

Amos Part 3

Let Justice Roll Down Like
Waters

Amos chapters 2 & 3 Review

- God reminds Israel all that He has done for them
- “I have brought you out of the land of Egypt”

Amos 4 has a pattern

- V. 9 “I struck you with blight and mildew;
I laid waste your gardens and your
vineyards”
- “Yet you did not return to me” (5 times)

2 Passages About Worship Gatherings and Justice (or Injustice)

Amos 4:1-5

Amos 5:1-24

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¹Hear this word, you cows of Bashan who are on Mount Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their husbands, “Bring something to drink!”

²The Lord GOD has sworn by his holiness:
The time is surely coming upon you,
when they shall take you away with hooks,
even the last of you with fishhooks.

³Through breaches in the wall you shall leave,
each one straight ahead; and you shall be
flung out into Harmon, says the Lord

Amos 4:1-5

⁴ Come to Bethel—and transgress;
to Gilgal—and multiply transgression;
bring your sacrifices every morning,
your tithes every three days;
⁵ bring a thank offering of leavened bread,
and proclaim freewill offerings, publish
them;
for so you love to do, O people of Israel!
says the Lord GOD.

Amos 5:21-24

²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies.

²² Even though you offer me your burnt
offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept
them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted
animals I will not look upon.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream

WORSHIP GATHERINGS

- Songs
- Sacrifices
- Offerings
- Tithes
- Solemn assemblies
- Festivals
- Leavened bread

JUSTICE

- Justice rolling down like waters
- Justice at the gates
- Righteousness
- Fairness
- Compassion
- Concern
- Helping the poor
- Honesty

Amos 5:12

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins – you who afflict
the righteous, who take a bribe, and push
aside the needy in the gate.

Amos 2:8-9

They lay themselves down beside every altar
on garments taken in pledge

And in the house of God they drink wine
bought with fines they imposed

MIGHT BE LEGAL, BUT IT'S NOT RIGHT

AMOS 5:11

Therefore because you trample on the
poor

and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

What does this all mean for us?

AMOS 5:14-15

Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be
with you, just as you have said.

Hate evil, and love good,
And establish justice in the gate;
It may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Israel