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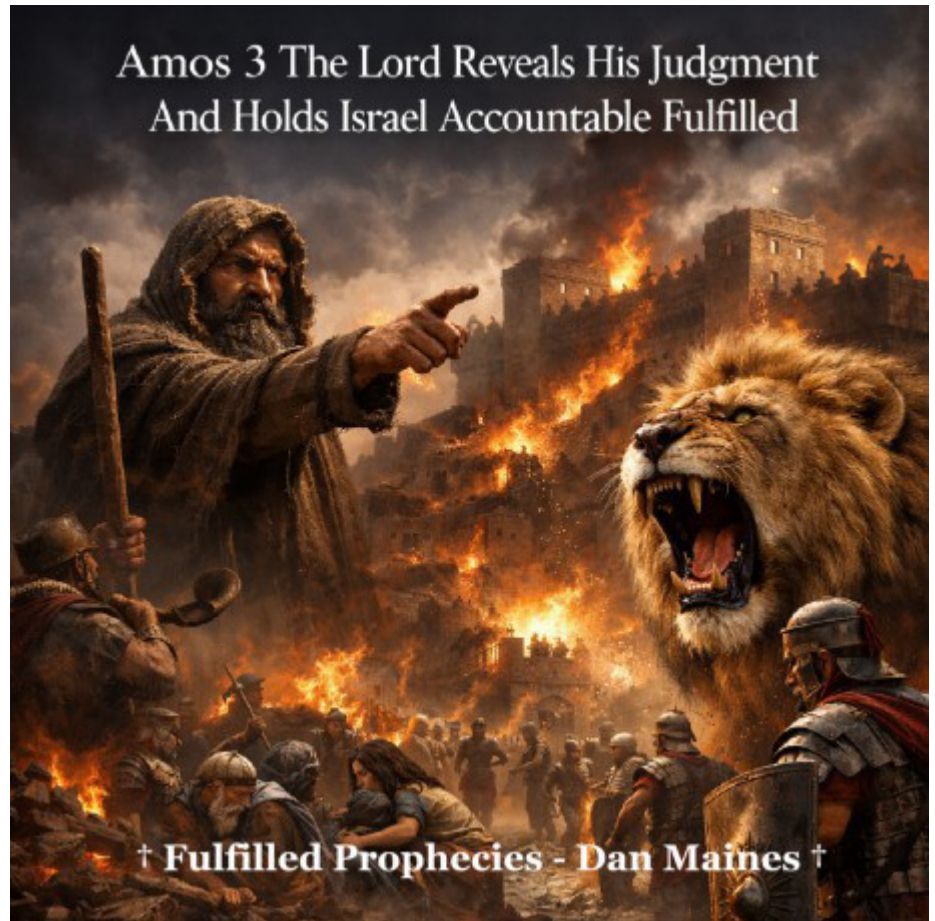
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Amos 3 The Lord Reveals His Judgment And Holds Israel Accountable Fulfilled



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Introduction

† Amos 3 continues the same theme, God isn't judging blindly, He's judging a covenant people who were uniquely chosen and therefore uniquely accountable

† From the fulfilled perspective, this isn't about a distant future, it's about the first century judgment that came upon Israel in AD 70

† Jesus and the apostles warned of this same coming judgment, showing Amos was pointing forward to that covenant end

† The more light someone has, the more responsibility they carry, and Israel had the full light of God's law and prophets

Amos 3:1

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:

† God reminds them of their identity, they were redeemed out of Egypt, they weren't just another nation

† This establishes covenant relationship, not random judgment but accountable judgment

† This directly ties to the first century, where Jesus addresses Israel as those entrusted with the oracles of God, yet rejecting Him

Amos 3:2

You only have I chosen among all the families of the earth;
Therefore I will punish you for all your wrongdoing.

† Being chosen didn't remove judgment, it guaranteed it when they broke covenant

† This is the same principle Jesus taught in Luke 12:48, greater knowledge brings greater accountability

† Israel's destruction in AD 70 wasn't unjust, it was the direct result of covenant unfaithfulness

Amos 3:3

Do two men walk together unless they have made an appointment?

† Agreement is required for fellowship, Israel was no longer walking in agreement with God

† This shows why judgment was inevitable, they broke covenant unity

† In the fulfilled perspective, this explains why the kingdom was taken from them and given to a faithful people

Amos 3:4

Does a lion roar in the forest when he has no prey? Does a young lion growl from his den unless he has captured something?

† The roar represents warning, God doesn't speak without cause

† The prophetic warnings were evidence judgment was already set in motion

† Jesus used similar imagery, warning Jerusalem before its fall

Amos 3:5

Does a bird fall into a trap on the ground when there is no bait for it? Does a trap spring up from the earth when it captures nothing at all?

† Judgment doesn't happen randomly, it follows cause and effect

† Israel's sins were the bait that led to their downfall

† This aligns with their rejection of Christ, which sealed their judgment

Amos 3:6

If a trumpet is blown in a city will the people not tremble? If a disaster occurs in a city has the LORD not done it?

- † The trumpet is a warning of imminent danger
- † The destruction of Jerusalem was not accidental, it was God's covenant judgment
- † Jesus confirmed this in Luke 21, saying these were days of vengeance

Amos 3:7

Certainly the Lord GOD does nothing Unless He reveals His secret plan To His servants the prophets.

- † God always warns before judgment
- † The prophets, including Amos, clearly foretold Israel's downfall
- † Jesus and the apostles continued this prophetic warning in the first century

Amos 3:8

A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?

- † Once God speaks, the message cannot be ignored
- † The prophets were compelled to declare judgment
- † This urgency is seen in the New Testament warnings before AD 70

Amos 3:9

Proclaim on the citadels in Ashdod and on the citadels in the land of Egypt and say, Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samaria and see the great unrest within her and the oppression in her midst.

- † God calls even pagan nations to witness Israel's corruption
- † Israel had become worse than the nations around them
- † This is echoed when Jesus says Nineveh would rise in

judgment against that generation

Amos 3:10

But they do not know how to do what is right, declares the LORD, these who store up violence and devastation in their citadels.

† Israel lost all sense of righteousness

† Their leaders were corrupt, storing up injustice

† This matches the condition of first century Israel, especially its leadership

Amos 3:11

Therefore, this is what the Lord GOD says: An enemy, one surrounding the land, will pull down your strength from you and your citadels will be looted.

† This is a clear prophecy of invasion

† Historically fulfilled when Rome surrounded and destroyed Jerusalem

† Jesus directly warned of armies surrounding Jerusalem in Luke 21

Amos 3:12

This is what the LORD says: Just as the shepherd rescues from the lion's mouth a couple of legs or a piece of an ear, so will the sons of Israel dwelling in Samaria be rescued, with the corner of a bed and the cover of a couch!

† Only a small remnant would survive

† This matches the New Testament teaching of a remnant being saved

† The majority would face destruction in AD 70

Amos 3:13-14

Hear and testify against the house of Jacob, declares the Lord GOD, the God of armies. For on the day that I punish Israel's wrongdoing, I will also punish the altars of Bethel; The horns of the altar will be cut off and fall to the ground.

- † False worship would be destroyed
- † Bethel represents corrupt religious systems
- † This was fulfilled when the temple system was completely destroyed

Amos 3:15

I will also strike the winter house together with the summer house; The houses of ivory will also perish And the great houses will come to an end, declares the LORD.

- † Wealth and luxury wouldn't save them
- † Their outward prosperity hid inward corruption
- † This mirrors first century Jerusalem, wealthy yet spiritually bankrupt

Historical References

- † Josephus records the Roman siege and destruction of Jerusalem, confirming the fulfillment of these judgments
- † Eusebius writes about the fall of Jerusalem and the suffering that came upon the people
- † Tacitus describes the devastation and confirms the scale of destruction that aligns with prophetic warnings

How It Applies To Us Today

- † We aren't under that old covenant judgment, but the principle still stands, accountability increases with knowledge
- † We must walk in agreement with God, not just claim

association

† God still reveals truth through His word, and ignoring it brings consequences

† The fulfilled judgment shows God keeps His word, both in warning and in fulfillment

Q & A Appendix

Q Why did God judge Israel so harshly?

A Because they were chosen and accountable, Amos 3:2, Luke 12:48

Q Was this judgment future or already fulfilled?

A It was fulfilled in the first century with the fall of Jerusalem, Luke 21:20-22

Q Why did God warn them through prophets?

A Because God always reveals His plans before acting, Amos 3:7

Q What does the lion imagery represent?

A It represents God's warning and the certainty of judgment, Amos 3:8

Q Does this apply to believers today?

A The covenant judgment doesn't, but the principle of accountability and obedience still does, Romans 15:4

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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