

30-Amos-05-Transcript

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[Applause]

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well greetings brethren and welcome to another wednesday night bible study hopefully i'm coming through loudly and clearly i noticed in the opening there was just a little bit of a glitch hopefully i am coming through clearly and it's just wonderful to be with you i apologize uh for last week i there was no study and i didn't manage to post an explanation i was of the weather and i just needed to rest i felt quite terrible and i just needed to rest and praise god i'm feeling much much better and just happy to be with all of you today as we are covering the eighth century prophets we've looked at isaiah we spent a couple of years actually in isaiah uh a prophet to the south the southern kingdom as well as micah at the feast time we looked at micah also an eighth century contemporary with isaiah also focused on the kingdom of judah and now we're turning our attention to amos a contemporary with isaiah and micah but he is focused on the northern tribes and in fact you know when we opened up with amos he was condemning all the nations around israel before focusing on israel so it's a much broader application than what we've seen with isaiah and micah and very relevant to us today and and relevant to the church the church does not uh get an excuse from this uh the church is not excused the church comes under condemnation equally the religious leaders come under equal condemnation

with the rest of the nation so
if you can just confirm for me that we
are that i am coming through loudly and
clearly and uh yo very good thank you
brother george loud and clear um and
thank you sister christie that i am
feeling much much better appreciate
everyone's prayers let's uh open with
prayer and then get into the study amos
chapter 5
for this evening
where we will be going through
uh line upon line
our heavenly father we pause before we
study as is our custom
because we want to acknowledge you we
want to thank you father
we are living in amazing times
unprecedented times this is just an
amazing time for us to be alive
we thank you god that we have each other
we thank you that we have you and christ
and we thank you for your word and these
faithful men
who who spoke your word boldly and
faithfully and all those who have
preserved it so that we can have it for
such a time as this
we thank you lord and pray that you will
strengthen us through these studies
you'll deepen our understanding of the
prophets and the scriptures so that we
can stand together
and face
whatever it is we must face as we
seek
to bring glory and honor to the name of
jesus christ
in whose name we pray now father amen
so we are up to amos
chapter five let me go ahead
and share my screen
and not last week but the week before we
were in amos chapter four and i just

loved how the prophet with such a
sarcastic tone
opened the chapter by getting to the
root cause
of the problem in chapter three says you
know two cannot walk together if they
don't agree
and now he gets in chapter four when we
looked at this two weeks ago to the root
cause hear this word you cows
you fat cows of bashan
that are in the mountain of samaria
which oppress the poor
which crush the needy
which say to their masters that is their
husbands bring
and let us drink
and so we got to see here through the
prophet amos
that the root cause
of the oppression
within the covenant people
is not so much the leading men
as much it is as it is their wives
their wives who are caught up in this
idolatry and caught up in the riches of
this world and they're actually
controlling the men and the men are just
like like figureheads
just as king ahab was with jezebel and
then here we saw in
in chapter four versus um
in chapter four
and verses
four and five we saw seven actions
that the prophet calls out to kind of
bring this complete iniquity charge
against israel come to bethel and
transgress
at gilgal multiply transgression and
bring your sacrifices every morning and
your tithes after three days
and offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
with levin

and proclaim and publish the free offerings for you love doing this you love this sort of religious appearance this you and in fact it soothes you it makes you feel good about yourself that hey you're still good you're still righteous you're still following the covenant no you're not no you're not your children of israel says the lord and then in verse 12 of chapter 4 as we've closed out the chapter amos says this or god says this through amos therefore thus will i do unto you o israel and because i will do this unto you and very chilling words prepare to meet your god o israel this is not you know it's so wonderful you're going to have such a nice time get ready to meet the lord no this is you are an enemy of god and you have not taken him seriously and now prepare to do battle with him prepare to do battle with the lord of hosts that's this is what the prophet is saying to the covenant people and although he's an eighth century prophet we know especially when we get to amos chapter nine like isaiah there's a language in these scrolls in this scripture that makes it clear this is end time this is not just the immediate application in the 8th century of his day that clearly this has to do with the end time so so we need to understand these nations today

who are under this covenant curse
which when god speaks he doesn't speak
lightly
he doesn't speak forgetfully
he speaks covenantally
and so even today to understand what is
going on in the earth today why is the
worst why is the world so insane
there's no way we can understand this
unless we open the scriptures
and unless we view the eventualities
today here in for the sake of the
archive this is uh 2022 we've just
turned the corner into 2022 and the
world is insane
and and the only way we can understand
the insanity
of the world today is to open the
ancient scriptures
and to understand what god is doing
through covenant
in order to understand what's happening
today so with that as a context
let us

go into chapter five
where now we're we're seeing this this
um

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momentum
of the curses that are coming on these
people and in chapter five and verse one
he says
hear you this word
which i take up against you
even a lamentation
o house of israel
this is a time for mourning and you
should listen
this is a time of great prosperity for
these people
and uh rather than get caught up in the
prosperity it would be a good idea for
you to stop
and listen

that that we cannot really understand
our world
by the present situation
we need a view into the future and as we
take a view into the future it's time to
take up a lamentation
it's time to mourn for the house of
israel why the virgin of israel is
fallen the virgin of israel has fallen
she shall no more arise
she is forsaken upon her land
there is none
to raise her up
it is over this this is the end the the
end has come upon
israel and this beautiful virgin of
israel who should be glorified
the whole world should be looking to
israel for leadership for understanding
no it's over
this this this virgin of israel is about
to be slaughtered and it's time to take
up a lamentation for thus so why what
what's going on here where we're going
to get the explanation
why should there be lamentation for
israel
for thus says the lord god
the city
that went out by a
thousand shall leave
a hundred
and that which went forth by a hundred
shall leave ten
to the house of israel this is this is
what you would call uh verse three of
amos five is what you would call
decimation
that the literal decimation of israel
they're gonna go out with a thousand
strong
and they'll be reduced to a hundred
and that one hundred will be reduced to
ten

this is decimation
and and god is behind this it's not oh
what's going on what god is behind this
for thus says the lord
unto the house israel so understand
what's going on here's my advice god
says
seek ye me
and you shall live
you know
living life and death
is
today on the minds of everyone globally
because of this pandemic you know say a
decade or so ago
most people just assumed that they would
live
that life if you're a young person
you're healthy you've got your dreams at
least in certainly in the western world
you just assume you're going to live
now globally we've got this death angel
over our heads and everybody's terrified
and worried whether or not they will
survive if they're going to get sick if
they're going to get this uh this uh
pandemic if this this disease and if it
will kill them and the the media is
constantly talking death death death
death death and showing the numbers and
and creating this sense of terror
and
rather than get caught up in all of that
what we need to be caught up in
is eternal life
seek ye me
and you shall live
and it is shameful
let me say it again it is shameful to
see the behavior
of the people of god
of the leaders of the people of god
caught up in the physical oh no we might
die we

we might die and so we must do these
things because we might die
and we're getting caught up with the
secular world
who only have this life
and cannot see beyond the grave
and rather than getting caught up with
all of that what we should be doing is
saying to them yes you will die
because you are under judgment the whole
earth is being cursed
because they're they have departed from
the living god they are depart they have
departed there's nobody upholding the
values of the living god
and if we would only seek him
and return to what we know is true and
right
we can we can live and live eternally
and we don't have to be worried about
physical existence because you can't
hold on to physical existence shame on
us
shame on us
for our preoccupation
with physical existence and we're
running after the atheists
we're trying to conform to the atheists
to say oh please accept us
we yes we agree it's very dangerous to
die dying is a very dangerous thing and
we agree with you and we're going to run
after you and try to do everything the
way you tell us to because who wants to
die
rather than saying to them seek you the
lord
and you shall live
but do not seek bethel
nor enter into gilgal and we talked
about that last week these these centers
of idolatry
don't go there
brethren don't go there

don't don't don't become idolatrous
don't put physical life ahead of
spiritual eternal life
do not seek bethel nor enter into gilgal
and pass not to bear shiva
for gilgal shall surely go into
captivity and al shall come to nothing
surely
this is the prophet telling that then
again you know we're 8th century back in
the day this was the thing everybody was
running after bethel and the leaders of
bethel everybody was running after
gilgal and the leader and beersheba if
we actually look here just put it in
context as well of the idolatry
in genesis 21 and 27
beersheba
actually had a great beginning and
that's how these sort of centers of
religious worship get started
but that's not how they remain
and so just because we have the name
church of god and maybe we had a great
start that doesn't mean we're great
today we might be very idolatrous today
god could be furious with us today just
because we had a great start doesn't
mean we remain great here in genesis 21
and verse 27 abraham took sheep and oxen
and gave them unto abimelech
and both of them made a covenant
and abraham said set seven shiva
you lambs
of the flock by themselves so he set
them aside and abimelech said unto
abraham what mean these seven this shiva
uh you lambs which you have set by
themselves and he said for these seven
you lambs
shall you take of my hand
that they may be a witness unto me that
i have dug this well so beersheba the
well of seven

there's this oath that abraham is having
with abimelech therefore he called this
place beersheba
because they swore both of them so they
had these seven lambs
by this well and this was the oath that
they took and this was the beginning of
the the uh
veneration
of this particular location beersheba
and then in genesis 46 and verse 1 and
israel now you know the grandson
took his journey under the covenant
with all that he had and came to bear
shiva
and offered sacrifices unto the god of
his father isaac so you can see the uh
very auspicious beginning of bear shava
but now in amos and we'll get to chapter
8 shortly you'll see now what has
happened to this great
beginning of beersheba
they that swear by the sin of samaria
they swear by the sin of samaria and say
your god odan lives
you kind of created this idolatrous
bizarre religion
even though they have this hangover
effect of the covenant
your god odan lives and and and the
manner of beer shiva lives
even and then here's the judgment of
these idolatrous people even though it
began with a great beginning
even they shall fall
and never rise up again they are under
condemnation
and so this is why the prophet then
in amos 5
and verse 3.
sorry verse 4
he says thus says the lord god unto the
house of israel
seek you me

and you shall live stop running after
the pagans
stop behaving like an atheist
stop getting caught up in their ideology
and their prioritization
do not seek bethel
nor gilgal
nor bear shiva stop the idolatry
instead
seek jehovah
so he says now
in amos 5
and verse 6
seek the lord
jehovah and you shall live
you want to live
you want to escape this terror
seek the lord
it's quite simple
we should know this
god god's people should be setting the
pace
people should be saying you know it's a
very terrifying time but have you seen
the people of god
have you seen these people who call on
christ's name they're so calm
they're so confident they're so giving
they they love each other they look
after one another they're totally
different
than the rest of us have you noticed
yeah i've noticed i think they're a
little bit bizarre but i have to
acknowledge they they are very faithful
they're very confident
and and clearly they they're not scared
of death
they may they may be onto something
instead we look at the people of god and
i'm ashamed i'm ashamed
i'm ashamed
we act like pagans
our prioritization is no different than

pagans
seek you the lord and you shall live
lest he break out like fire in the house
of joseph
and devour it
you know as we read the scriptures
brethren
beloved brethren
we see god's character we come to
understand god
and and how he was in the past
he's the same
this is insight into how he thinks
he loves his people he's in covenant
with his people
and invariably his people disappoint him
and then he acts according to covenant
and it's no different just because we
say oh we're the church where we're
untouchable god has to have us
no beware
lest he break out like fire in the house
of joseph among the covenant people and
and devour his own covenant people
and there be none to quench it in bethel
you think bethel is great everybody's
honoring bethel oh you must follow
bethel whatever bethel says we have to
obey
can anybody quench the fire of god when
he turns on bethel
seek seek god don't seek the pagans
then he says this
you who turn judgment
to wormwood
and leave off righteousness in the earth
you you people
who should be setting the standard
we should be looking to you for the true
definition of justice
instead you're like the pagans
and you take what should be justice and
judgment and you turn it into poison
and people are dying because of these

misjudgments
and and you completely abandon
righteousness
running after bethel
seek him
that makes the seven stars and orion
and turns the shadow of death
into mourning
and just this is just uh king james let
me just quickly call up the
a different translate the hebrew
lends itself to a couple of ways of
being translated and i think the
complete jewish bible does a better job
of translating verse 8.
so
he who made the play the pleiades and
orion
who brings death
like shad for the morning so when we do
translation we're looking at the
original language we don't just go word
for word oh this word means this this
word means this we have to look at the
whole passage and hopefully you were
with us on sabbath when pastor murray
did an analysis of acts 15 in the
exchange the conversation that was
taking place in that 15 and went into
the original language and showed in the
context
of acts 15 what these words like dispute
and debating actually mean
how they were really listening deeply to
each other fully comprehending fully not
necessarily agreeing but listening
carefully and fully to what they were
saying so when we look at the whole
passage we have a better sense of the
translation so here in the king james
turns the shadow of death into the
morning
okay sounds important sounds like what
the creator can do but i think when you

look at the hebrew yes
you could do that you could translate it
that way but i like what the complete
jewish bible has done
where they said here
who darkens the day into night
so you have this ominous sense this is
the creator he creates the heavenlies
and you can't do that no man can do that
and this creator that has powers
that no one has
he brings death-like shadows
over the morning so we've got the
morning god it looks like a beautiful
day ahead and then suddenly there are
death-like shadows moving in
this is who we're dealing with
who darkens
the day into night again this sense of
ominous threat
he darkens the day into night
who calls the water in the sea
and with it
floods the earth jehovah
is his name
so i think that was a much better uh
translation with the complete jewish
bible now
job when he's regarding the majesty of
god
he says which makes art arcturus orion
pleiades in the chambers of the south so
again this says that this is the creator
which does great things past finding out
yes and wonders without number so amos
is bringing our attention to how great
the creator is
how how unsearchable are his ways
and yet at the same time how ominous he
is
he's bringing darkness he said in the
previous chapter will there be evil done
in a city and the lord god has not done
it the lion has roared who will not

tremble
so
he says here
so this is the god this is the creator
who's doing this
and then amos goes on in verse 9 to say
that he strengthens the spoiled
against the strong
so that the spoiled shall come against
the fortress
so the he's saying warning warning
warning you oppressors
understand that god will rescue the
oppressed
and he's going to turn the tables
so you're having you're having your day
now he's going to bring darkness to that
day he's going to bring evil and
calamity upon you and he's going to
rescue the spoiled this this god who you
have no control over he has control over
you this is what he's going to do
now listen to verse 10.
listen to verse 10.
this is worth noting
amos says
and i don't necessarily think he's
speaking of himself although he
could be
but certainly it could be speaking of
others
that
have taken up this cause is there a
cause
to uh quote pastor murray's message on
sabbath
they hate him
that rebukes in the gate
and they abhor him
that speaks uprightly
oh
this is pretty intense
it means that there's two conversations
taking place

and they don't
agree and one ab the other
it cannot it's intolerable
the other's message must be taken down
it must be censored
because it is abhorred it is abhorrent
if we're running after bethel then that
message is abhorrent
and so amos says you know what
when there's rebuke people don't like
rebuke
but god says cry aloud and spare not and
show my people their sins
even though they don't like it
and even though they're asking for
smooth things you give them the rough
because i've given that to you you give
that to them
and
now when the prophet comes along
and those that are faithful to the word
to give rebuke
they're hated
and the speaking uprightly saying what
the scripture actually says
they abhor that and they must take it
down and and and remove it
but be careful
there's no difference between the eighth
century dynamic and today
and christ warned us in luke 6 26 he
says warren's volunteer
you have a big problem
when all men speak well of you
that you you fit the community
guidelines
and they like you
woe unto you
be careful
when all men speak well of you for so
did their fathers to the false prophets
it doesn't mean you're a false prophet
it just means you're heading down that
path

if you're going to conform yourself
to the guidelines of bethel and the
guidelines of gilgal and the guidelines
of beersheba
you're going to find yourself in a
situation where you can no longer speak
the truth
so you should expect to be abhorred
you should expect to be hated and wear
that as a feather in your cap
because they hated the prophets and they
killed the prophets
and we didn't we we didn't sign up
for physical
you know
how shall i say uh comfortable
convenient
um ongoing delight
in the physical plan
we didn't sign up for that
we signed up to bring glory to christ
come
and and these messages these ancient
texts need to be brought to life
and they need to be delivered
and we need to conform to the text not
to gilgal
the community guidelines of bethel we're
not interested
we want to know what the text says
and that's what we want to say and yes
there's going to be hatred
we accept that
verse 11.
for as much therefore
as your treading is upon the poor
and you take from him burdens of wheat
you have built houses of hewn stone
but you shall not dwell in them you have
planted
pleasant vineyards
but you shall not drink wine of them so
what what is all this saying
so the analysis is this

there are very wealthy people in this society
many of them
many of the top are actually the wives that are driving this
but these nevertheless these are the elite
and they're incredibly wealthy
and they're not satisfied with their wealth
they want more
and so they put this burden upon the poor they tread upon the poor and the little that the poor has they're taking that from the poor
and and the poor have to come with these taxes sort of these burdens of wheat they have to bring it to the rich they don't even have whatever they have they have to put it on their shoulders and bring it over so that the rich can have more
so the rich get richer we think we've all heard this the rich get richer and the poor get poorer and as a result of this dynamic
as the elite the wealthy you know you think of our last couple of years here globally
where
many many businesses have suffered small businesses small mid-sized businesses have suffered over the last two years
many no longer exist many family businesses are going out of business
many people have lost their employment the different mandates have come down where people can no longer work and so poverty is being forced upon
the already poor
the already disadvantaged are now becoming poorer
meanwhile in the last two years

more billionaires have have been
developed in the last two years than any
previous period before
that people are actually getting
incredibly wealthy
as a result of the different changes
that are taking place in our society
this is no different
than what was happening in the eighth
century
so he says now okay so as a result of
these mandates and strategies you're
getting wealthier you've built houses of
human stone like this these are really
wealthy houses
but you're not going to dwell in them
you think you can do whatever you want
and there are no consequences
you have planted pleasant vineyards
but you shall not drink wine from them
why
for i know
your many transgressions
and
your
mighty sins
god says i know it's not hidden from me
might be hidden from the common man
might be hidden from the simpleton
might be hidden from the naive
who think that oh the government is just
so lovely you know i'm just so happy
that i have a government that loves me
i'm so happy that i have a government
that is always thinking of what's best
for me and just wants me to be as
healthy as possible and to live as as
affluently as possible i love the fact
that i have this kind of government okay
that's a perspective
might not be rooted in reality might not
be rooted in history might not be rooted
in prophecy but okay
but it doesn't matter what that

perspective is what matters is what is
god's perspective what does god see and
god says to the elite i know
i know what you're doing
i know your many transgressions and your
mighty sins
they afflict the just
that is the righteous people who just
want to have a simple life you know you
and i we just want a simple life
want to have our family love our
families we want to have good good work
ethic work hard help our community
simple life
and they want to take that away from us
what is it uh a great reset uh uh you
will have nothing and you will be happy
we will tell you that you'll be happy
while you'll own nothing
yeah you afflict the just
they take a bribe how is this even
possible
well let's look at the 8th century
follow the money
never fails
follow the money
you understand what's going on in the
world today instead of being naive why
don't we follow the money
and there's a lot of money flowing
when these billionaires are growing in
wealth and just can't can't generate uh
you know they have nowhere to store the
money they're making uh it's incredible
that allows them to buy a lot of people
allows them to buy a lot of politicians
to buy a lot of scientists
to buy a lot of entertainers and
musicians and lawyers
and everybody has a price
hopefully
we the people of god cannot be bought
with money
yeah we have a price it's the blood of

jesus but when people don't have christ
they can be bought
after a while their head spins
either their their life is threatened
and or
they're bought off with money
so they take a bribe
and they turn aside the poor in the gate
from their right and so from their right
in italics but it's a good sense
that the sense of the gate
is where you go to settle issues it's
the court
so you would go to the gate of the city
and that's where you would you know
plead your case and then have your day
in court so to speak but they turn aside
the poor in the game
the poor can't get justice
you go to the court they don't care
they're going to let out criminals
criminals can go free but wearing a mast
you must go to jail
but somebody who murdered somebody raped
somebody stole
destroyed people's property oh they can
go free you weren't wearing a mask you
must go to jail
so they turn aside the poor
in the gate so this this corruption of
the elite is so far-reaching it's
everywhere
and the poor cannot get justice now this
thing about taking a bribe let me just
uh share with you just as an example
this uh this article here
pfizer
biontech and derna are making a thousand
dollar dollars profit every second
every second they're making a thousand
dollars not in revenue
after they clear all of their expenses
making a thousand dollars in profit
every second

while
the world's poorest countries remain
largely unvaccinated so this vaccination
is supposed to be so wonderful everybody
should have it it's very important that
we vaccinate everybody except follow the
money
he says here in this article
and this is from oxfam
new figures from the people's vaccine
alliance
reveal that the companies behind two of
the most successful covid 19 vaccines
that's the pfizer biontech vaccine and
the moderna
are making combined profits
of 65 000
every minute so every minute so hey a
minute just went by they just made sixty
five thousand dollars every minute
over a thousand dollars a second in
profit
the figures based on the latest company
reports are released as ceos from
pharmaceutical industry meet for the
annual stat summit the equivalent of big
pharma davos and that was back in
november
these companies have sold
the majority of doses
to rich countries
so our governments pay them billions of
dollars so that they can inject
everybody
but they're only selling it to rich
countries
leaving low-income countries out in the
cold
pfizer and biontech have delivered less
than one percent
of their total vaccine supplies to
low-income countries
while moderna has delivered just 0.2
meanwhile

98 of people in low-income countries have not been fully vaccinated i i thought vaccination was the answer i thought vaccination was salvation i thought everybody had to be vaccinated and this was for the good of humanity he goes on to say here let me just drop down pfizer and biontech and moderna have used their monopolies to prioritize the most profitable contracts with the richest governments leaving low-income countries out in the cold and we should mention as they are putting these contracts in place they have complete indemnification they have no liability any adverse effects they can never be sued they can never be touched so they are making money like crazy they don't care about the poor countries and they can never be sued they so they talked about the funding but let me just drop down here to the numbers here we go based on company financial statements the alliance estimates that pfizer by ontarna will make pre-tax profits of 34 billion this year that is 2021. during a pandemic companies are going out of business people are suffering people are losing their job they're going to make pre-tax profits of 34 billion this year between them which works out as over a thousand dollars a second in profit sixty five thousand dollars a minute or 93.5 million dollars a day every day very important we must vaccinate everybody because vaccination is the answer as long as they have money

let's go after the rich countries who
cares about the poor people
the monopolies
these companies hold
have produced five new billionaires
during the pandemic with a combined net
wealth of 35 billion so you can go ahead
and maybe google that if you wanted to
get more information but here
the prophet in the this is no different
human beings are the same
but the prophet or god says through the
prophet
i know
your many transgressions
and your mighty sins i know what you're
doing the naive might not know
but i know
they have flipped the just
a lot of rhetoric around oh this is so
necessary but they're afflicting the
just
and they take a bribe there's a lot of
money you make 93 million dollars a day
you can buy a lot of people
they take a bribe
and they turn aside the poor in the
gates okay there's no justice now you
can't go anywhere every everywhere
everywhere is corrupt
then um again verse 13
uh needs a little bit of help with the
translation
he says here therefore because of all of
this
therefore the prudent
shall keep silence in that time
for it is an evil time so this word
prudent
we know it to be somebody who's wise
but that's just one definition
again if we're reading the whole passage
then we have to understand that the
definition in terms of the passage what

is the prophet saying
it's a time when people can be bribed
it's a very evil time
and
rather than translate this prudent if we
look for example in deuteronomy the same
word
keep therefore the words of this
covenant and do them that you may
prosper
in all that you do so it's not just
doesn't just mean be wise it does it can
mean that but it means to be successful
so if you keep this covenant you'll
you'll prosper you'll be successful in
joshua 1 and verse 7 again we see the
same word only be you strong and very
courageous
that you may observe to do
to all the law which moises my servant
commanded you
turn not from it to the right hand or to
the left that you may be successful that
you may prosper wherever you go
this book of the law shall not depart
out of your mouth but you shall meditate
therein day and night that you may
observe to do according to all that is
written therein
for then you shall make your way
prosperous
and then you shall have good success
again same word so here in amos um
amos
first five in verse 13 this word
which would typically we would translate
as as prudent or or being wise it can
also be translated as
when one is
being successful so it can mean to be
successful
so that i think is a better translation
when we take the whole passage into
account it would be better to translate

this as
therefore
the successful shall keep silence in
that time
for it's an evil time and that's exactly
what we see today
that people
who are
successful
people who are doing well in this um
in this economy
they don't want to rock the boat
you could get the platform
you could get cancelled you could get
fired
and so people who have a lot to lose
they remain quiet
because they've got this sort of
damocles hanging over their head by the
elite and so there's okay i'm not going
to make
i won't be problematic
and so here in this culture
of of ancient israel in the eighth
century very similar to what we're
seeing today
those who are successful
they'll just put their head down
they'll just be silent
and they're not going to rock the boat
because they just saw what happened to
johnny he got de-platformed and so i i'm
not going to rock the boat oh sally she
just got fired
i'm not going to rock the boat i'll i'll
put my head down
so so that's where we are
he goes on to say then
therefore
the successful
shall keep silence in that time because
it's an evil time
micah saw the same dynamic
it's an evil time micah in chapter 2

verse 1 woe to them that devise iniquity
and work evil upon their beds
when the morning is light they practice
it in the broad middle of day because
it's in the power of their hand they
have the ability to do this and they
covet fields
and take them by violence they oppress
the poor they they have these mandates
and and laws and and ways of and means
that you will own nothing
and you'll be happy
they covered fields and take them by
violence and houses and take them away
so the whole economy is is collapsing
and and what we have is being taken away
so they oppress a man in his house
even a man and his heritage therefore
thus says the lord behold against this
family do i devise an evil from which
you shall not remove your necks
neither shall you go haughtily
for this time is evil
so as it was in the south in the 8th
century it's the same way in the north
it's a time of great evil and it's the
same position we find ourselves in today
would you not agree
it's an evil time it's an evil time but
that's not the time to be silent
not if you're a christian
not if you're a follower of christ
we were born for this we were called for
this
for this very purpose for such a time as
this are we on the scene
so for a christian
to go silent now shame shame shame
shame
if you're a christian
and you go silent now shame shame shame
this is not the time
for christians to be silent god says
christ says hey if you're ashamed of me

then i'll be ashamed of you before the
father
so is the time for christians to be
silent
he goes on to say
amos five
in this evil time
seek good
let's make that our intention that as
the world goes mad
we're going to seek good
seek good and not evil
that you may live there it is again
death is coming
death is coming and they can invent all
the vaccines they like
they cannot escape this
they can develop the greatest military
forces they like
they cannot escape this
they can ration all the food and get
ready all they like
they cannot escape this
death is coming
but for us it's very clear
despite all of this
seek good
and not evil
and you may live don't go along with
them
don't get swept up with them
and so the lord jehovah
the god of hosts zevo oat
shall be with you
as you have spoken so the talk is there
the religious cheap talk because you're
not really living by it but you're
saying the right things but if you
actually live by it it will happen the
way you're you're you're speaking
listen
he says hate the evil this is a time
when the moral compass is upside down
what's good is now evil

and what's evil is good
what's evil is good
you you look at the the root
of some of these experiments some of
these vaccinations
you know harvesting fetal uh
fetal tissue
aborted fetal tissue god's this is evil
but no no no it's good it's good
it's making people millions of dollars a
day so therefore it's good
when we should be saying no that's evil
that that's not good we should all agree
let's put the medical side argument
aside for a moment let's just say hey
you shouldn't do that let's not get into
the habit
of harvesting aborted fetal tissue hate
the evil
and love the good
and establish judgment in the gate
allow god's judgment
to be in the gate
let people have access to god's judgment
it may be
that the lord god of hosts
will be gracious
unto the remnant of joseph
this is what we're looking for
we're not evaluating
the current situation
based on the current situation
we're evaluating the current situation
based on what's happening around us
today
we're evaluating the current situation
based upon the ancient scriptures
we're evaluating the current situation
based upon the future that god promises
is going to take place
and it's dark
the day is going to be darkened
it's a time of terrible judgment
based on the future that we see

we're going to seek good
hoping that the lord god of hosts
the god of armies who's coming with
judgment
that he'll be gracious unto the remnant
of joseph
that this this end time remnant we're
looking for his gracious uh mercy upon
us that's how we evaluate
here in psalm

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speaking of the covenant people psalmist
says you love evil more than good
you love evil more than good and lying
rather than to speak righteousness
those that speak righteousness are
hated here he says you like lying rather
than speaking right how does this happen
in psalm 97 and verse 10 here's the
advice to us

as christians as covenant people when we
live in a time of evil
when people prefer evil over good when
they prefer lying over speaking
righteousness
when speaking righteousness is
persecuted

here's the advice

you that love the lord you love jehovah
hate evil

you love jehovah hate evil

don't compromise with it

don't cooperate with it don't come under
its umbrella hate it

you that love the lord hate evil

he preserves the souls of his saints

he delivers them out of the hand of the
wicked so so amos says it's an evil time

and those that speak righteousness are
abhorred and hated

and here we see through the wisdom of
the psalms

that

there is a god over the earth over the

universe
and
we walk by faith not by sight
we we govern ourselves by the future
because that's where we're going to live
we're in the present we're going to live
in the future forever so we govern
ourselves by the future not by the
present
and in the present all those that desire
to live godly in christ shall suffer
persecution so if we're going to govern
ourselves in such a way that we
constantly escape persecution
we're going to find ourselves in a very
desperate situation with god
but here what the psalmist is is the
insight that the psalmist is bringing us
is that god will preserve the souls of
his saints the worst they can do is kill
the body
and then it ends
and then they have to face the judgment
and we will be resurrected to glory
eternal glory
so the wisdom of the psalmist is if you
love god hate evil don't get swept up
with gilgal
don't get swept up with bethel and bear
shiva don't get swept up with their
idolatry just love god and hate evil
and he will preserve the souls of his
saints and he will deliver them deliver
us
out of the hand of the wicked this is
the same thing that amos is saying so
here in chapter 5 verse 16 of amos he
says
therefore
jehovah the god of armies
the lord
says this
this is this is the future
so again this is 8th century prophecy

but it has end time implications
and fulfillment
the prophet says
or god says through the prophet
wailing
shall be in all streets
you cannot escape this
boost up
knock yourself out
you cannot escape this
wailing shall be in all the streets
and they shall say in all the highways
alas alas
and they shall call the farmer to the
morning
and such as are skillful of lamentation
to wailing
this is the future
this cannot be escaped because it's
coming from the hand of god will evil be
done in a city and the lord god has not
done it
so nobody can be in office in high
office unless god puts them there
and if we see that god puts them there
and they're destroying our civilization
god is allowing it
judgment is upon us we have departed
from the ways of god
and there are consequences
the society has gone insane
that wouldn't happen if people were
reading their bibles
when people were reading their bibles
when the society was governed by
christian values it wasn't insane
young young people could walk the street
safely
people were treated with respect
people could sit down and have civil
conversation they could debate
intelligently
but we've taken all we've taken
christian values out of society or the

leaders the elite have
and now people have gone insane
mass formation mass psychosis
society has gone insane
but that's god doing this
this we have to study deuteronomy
and understand okay this is what happens
when we depart from the living god
so he says
the prophet says
and we should take note because this has
a very broad implication this is this is
unlike isaiah who's very specific
this is concerning judah and jerusalem
micah okay this is concerning judah and
jerusalem
amos this is concerning all the nations
and the northern tribes this like if
anybody if isaiah missed anybody i've
got them in my prophecy
therefore the lord
the god of armies
the lord
says this
wailing shall be in all streets that you
cannot escape this
and they shall say in all the highways
alas alas
and they shall call the husband of the
farmer to mourning and such as are
skillful of lamentation to wailing
and in all vineyards
shall be wailing
remember they were setting this up they
wanted to enjoy it they're getting so
wealthy no
you're not going to enjoy it in all your
vineyards shall be wailing for i will
pass through you says the lord it's god
who's doing this
what unto you
that desire the day of the lord now this
is speaking directly
to the religious people

as it was anciently
so it is today
the church of god and i don't mean cgi i
mean the church of god
is
a stump
of what it used to be
the people of god are a shadow
of what we used to be you read the early
church and what uh
pastor murray covered last week on
sabbath on uh acts 15 and you see this
this maturity
this this commitment to be governed by
the word of god
we've lost this
and now the prophet
points his prophecy
specifically
to the religious people within the
covenant community
those who see themselves as god fearing
he says
woe unto you you are cursed
that desire the day of the lord oh god
is coming the lord is going to return oh
i'm looking forward to it 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 remember he said
those that speak righteousness are
abhorred
how is it
how is it that's just kind of a logical
exercise how is it
that you can abhor those
who speak the word of the lord
and at the same time look forward to the
returning of the lord
what's the calculus here how does that
work
we abhor those who speak righteousness
and we look forward to the lord of

righteousness returning
he says woe unto you that desire the day
of the lord
so what end is it for you
the day of the lord let me let you know
it says let me fill you in you might not
have been able to un put this together
remember
he he brings darkness to the day this is
who we're talking about
so let me explain to you a little bit
about the day of the lord the day of the
lord
is darkness
and not light
it's darkness
joel says in joel 2 and verse 1
blow you the trumpet the trumpet of
warning
the lion has roared who will not tremble
he blows the trumpet where where should
this warning trumpet be blown should we
warn the world
oh world
you're being bad
and god is coming
or what does the prophet joel say
blow the trumpet in zion
warn my people
amos says i'm going to destroy my people
micah says lately
my own people have risen up as an enemy
might as my enemy
with with all of these prophecies
are we just comfortable to say oh i'm
looking forward to the day of the lord
blow you the trumpet in zion
and sound an alarm
in my holy mountain
you know amos came from this holy
mountain and he went to the north and he
said yeah jerusalem is under curse as
well
i'm not partisan here i'm speaking for

god and the people of god are in great trouble

blow the trumpet in zion sound an alarm in my holy mountain and let all the inhabitants of the land tremble this is the covenant land the promised land let all of them tremble

for the day of the lord comes

it's near at hand

i think we just i think we're influenced by worldly concepts of christianity and we don't understand covenant as deeply as we should i'm not saying all of us but i think generally speaking uh and so we don't really understand covenant

and we think we can break god's laws we think we can cozy up to the world and god is still gonna be just so happy to have us

blow the trumpet in zion

blow the trumpet in the church

warn the covenant people

that a day of darkness is coming

he says here in verse 19

it's as if a man

did flee from a lion and a bear met him

i was watching this uh uh nature show

and you had these flying fish it was

amazing they come up out of the water

and it's like it's like they're flying

they're not really flying but they

propel themselves out of the water and

they go about a hundred feet so it looks

like they're flying

the reason they propel themselves out of

the water is they're being chased by

sharks

so sharks want to eat them so they

propel themselves out of the water to

escape the shark and they're they're

flying through the air for 100 feet and

while they're flying through the the air

uh eagles and hawks come and catch them

in the air and eat them
so they flee the shark but they get
eaten by a hawk
this is this is what's happening or
what's going to happen
to the people of god
it's as if a man did flee from a lion
and a bear met him
this destruction that god has pronounced
upon his people it's inescapable
boost up and do all you can but you
cannot escape this judgment
it's 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 so i was like i've
got to get this danger out here i better
run into my house and there's a serpent
in the house waiting for you
shall not the day of the lord
be darkness this is what the day of the
lord is going to be like
it's a time of intense judgment
and and we i think we need to
examine ourselves
i think we need to evaluate ourselves
individually but also collectively
are we the voice
of scripture into society
or do we just agree with society do we
just conform to society
are we doing what we were put on this
planet for
uh you know we were called it's like we
realized you know what wow i understand
no man can come to the father but
through christ
but nobody can come to christ unless the
father calls him and draws him so well
what a privilege wow and so we were
saying this for decades
and now we're in the time
now everything is unraveling around us
and what are we doing with this

what are we doing with this
understanding
because if we're not going to fulfill
our destiny
if we're not going to fulfill our
calling
god doesn't need us
he can find somebody else
we're not that necessary
it's a privilege
to serve the living god
but it's it's not it's not mandatory
that god works with us
he can find somebody else
so here we are
we are alive now
our
forefathers
were trying to understand what this day
would be like and they eagerly looked
forward to it
and they they really were ready for this
but we've just been softened and diluted
and you know
misled
and and not studying the scriptures
anymore
and now at this time of great intensity
we've lost our spiritual backbone
we've lost our spiritual sight
and we've become
irrelevant
at a time like this
where is the church of god
for the most part it's asleep
and irrelevant
unfortunately and so now this judgment
is coming
this day of darkness is coming
do we simply say to god oh yes it's me
god i know i did nothing
i know i was ashamed of you
i know i tried to conform to an evil
society but it's me god let me in

or
do we say okay there's work to be done
here i don't know what's going to happen
to me i don't know my fate but i know
what i'm called to do
and let's do that and let the chips fall
where they may
because ultimately
john said you know i saw those
i saw the souls it's funny you know what
i was watching
and i saw these faithful saints and they
loved not their lives to the death
they did exploits for god
and they proclaimed the glory of god
and they were crushed in fact i saw them
beheaded many of them i saw beheaded
and you know what
just go down the timeline a little bit
it's amazing
i saw those same saints
that were beheaded
for their testimony of christ
i saw them sitting on thrones and
judgment was given to them
judgment was given to them
they didn't just show up and say god i
know i let you down but can you let me
in
no they stood for god
and they were willing to pay the
ultimate price
and god said i love that that's what i'm
looking for
sit on my right hand
shall not the day of the lord be
darkness
and not light even very dark
and no brightness in it
come on this this is this is what we're
this is what we're looking forward to
this is what's coming
and we need to be ready to face this
not some pandemic that has a 99.9

survival rate that's got everybody
terrified this is what we should be
terrified over because there's no
escaping this
listen to
what god says through the prophet
to the religious community
and let's not be complacent
let's not say oh yeah but that's 8th
century that's not us
let's be humble
and say it could be us
maybe it's us
are we really doing everything that we
can are we really the gold standard
of christian living
because if we're not
then this could be us
oh you know what we keep the sabbath
yeah other seventh day adventures keep
the sabbath yeah but we keep the holy
days
we keep the holy days we're special
god says
i hate
i despise your feast days
and i will not smell in your solemn
assemblies so i'm not going to
participate in your offerings
i can't stand it
yeah but god we keep the hate we keep
the feast days i despise them
they sacrifice here in hosea 8 and verse
13 why does god hate their their worship
hosea says and will study hosea god
willing he's also a contemporary here in
the 8th century
they sacrifice flesh
for the sacrifices of my offerings so so
they're in this religious ritual
called practice
so they do this and they eat it
but the lord accepts them not
they're all very hey they're keeping the

worship system and but god doesn't
accept it
now will he remember their iniquity
and visit their sins
they shall return to egypt they're going
to go back into captivity
so as we keep the feast days
keep the sabbaths keep the feast days go
through this sort of religious ritual
worship
can we say
that we are truly living for christ
can we say we're willing to die for
christ
or are we doing this and running to
gilgal
are we involved in this worship system
and running to bethel
running to bear shiva
and conforming ourselves to idolatry
while we
engage in religious practice that
apparently looks like
covenant practice
god says he hates it
back to amos 5
he says
though you offer me burnt offerings so
you're in the practice
and from from the outside i were to look
and say well these are the people of god
i see pagans
i see pagans worshiping on sunday the
worshipping the sun
i see pagans involved in sexual
idolatrous practices
and then i look over here and on the
surface
i see the covenant community
observing the feast days
oh these must be really good people
though you offer me burnt offerings and
your meat offerings i will not accept
them hosea says the same thing

he's not going to accept it
neither will i regard the peace
offerings of your fat beasts
you're going through the motions
you know bear shiva started off with
this tremendous beginning with abraham
and with israel
and then it descended into idolatry
so just because we have the name
beersheba
or just because we have the name church
of god
it doesn't mean
that we are really upholding the gold
standard of our origins
again listen to pastor murray's
sermon on sabbath is there not a cause
and you analyze the behavior of the
early church
as a standard for us to look at
ourselves and say
um are we
are we behaving like that
do we have that sort of
spiritual
intellect
to really dive into the scriptures to
pursue god's will
or we caught up with the world
and we can't really think spiritually
and we don't reason scripturally
and then we want to say oh yeah but
here's the offering for god
though you offer me burnt offerings in
your meat offerings i won't accept them
neither will i regard the peace
offerings of your fat beasts
take you away from me the noise of your
songs
for i will not hear
the melody
of your vials
now that is really really scary
that

here we have this religious system this
worship system

and

it seems on the surface everything seems
great and the offerings are going up and
god's saying i'm not going to smell
those offerings i'm not participating
i'm not accepting it

and then they have all the song service
and the worship leader is up there oh
praise you the lord and everything just
seems so wonderful and everybody's
singing their heart out and it's just
certainly the lord is in this place
and god says i have nothing to do with
this

and a day of great darkness is coming
and why are you saying you desire the
day of the lord

when you don't seem to understand the
wrath that is coming as you cozy up to
the world

he says here

i will not hear the melody

of your vials

instead

let judgment run down as waters and
righteousness

as a mighty stream this is what god
wants and this can only come from the
scriptures we can't get this from the
world

this isn't cozying up to the world and
doing as the world commands us this is
doing as god commands us

have you offered he says have you
offered unto me

sacrifices and offerings in the
wilderness

40 years

old house of israel

is that you know you're so immersed in
this religious process

what has it gotten you

how deep is your love
how faithful are you really
so you just go through you've had 40
years of perfecting your ritual
you know here we could say church of god
we've had decades
we've had let's say let's say nine
decades
of perfecting our rituals
and after nine decades of refining our
rituals
how good is it to god
how acceptable is it to god really and
if we compare ourselves today to nine
decades ago how much have we improved
over nine decades
and again if we compare ourselves today
to first century
how much have we improved over two
thousand years
but you have into
you you've done all this with these
sacrifices and offerings
over 40 years
for the church of god let's say 90 years
or 2 000 years
and what's
the analysis what's the conclusion
you have born
the tabernacle
of your moloch and keon
your images
so after these decades of religious
practice and worship and offerings and
feast days
you've borne the tabernacle of your
moloch
and key on your images
the star of your god
which you made to yourselves
so this is this is um
i i'm sorry this is such
a condemnation
that after all of this

that that you know
you would think over a few decades that
we have actually perfected
our worship
and i guess in a way we have yeah we've
perfected our idolatry
and yet we say we're looking forward to
the day of the lord we've perfected our
idolatry he says
but you have borne
the tabernacle of your your moloch it's
your moloch and key on your images the
star of your god
which you made to yourselves
therefore
here's the and this has been the
religious community remember yes he
started off talking about the elite and
the wealthy and the cows of bashan
but now the focus is specifically
on the religious worship
and those who would say that they
represent the covenant
and those that would say that oh it's
time the feast days are coming up oh
you're looking forward to the feast i'm
looking forward to the feast oh yes got
your offering ready i got my offering
ready let's go
we've been doing this for decades
and it's all
resulting in idolatry
getting swept up with the world around
us
therefore
will i cause you
to go into captivity beyond damascus
says jehovah
whose name
is the god of hosts
you must be familiar with the god of
hosts
this is the god of armies
this is the god who's coming to punish

this is the god of severity
and if we're not preaching the god of
severity yes he's a god of mercy
he's equally a god of severity
and if we're not preaching the god of
severity we're lying
we're liars
you know if you if you preach the god of
mercy
and you don't preach the god of severity
you're a liar
if you preach the god of severity and
you don't preach the god of mercy you're
a liar we need this ability
to teach the full character of god
he is a god of severity
and he's a god of mercy and we're going
to see that we're getting there
it's going to take us a while to get
there but let's be patient because we
know we know this isn't the end of the
story
because he is a god of mercy
he's a god of covenant and and mercy is
in the covenant you know that is this
sort of oh god the god of the old
testament there's no
there's just one god
and he's a god of mercy and he's a god
of severity
and unless our
preaching
and our understanding
honors his whole character
and in this evil time
that we we conduct ourselves with some
sense of reverence
and some sense of awe
and some sense of fear
and some realization that what's going
on today is it's it's temporary
that we have to conduct ourselves and
conform ourselves to the future
that we read in scripture

not to the present world around us so
brethren uh thank you so much for
joining me this evening as we're
marching through the 8th century uh
prophet amos
who has a message
in his case
not for judah
not for jerusalem
but for the surrounding nations and for
israel and today as we read all of this
with end time implications we know these
people have been spread around the world
and we can look at these nations
that that are departing from the
judeo-christian ethic
and we we should be very vocal
cry aloud
don't back down
this is not a time to be a coward we
were born for this
we were called for this
we were looking forward to this for
decades people have died
looking forward to this and never seeing
it
and here we are
this is not a time to collapse this is
not a time to be a coward this is not a
time to be a betrayer or a turncoat
this is a time to glorify christ jesus
christ is lord brethren thank you for
being here god willing we'll see you on
sabbath jesus is lord what a mighty and
faithful god we serve god bless you
brethren good night
you