

## 30-Amos-04-Transcript

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[Applause]

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well good evening brethren and welcome  
to another wednesday night bible study  
where we do study the scripture  
line upon line  
this week we will cover god willing  
chapter 4  
of the book of amos hopefully i'm coming  
through loudly and clearly maybe uh  
somebody could just go ahead and confirm  
that in the chat let's begin with a word  
of prayer  
our loving heavenly father we come  
before your throne  
we're just ever so grateful father that  
we have this relationship with you that  
we've been grafted into this covenant  
and that we can call upon you and that  
we are guided by you we thank you god  
for your word we thank you for the  
prophets and we thank you most of all  
for jesus christ in whose name we pray  
amen  
so we are audio pastor murray thank you  
very much uh so we are up to amos  
chapter four i just want to go back uh  
to chapter three just for a bit of  
continuity  
and uh just before i do that  
some of you have been asking about my  
sermon on sabbath um  
that was actually taken down it's  
entitled closer than a brother  
and we do have a local copy so if you  
wanted to review it or you have not  
heard it and wanted to hear it you just  
write to me directly adrian davis at  
[cgicanada.org](http://cgicanada.org)  
and i can send you a copy of that sermon

but it's not it's not available on our  
platforms  
so let's get into amos  
chapter four i'll go ahead and share my  
screen here  
and  
back in chapter three  
god poses this question to israel  
can two walk together except they be  
agreed and this really is the the gist  
of the the problem the issue  
with israel that god  
and israel do not agree  
more specifically israel israel has  
turned their back on god so the  
agreement goes back to exodus 19 and  
verse 8 that when moises was given the  
covenant and the law all the people  
answered together and said all that the  
lord has spoken  
we will do  
and moises returned the words of the  
people unto the lord so they at this  
point when the nation was was founded  
they were in agreement and they could  
walk together but something as terrible  
has happened and israel no longer agrees  
with god so god goes on in chapter three  
last week we looked at this and he makes  
this very chilling very chilling  
statement  
will a lion roar in the forest  
when he has no prey is it will a lion do  
that will a lion just roar in vain or  
does a lion roar when it's in in the  
process of the take down  
will a young lion cry out of his den if  
he has taken nothing  
this is chilling this is telling us that  
not only do israel and god not agree but  
they have become enemies  
and god is going to destroy personally  
destroy israel  
the god of israel is going to personally

destroy israel that's what this is  
saying  
verse 5  
can a bird  
fall in the snare upon the earth  
where no trap is for him  
shall one take up a snare from the earth  
and have taken nothing at all so  
think about it if there's a trap set  
it's going to catch its prey and god has  
set a trap for israel now this snare  
christ speaks of in the end time we know  
that amos although there was an  
immediate application of his prophecies  
we know that there is a an end time  
application of the prophecies and in  
fact when we get to amos 9 none of those  
prophecies in amos 9 have taken place  
they are clearly pointing to the  
millennial future  
so christ speaking of this snare in luke  
21 and verse 35 he says for as a snare  
shall it come  
on all them  
that dwell  
on the face of the whole earth and we  
know in in matthew 25 the church falls  
asleep  
so this snare is global  
and it affects everybody  
and yet  
the prophets  
will give us indications if we are  
willing to listen if we're not going to  
censor them so here in amos 3 and verse  
6 he says shall a trumpet be blown in  
the city  
and the people not be afraid this is a  
warning signal a very definite warning  
that god is at war with his people and  
shouldn't the people be afraid  
in fact  
people today god's people are more  
afraid of their shadow than they are of

the almighty god and the people should  
not be afraid  
shall there be e calamity in a city and  
the lord has not done it so this this is  
something that we really have to come to  
terms with  
that  
it's it's comforting to say you know  
jesus loves everybody jesus loves me  
this i know for the bible tells me so  
and just have this syrupy  
and superficial understanding of christ  
or we can study his word  
and understand in every page  
in the bible we can come to understand  
his character  
and here in amos 3 or the book of amos  
the scroll of amos we can really  
understand his character  
and his expectations of his people  
so calamity  
is coming upon our cities  
and god is telling us that when we see  
this type of calamity  
he's behind it  
surely the lord god will do nothing  
reveals his secret unto his servants the  
prophets  
so today  
we don't have to be prophets  
but we have to honor  
the writings of the prophets and we have  
to dig deep and go into it and  
understand and not censor what the  
prophets are saying especially when  
christ says  
this snare is going to be global  
so when we see  
developments  
that are global  
it's antithetical to the scriptures  
to not speak about them  
the the god expects us to search the  
scriptures

to have a prophetic view  
of global developments and to share that  
with his people  
so that they can take warning in fact in  
amos 2 where we were two weeks ago  
speaking so he says that he doesn't do  
anything unless he reveals it first to  
his prophets  
so so his will is known if we're willing  
to dig for it in the prophets but in  
amos 2 and verse 11 he says this to  
israel that i raised up of your sons  
for prophets  
and your young men for nazirites he  
created this nation he founded this  
nation and then he developed people  
within the nation to be his spokesman to  
speak for him to communicate his will  
and he says isn't this isn't it even so  
are you children of israel  
do you not agree that i did this  
that i raised up your own sons for  
prophets says the lord but what did you  
do were you grateful  
did you  
pursue an understanding of  
did you did you understand that he  
reveals his secrets to the prophets and  
that as global developments take place  
you can search the scriptures to  
understand what god is doing so did you  
honor the word of the prophets or did  
you censor the prophets  
but you gave the nazirites wine to drink  
you wanted them to be drunk like you  
and you commanded the prophets  
saying  
prophesy not  
and in fact this is what i was talking  
about on sabbath when i was talking  
about mass formation  
that israel here is clearly falling  
victim to mass formation or group think  
and and what we need to break the spell

of mass formation is mass formation is a  
form of mass  
hypnosis  
and it is carried out through the spoken  
word it's its narrative  
in the spoken word repeated over and  
over and that everybody gets swept up in  
it  
and what it needs in order for that  
spell to be broken  
is people who will stand up and provide  
a counter narrative  
and that's exactly what the prophets did  
they provided a counter narrative the  
kings of israel couldn't just have their  
way they couldn't just the government of  
the day couldn't just do as it pleases  
and all the people just agree with the  
government  
because the prophets stood up and they  
were not afraid of the government  
the prophet stood up and provided a  
counter narrative to break the spell of  
mass hypnosis  
but you said prophesy not because you  
have a narrative that is weak  
that cannot stand up to the scrutiny of  
the light of day  
and so because your narrative is weak  
you rely on censorship  
and so you say to the prophets prophesy  
not how does god respond to this  
censorship  
to to  
obstructing the counter-narrative  
that can only be brought by the prophets  
how does god respond he says behold  
i am pressed under you  
as a cart  
is pressed that is full of sheaves in  
other words  
when you oppress the people  
and you oppress the prophets  
it's like when christ said to paul why

are you persecuting me  
here when they're oppressing the  
prophets god is saying you're oppressing  
me  
i'm trying to speak to my people through  
the prophets and you're censoring them  
and you're oppressing me  
back to amos 3 and verse 8 again very  
chilling words  
we want to understand the character of  
christ  
he says the lion has roared  
you know we know that that the lion  
doesn't just roar in vain  
the lion has roared god has roared the  
takedown is about to happen so who will  
not fear  
well those who are subject  
to mass formation  
those who are subject to mass hypnosis  
they won't fear they'll fear something  
else they won't fear god  
because they're not hearing the counter  
narrative  
but god wants his prophets to  
communicate what the roar means the lion  
has roared who will not fear the lord  
god has spoken  
who can but prophesy  
so although there was a lot of censors a  
very sensorious  
culture the the kings were the  
government of the day was trying to have  
its way and and suppressing the  
counter-narrative that could come from  
the prophets  
but here amos who was a a farmer  
is saying god spoken  
god has spoken  
we have to prophesy we we have to  
communicate what god has spoken  
regardless of censorship here in 1st  
corinthians 9 and verse 16  
paul

in very much the same spirit says for  
though i preached the gospel that's what  
he was doing preaching the gospel i have  
nothing to glory of  
oh great job paul you're so courageous  
paul is saying no nothing to glory of  
here  
for necessity is laid upon me yeah woe  
is unto me if i preach not the gospel  
that the lord god has spoken  
who cannot but preach  
who cannot but prophesy when god speaks  
and he says in fact that if you  
are ashamed of me before men  
i'll be ashamed of you before my father  
so so we cannot help we you know the  
church  
like the prophets of old  
should be that counter narrative  
and that if the church was doing this  
decades ago  
society wouldn't be in the ruin that it  
is in today  
but but the church had a noose put  
around its neck and in order not to lose  
you know charitable status and uh you  
know get along with the government uh  
the churches and i don't mean just the  
church of god churches in general around  
the world the christian church generally  
speaking  
has become very weak but paul is saying  
woe unto me  
if i preach not the gospel and woe unto  
all of us if we do not speak what god  
has spoken so with that as backdrop  
let's come into now amos chapter 4  
and what is fascinating  
about amos 4  
is the fact that he goes to root cause  
this situation that israel has found  
itself in  
where it's actually oppressing god  
god says you're oppressing me and we

don't agree anymore  
amos goes to root cause here in chapter  
four he says this  
hear this word  
you cows of bashan  
he's quite biting  
you cows of bashan  
that are in the mountain of samaria  
which oppress the poor  
so  
he is calling  
the rich women of  
israel the the women in the elite role  
within israel he's calling them fat cows  
you fat cows bashan is a very  
rich fertile land and you are the fat  
cows of bashan that's what he calls them  
and now he's getting to the root cause  
of the oppression  
that when you see you know this this  
centurious  
culture within israel  
even though it might be the king that's  
issuing the edicts what what amos is  
showing is it's the women  
it's the wives that are actually behind  
this  
and the king and the you think of that  
king what was his name uh married to  
jezebel um  
i'm thinking of ahaz but i don't think  
it was ahaz it was uh  
anyway somebody could type that in the  
chat uh jezebel's husband  
who he's the king but she's in control  
and this is what amos is showing  
that it is the elite women that are  
behind the oppression you fat cows of  
bashan he calls them that are in the  
mountain of samaria which oppress the  
poor you're doing this you you women  
you're doing this which oppress the poor  
which crush the needy  
which say to their masters or their

husbands bring and let us drink so  
they're clearly oh king ahab thank you  
thank you so clearly it's just a moment  
there i couldn't remember the name uh  
yeah so king ahab he's the king he's  
issuing the edicts he's censoring things  
but it's actually jezebel  
that's the power behind the throne so  
sometimes we have to see  
behind  
or or see  
reality behind the the the image  
and here uh amos points to it you fat  
cows of bashan  
that are in the mountain of samaria  
which oppress the poor which crushed the  
needy and then you say to your husbands  
hey you come come bring bring a lettuce  
drink who clearly who's in control it's  
the women it's the wives

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the lord god  
has sworn by his holiness  
so this is serious now this is what he  
swears by his holiness that lo  
the days shall come upon you  
that he will take you away with hooks  
this is a prophecy  
to specifically to the root cause  
this is a prophecy to the fat cows of  
bashan this is a prophecy to the women  
who are who are clearly  
pursuing their comfort their own comfort  
and  
in the process  
oppressing god's people and controlling  
their husbands  
the lord god has sworn in his holiness  
that lo the day shall come upon you that  
he will take you away with hooks  
and your posterity with fish hooks this  
is god's prophecy this is what's coming  
and you shall go out at the breaches  
every cow

at that which is before her  
and you shall cast them into the palace  
says the lord so you get this image of  
the cows just being led out in almost  
like a single file in a very orderly  
fashion and they have no choice now  
somebody they were oppressing and now  
somebody more powerful has come and is  
oppressing them and taking them captive  
then he says this  
come to bethel  
and transgress  
at gilgal multiply transgression  
and bring your sacrifices  
every morning  
and your tithes after three years and i  
don't know why the english says years  
the hebrew actually says yum three days  
so so hey you're so righteous do this  
every three days and a real bite of  
sarcasm here but he says  
and there's actually seven things here  
to come and transgress  
multiply transgression uh bring your  
sacrifices uh your tithes and you'll go  
on and count a few more things so we see  
seven things that they're involved in  
and it's all a charade so seven being  
the number of completeness it's a  
complete charade  
and this is this is speaking  
to the religious leaders  
the church of the day  
and so if we look for an end time  
application of this as god's church we  
cannot be  
complacent  
as god's church we need to say are we  
putting on a charade  
is this sort of you know hey we keep the  
sabbath but that's about all we do we're  
not willing to take a stand we're not  
willing to speak the voice of the  
prophets we just want to get along with

atheistic government  
and we just want to play religion  
and so bethel here in um if we look at  
bethel and gilgal in 1st kings 12 32  
bethel was established by jeroboam  
and jeroboam ordained a feast in the 8th  
month on the 15th day of the month like  
unto the feast that is in judah this is  
speaking of the feast of tabernacles and  
he offered upon the altar pretending  
he's the high priest  
so did he in bethel so he established  
bethel as the religious center for  
samaria  
sacrificing unto the cavs that he had  
made and he placed in bethel the priests  
of the high places which he had made so  
it's this whole uh counterfeit religion  
that they practiced wholeheartedly and  
felt very good about themselves because  
of their religiosity  
with respect to gilgal joshua 5 verse 9  
and the lord said to joshua this day  
have i rolled away the reproach of egypt  
from off you wherefore the name of the  
place is called gilgal unto this day so  
gilgal was another prominent location  
within samaria or the northern tribes  
and so uh so go ahead and play this  
religious game and the prophet continues  
and offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
with levin and proclaim and publish the  
free offerings  
why  
because you love to do this you love  
this religiosity you love to feel good  
about yourself that you're a righteous  
person  
because you know you you do these  
rituals  
but  
your heart  
really isn't in it  
and you're completely unwilling to

experience any discomfort any  
inconvenience  
in standing up for god  
you you you would rather just pursue the  
path of least resistance  
but at the same time you want to appear  
religious  
and so god says through amos to israel  
you love to do this you you love to play  
the hypocrite you love the the  
superficial appearance o you children of  
israel says the lord god  
and now  
the judgment  
and i also have given you  
cleanness of teeth  
in all your cities so that's just a way  
of saying hunger  
that if you're if your  
teeth are clean you haven't eaten  
anything there's nothing to floss right  
you have a good good steak or lamb or  
chicken you need to floss afterwards  
here there's no need to floss  
because he's given you cleanness of  
teeth and so it begs the question for us  
today  
with all of these supply chain  
disruptions  
and and we're just increasingly having  
trouble  
to  
have our goods our our  
food  
delivered to  
retail outlets so that we can just buy  
as we've always  
had in the past  
now it's it's disrupted  
but is anybody turning to god  
is anybody saying like wow  
we need to turn to god nobody can help  
us here but god  
or do they just complain and find hey

we're going to solve this we'll look to  
the president we'll look to the prime  
ministers we'll look to the kings of the  
day and they'll help us because they  
love us  
and i also have given you cleanness of  
teeth in all your cities  
and want of bread in all your places and  
so we're seeing something like this  
today globally  
yet  
have you not returned unto me says the  
lord this is the first time he calls  
them out  
that the reason  
he is inflicting this suffering upon  
them is to get them to turn the hebrew  
word ishuv to return to repent to turn  
around and come back to me  
so so i'm inflicting this suffering upon  
you but you won't return to me says the  
lord and this  
not returning to me goes back to  
deuteronomy goes back to torah  
deuteronomy 30 in verse 1. it shall come  
to pass when all these things are come  
upon you the blessing and the curse  
which i've said before you so now amos  
is giving them the curses and it's not  
just random curses  
it is deuteronomic covenant curses  
and the purpose of these curses is to to  
cause them to repent and moises is  
foreseeing this yeah they haven't even  
gone into the land yet and moises is  
foreseeing this and saying that both the  
blessing the deuteronomy the  
deuteronomic blessing and the  
deuteronomic curse  
are going to come upon you  
you'll start out well but then you'll  
deviate  
and then you shall call to mind among  
the nations where the lord your god has

driven you so god has done this  
and you shall shoot  
that as a result of these deuteronomic  
curses as as stiff-necked as israel is  
god is just going to keep pounding and  
pounding and pounding and eventually  
moses says you shall shoe you shall  
return unto the lord your god and shall  
obey his voice according to all that i  
command you this day you and your  
children with all your heart  
and with all your soul that is holy  
spirit language and so despite israel's  
stubbornness  
despite israel's rebellion what moses is  
saying from the very beginning is  
eventually  
god is not going to let up  
god is going to continue to inflict this  
suffering  
until eventually israel will break  
and return  
that then  
the lord your god will turn your  
captivity and have compassion upon you  
and he will shoot  
so you return  
and then he will return  
can two walk together unless they agree  
you've got to change  
when you change then god will return and  
gather you from all the nations where  
according to the curse you've been  
scattered  
so this is very deuteronomic language we  
see in amos and here in isaiah 9 13 he  
says for the people do not shoot  
they're not turning unto him  
that smites them  
they're stubborn  
so it's a  
it's a relationship that israel has with  
god  
where he inflicts punishment not to

destroy them  
but to get them to turn  
and yet isaiah says they won't turn to  
him that smites them neither do they  
seek the lord of hosts so this is what  
amos now is showing them  
that the purpose of all of this was to  
get you to turn but you won't  
so he goes on and says  
and also  
i have withheld the rain from you just  
from drought  
when there were yet three months to the  
harvest so you're looking forward to  
this great harvest and god spoils it by  
withholding the rain  
and i caused it to rain upon one city  
and caused it not to rain upon another  
city  
one piece was rained upon and the peace  
where upon it rained  
where it rained not withered so he's  
definitely showing israel i'm  
controlling all of this when will you  
get it  
when will you turn to me  
and so he says  
so two or three cities wandered on one  
city to drink water so they had to leave  
their city to go to this other city to  
drink water but they were not satisfied  
yet  
have you not returned unto me says the  
lord so this is the second time amos  
says it now so he clearly there's this  
objective that god has  
but israel is constantly resisting no  
matter what god does israel resists  
their that's how evil they are  
and and we need to be careful again as  
as  
the religious leaders  
and people are called out  
in amos's prophecy we should not be so

oh that doesn't reply to us  
maybe it does  
maybe it does and maybe some of the  
things that we are suffering now  
are opportunities for us  
to return to the lord  
wholeheartedly  
verse 9 i have smitten you with blasting  
and mildew so again this is not random  
and i've said many times that if you  
read the quran  
because israel disobeyed and broke the  
sabbath god was so angry that he turned  
them into apes and pigs  
well

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god lost control he was so angry he lost  
control and he turned them into apes and  
pigs that's what that's what muslims  
believe about jews  
but where is that in the scripture  
here when you have a true prophet of god  
cursing the people  
it's within the context of mooses it's  
within the context of the torah  
deuteronomy i have smitten you with  
blasting and mildew when your gardens  
and your vineyards and your fig trees  
and your olive trees increased the  
palmer worm devoured them  
yet have you not returned unto me says  
the lord third time now he's just trying  
to get them to return but they won't  
and this this mildew that he cursed them  
with and we could go into deuteronomy  
and find all these curses but for  
example the mildew deuteronomy 28 verse  
22 the lord shall smite you with a  
disease and with a fever and with an  
inflammation and with extreme burning  
and with the sword and with blasting and  
with mildew  
and they shall pursue you  
until you perish so these are not just

random curses that amos is just hey god  
is angry with you and today's going to  
do this and it's just this capricious  
god that's just random

no it's it's all written

that the bible is a complete story  
complete narrative back to amos 4 and  
verse 10

i have sent among you the pestilence  
after the manner of egypt again is this  
random that the way he uh plagued egypt  
is now the way he's he plagued egypt to  
cause his people to escape slavery and  
now that same way that he plagued egypt  
he says i'm going to plague israel the  
same way is that just random

you're a young man have i slain with the  
sword and i've taken away your horses  
and i've made the stink of your camps to  
come up unto your nostrils

yet

have you not shove unto me says the lord  
i just

i'm doing all of this and i just you're  
just stubborn

instead of acknowledging that i'm the  
one that is there evil can evil come to  
a city and the lord calamity come and  
the lord god has not done it well if you  
were listening to the prophets you would  
figure it out well you want to suppress  
the prophets so now there's some other  
narrative that's going on and that  
people don't understand and they're  
unwilling to change

now in deuteronomy 28 and verse 27 the  
lord will smite you with the botch of  
egypt this was written

god is god is doing everything this  
shows

the faithfulness of god to his covenant  
everything he does

he never breaks covenant

so israel broke the covenant therefore

that just activated the the covenant  
curses but god is still governing  
himself according to the covenant the  
lord will smite you with the botch of  
egypt and with the emirates and with the  
scab and with the itch whereof you  
cannot be healed but all of this is to  
drive you to return because he's in  
covenant with you amos 4 and verse 11.  
i have overthrown some of you  
as god overthrew sodom and gomorrah now  
how sad  
how depressing  
you know how how bad  
that his own people  
god has to treat them if the filth  
among his own people he has to treat  
them like sodom and gomorrah  
and you were as a firebrand plucked out  
of the burning yet  
have you not returned unto me that's the  
fifth time that all of these things are  
happening but they're happening so that  
you'll return to me but you won't  
you you keep suppressing the prophets so  
the  
people can't hear the word of god and  
they won't they won't repent but this um  
firebrand plucked out the burning out of  
the fire that should remind us of  
zechariah 3 and verse 2. the lord said  
unto satan the lord rebuke you o satan  
even the lord that has chosen jerusalem  
rebuke you is not this a brand plucked  
out of the fire so you get this  
impression that god's intention is not  
to completely destroy his people he'll  
take them to the edge but his intention  
is to get them to repent and then he's  
going to pull them out pull them back as  
moses prophesied from the beginning  
verse 12  
therefore  
thus will i do unto you o israel this is

god so we got the root cause  
was the fat cows of bashan  
that they're the ones driving the agenda  
and now here's what god is going to do  
and the purpose of all of his actions  
is to get israel to repent but they  
won't therefore thus will i do unto you  
o israel and because i will do this unto  
you  
prepare  
to meet your god o israel  
that is chilling  
that's not um oh  
you know  
prepare to meet your god because he's  
gonna give you a big hug  
this is like a military statement get  
ready i'm gonna do this to you and i'm  
coming to destroy you so prepare to meet  
your god your your angry god  
and god is furious  
and prepared to meet a furious god  
for lo  
he that formed the mountains  
and created the wind and declares unto  
man what is his thought that's really  
fascinating that god will tell us even  
what we're thinking  
that makes the morning darkness  
and treads upon the high places of the  
earth  
the lord  
the god of hosts  
is his name  
so that is amos chapter four uh very  
powerful words of this prophet amos who  
unlike isaiah was just a common farmer  
but god raised him up  
and despite the resistance despite the  
oppression despite the censorious nation  
nature of the the culture of the time  
amos just preached  
that the lord god has spoken who can but  
prophecy and these are not smooth

prophecies these are not words that  
israel wanted to hear and yet hear them  
they must so we must be faithful  
like amos like isaiah like the ancient  
prophets we have their words and  
somebody has to declare  
all of this  
so that people can have a counter  
narrative and not just go along with the  
global uh mass media narrative but there  
can be a counter narrative to break the  
spell  
and to cause people to seek their god  
before it's too late jesus christ is  
lord brethren god willing will carry on  
with amos chapter 5 next week what a  
mighty and faithful god we serve god  
bless brethren  
you