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Amos

CHAPTER 1

Verse 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.”** He roars because He is the “Lion of the tribe of Juda” coming back to take over the kingdoms of this world (Rev. 5:5). See Jeremiah 25.30.

CHAPTER 2

Verse 16: **“And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.”** Prophetically, the “in that day” refers to the Great Tribulation judgments and the Second Coming of Christ.

CHAPTER 3

Verse 12: **“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.”** The shepherd here is Jesus Christ the “good shepherd” (John 10:14), the one who saves Israel in the last days..

CHAPTER 4

Verse 12: **“Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.”** The only way for Israel, or anyone else, to prepare to meet God is to receive Christ as Saviour.

CHAPTER 5

Verses 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?”** As always, the “day of the LORD” is the Second Coming of Christ. Here we have this day coming on those who haven’t prepared for it.

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Christ in Every Chapter

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Amos 6 – Micah 7

CHAPTER 6

Verses 1-3: **“Woe to them that are at ease in Zion . . . Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near.”** This is exactly what disobedient Jews will do in the Great Tribulation. Instead of fleeing Jerusalem and finding Christ as their Saviour and Messiah in the wilderness (Mat. 24:16; Rev. 12), many will believe the antichrist and abide in Jerusalem, believing all the time that the “evil day” is still far away (II Pet. 3:4). But it’s not far away; it’s the “day of the LORD” and it will come upon them as a thief in the night and find them unprepared (I Ths. 5:1-4).

CHAPTER 7

Verses 7-8: **“Thus he shewed 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.”** A plumbline is used for measuring the perpendicular position of structures, so it serves as a good type of Christ. When measured against God’s sinless Son, **“all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”** (Rom. 3:23) Micah 7:2 is a good reference: **“. . . there is none upright among men . . .”** That is, all are crooked, leaning too far one way or the other. Only Christ is the perfect measure. Also see Ephesians 4:13.

CHAPTER 8

Verses 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.”** The reference is to the Great Tribulation when Israel is chastened for her rejection of Christ and even ends up mourning. The “mourning of an only son” makes that pretty clear. A good New Testament reference is Revelation 1:7: **“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.”**

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Even so, Amen. A remnant finally receives Christ while the rest perish in their unbelief. Also see Zechariah 12:10.

CHAPTER 9

Verses 13-15: **"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. 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."** The passage is one of the great passages in the Bible on the restoration of Israel in the last days in preparation for the return of Christ. They will dwell in their land safely when Christ sits and rules from the throne of David in Jerusalem.