one to extinguish it for Bethel...[]

Amos 5:25-27

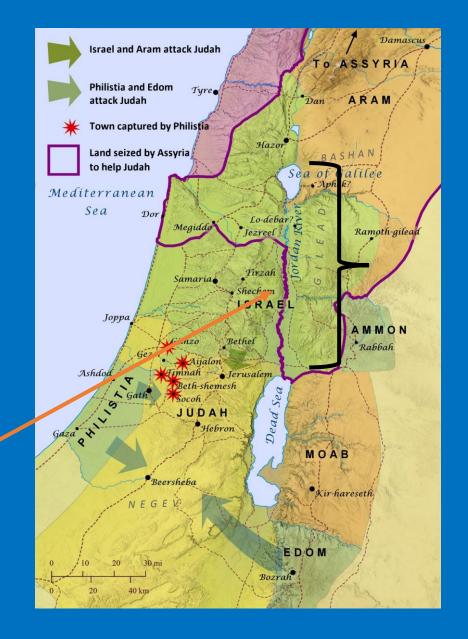
25 "Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offerings in the wilderness for forty years, house of Israel? 26 You also carried along Sikkuth your king and Kiyyun, your images, the star of your gods which you made for yourselves. 27 Therefore I will make you go into exile beyond Damascus," says the Lord, whose name is the God of armies. []

2 Kings 17:6

6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and led the people of Israel into exile to Assyria, and settled them in Halah and Habor, on the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. []

Amos 6:14

14 "For behold, I am going to raise up a nation against you, House of Israel," declares the Lord God of armies, "And they will torment you from the entrance of Hamath To the brook of the Arabah."



Amos 7:1-3

1This is what the Lord God showed me, and behold, He was forming a swarm of locusts when the spring crop began to sprout. And behold, the spring crop was after the king's mowing. 2And it came about, when it had finished eating the vegetation of the land, that I said,

"Lord God, please pardon!

How can Jacob stand?

For he is small."

3The Lord relented of this.

"It shall not be," said the Lord. []

Amos 7:4-6

4 So the Lord God showed me, and behold, the Lord God was calling to contend with them by fire, and it consumed the great deep and began to consume the farmland. 5 Then I said,

"Lord God, please stop!

How can Jacob stand?

For he is small."

6 The Lord relented of this.

"This too shall not be," said the Lord God. []

Amos 7:7-9

7 So He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall with a plumb line in His hand. 8 And the Lord said to me, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold I am about to put a plumb line In the midst of My people Israel. I will not spare them any longer. 9 "The high places of Isaac will become deserted, And the sanctuaries of Israel will be in ruins. Then I will rise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." []

Amos 7:10-17

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent word to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is unable to endure all his words. 11 For this is what Amos says: 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go from its land into exile." 12 Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Go, you seer, flee to the land of Judah; and eat bread there and do your prophesying there! 13 But do not prophesy at Bethel any longer, for it is a sanctuary of the king and a royal residence."

14 Then Amos replied to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs. 15 But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go prophesy to My people Israel.' 16 So now hear the word of the Lord: you are saying, 'You shall not prophesy against Israel nor shall you prophesy against the house of Isaac.'

17 Therefore, this is what the Lord says: 'Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword, your land will be parceled up by a measuring line, and you yourself will die upon unclean soil. Furthermore Israel will certainly go from its land into exile.'" []

Amos 8:1-3

1 This is what the Lord God showed me, and behold, there was a basket of summer fruit. 2 And He said, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come for My people Israel. I will not spare them any longer. 3 The songs of the palace will turn to wailing on that day," declares the Lord God. "The corpses will be many; in every place they will throw them out. Hush!" [or...cast] them out in silence][]

Amos 8:8-9

7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob,

"Indeed, I will never forget any of their deeds.8"Because of this will the land not quake,

And everyone who lives in it mourn?

Indeed, all of it will rise up like the Nile,

And it will be tossed about

And subside like the Nile of Egypt.

9"And it will come about on that day," declares the Lord God,

"That I will make the sun go down at noon, And make the earth dark in broad daylight. []

Amos 8:11-12

11 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord God, "When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the Lord. 12 "People will stagger from sea to sea And from the north even to the east; They will roam about to seek the word of the Lord, But they will not find it. []

Amos 9:8-9

8"Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are on the sinful kingdom,

And I will eliminate it from the face of the earth;

Nevertheless, I will not totally eliminate the house of Jacob,"

Declares the Lord.

9"For behold, I am commanding,

And I will shake the house of Israel among all nations

As grain is shaken in a sieve,

But not a pebble will fall to the ground. []

Amos 9:11-15

11 "On that day I will raise up the fallen shelter of David,

And wall up its gaps;

I will also raise up its ruins

And rebuild it as in the days of old;

12 So that they may possess the remnant of Edom

And all the nations who are called by My name,"

Declares the Lord who does this.

13 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord,

"When the plowman will overtake the reaper,

And the one who treads grapes will overtake him who sows the seed;

When the mountains will drip grape juice,

And all the hills will come apart.

14 "I will also restore the fortunes of My people Israel,

And they will rebuild the desolated cities and live in them;

They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine,

And make gardens and eat their fruit.

15"I will also plant them on their land, And they will not be uprooted again from their land Which I have given them," Says the Lord your God. []

Amos 1:1-2

1 The words of Amos, who was among the sheepherders from Tekoa, which he envisioned in visions concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. []

Amos 1:2

2 He said, "The Lord roars from Zion And from Jerusalem He utters His voice; And the shepherds' pasture grounds mourn, And the summit of Carmel dries up." []

Matthew 15:21-28

21Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed." 23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us." 24 But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25 But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" 26 And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once. []

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You, Lord For Your mercy never fails me All my days, I've been held in Your hands From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Hove Your voice You have led me through the fire In the darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a Father I've known You as a Friend And I have lived in the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause Your goodness is running after It's running after me Your goodness is running after It's running after me With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything 'Cause Your goodness is running after It's running after me Over---

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