

30-Amos-06-Transcript

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[Applause]

[Music]

greetings brethren and welcome to
another wednesday night bible study
where we study the scripture line upon
line today we are covering amos chapter
six

and i just want to apologize for the
slight delay in getting ready just a
couple of uh camera problems so i'm not
using the camera that i like to use and
so hopefully i will remember uh to look
at the right camera i hope you're all
doing well let's open with a word of
prayer so that we can get straight into
tonight's study amos chapter 6

our heavenly father we come before you
are just ever so grateful lord that
we're watching this world around us
collapse unravel
darken

and we are ever so grateful father that
we have your word and and not just that
we have your word but that we have this
deep desire

to want to understand and comply
with your word we thank you for this
father this is a

immense treasure
in this very impoverished world in this
very

satanic and uh world of illusion
thank you father for this desire that
you've put in our hearts thank you for
giving us to one another that we have
each other we're not alone
there are many who are faithful to your
word and we thank you for
all of us father i pray that you'll help
us to better understand your word so
that we may conduct ourselves in ways
that are pleasing to you and to our

savior jesus christ
and we pray in his name amen
so we are up to amos chapter six let me
go ahead
and share my screen
and so hopefully you can see
my scripture now there we go
so amos chapter 6
and i think what i want to do is just
swap monitors here
so give me a second while i put this
the bible on this monitor
i think that is much better
amos chapter 6 begins
with
woe to them
that are at ease
in zion now remember that amos is a
prophet from judah
who has been sent to the north to israel
and although he's prophesying to israel
and has incredible condemnation for
israel
he's not partisan he's not like oh you
know jews we're wonderful but you guys
are horrible
truth is truth
and even though he's from judah that the
true religious center is zion
not what jeroaboam set up in the north
and yet even the true religious center
of zion has become corrupted
and so he begins this chapter with a
curse
on those that are at ease in zion
and actually let me just read from
the complete jewish bible
for
this verse i think it just makes it a
little easier to understand but here
what we see is
um
zion
being the religious the true religious

center of true worship of jehovah
and and yet
in a time of crisis
those who should be
leading the world and certainly leading
the covenant community
in god's ways
they're at ease
they don't see a problem
they're in a complete sense of
complacency and comfort and so even
though amos is about to condemn israel
he begins with a condemnation
in a sense saying like
if if the religious center of true
worship of jehovah is corrupt what hope
does the rest of the world have what
hope does the rest of the covenant
community have i think in sort of the
modern context today
as
judah has corrupted itself
would be the church
we would have to read this in terms of a
modern context as
woe to those
living at ease
in in the church
this is a time jesus christ is fear i
think i keep trying to say this over and
over again
jesus christ is furious
he is furious
and anybody who's trying to convey
a christ who's just satisfied who's just
relaxed and you know he'll return when
he's ready and everything's going to be
okay this is false
this is false
we we are in a crisis
and jesus christ is furious
and those of us in the church should be
a sound of alarm
we should be a we should be a trumpet

warning uh to not just the general world
and and and the israel the physical
covenant people but the church itself we
should be there should be this urgent
call a clarion call
from the church so woe to those
living at ease in zion
and to those who feel complacent on the
hills of samaria so so it's now the root
is is zion but now let's go to samaria
and there are those who feel complacent
like how is this
that the covenant community
in a time of crisis
in a time when jesus christ is furious
everyone's complacent
how does this happen
so so if we are living with a future
orientation and an understanding of
what's coming we can't be at ease and
yet there are those who are living at
ease in zion and those who feel
complacent on the hills of samaria
renowned men
in this foremost of nations
to whom the rest of israel come so these
men now are renowned
and
just let me just pause here for a second
so sorry about that um
renowned men so these are leaders
renowned men in this foremost of nations
so at this time uh samaria is a you know
doing extremely well and there are
renowned men
who are you know everybody's looking to
them to whom the rest of israel come so
they're leaders and so
the pace of the leader is the pace of
the pack uh the pack is following the
leader
and and amos he's he he just sees it for
what it is
so he goes on then

rise up
oh sorry i wanted to just go back to
isaiah sorry in terms of this ease being
at ease in zion and ease in samaria
isaiah called this out as well
uh to the women of judah he says rise up
you women this is isaiah 32 and verse 9.
rise up you women that are at ease
hear my voice
you careless daughters
remember amos
he he called out in chapter four i
believe that it's the women who are
behind this
that the men might be giving the orders
but it's their wives who are actually
hey fetch us wine and come and drink and
they're they're the ones barking out the
orders here isaiah reveals this as well
rise up you women that are at ease
hear my voice you careless daughters
give ear unto my speech
many days and years shall you be
troubled
you careless women
for the vintage shall fail
the gathering shall not come in other
words the economy is going to collapse
tremble you women that are at ease
be troubled you careless ones don't be
at ease this is a time of urgency do you
have any idea what's coming
do you have a clue what's about to take
place
be troubled you careless ones strip you
and make you bear
and gird sackcloth upon your loins if
you the prophet is saying isaiah is
saying to them if you had any idea
if you had any idea what is coming
you would you would comport yourself
accordingly
so back to amos now
chapter 6 so woe to those who are this

is not a time
for us
to be at ease
this this is a time of crisis and a time
of alarm if
if
we have any sense of what's coming
if we give any regard
to the prophets and their prophecies if
we don't
if we just judge what's going on today
by what's happened in the past and you
know tomorrow is going to be much more
like much like today only better
uh then we're not we're at ease we don't
see any sense for alarm but if we peer
into the prophets
and christ's words
as well christ himself
we're we're in a state of panic excuse
me pardon me for being in a state of
panic but i've read the prophets
and and pardoned me for being in a state
of grief and mourning but i've read the
prophets
and i'm judging where we are today based
on what they tell me is coming and this
is what amos is saying to these people
who woe to you if you're at ease and
then these these renowned men in samaria
that the rest of israel is following he
says pass you unto khalna and see
and from there go you to hamath the
great
then go down to gath of the philistines
be they better than these kingdoms
or their border greater than your border
so he's really saying to them look at
the nations around you
and do you think you're greater than
them
because i've dealt with them and i will
deal with you so don't don't get caught
up

in your economic prowess
and think that this can last forever
and certainly here the western nations
uh i mentioned on sabbath we have
enjoyed the pax americana
uh what what a
boy oh boy what an achievement
the western world
in the last 200 250 years
what an incredible economic achievement
the western world has accomplished
and i think we've just gotten really
used to it it feels like it's something
that can never collapse
and yet we're on the verge
of a global collapse the likes of which
the world has never seen
and and we should be doing everything we
can to prepare to live through that
we should be bolstering ourselves and
girding up our loins so that we can live
through what's coming
we should not be at ease and relax and
everything's fine everything is not fine
he goes on to say
you that put far away
the evil day that the complete jewish
bible says you put off all thought
of the evil day
but hasten the reign of violence if this
doesn't describe our society this single
verse
they have no thought
of any sort of day of judgment that god
matters that what god thinks has
anything that they should consider
instead they put that off
and they hasten the reign of violence
they they are just committed to ruling
with a a ruthlessness
and just destroying anybody that gets in
their way because they have no
conscience they have no regard that in
any way shape or form

they might be held accountable
uh back to amos six verse four here
i'll i'll just continue to read from the
complete jewish bible you lie on beds of
ivory
and lounge sprawled out on your couches
dining on meat from lambs in the flock
and from calves fattened in stalls
clearly
clearly the northern tribes are enjoying
an incredibly strong economy
well at least the elite
in the north at least the elite
are enjoying an incredibly strong
economy they they're impoverishing the
poor they're oppressing the poor so they
the poor may not understand just how
wonderful the economy is but certainly
the elite
are enjoying an incredible
incredible bounty and abundance
and they're sprawled out
now they have no thought
of a day of judgment that's coming even
though these are covenant people they
they know they have the scriptures they
know the prophecies they've put all of
that out of their mind and they've
become really arrogant and complacent
for us as i said you know woe to those
who are at ease in zion so amos begins
this this passage of prophecy condemning
the true religious center which today
would be the church and and god himself
christ himself says
to his people
in fact the leaders of his people
he says here in matthew 24 and verse 48
but and if
that evil servant and you'd have to read
the passage in context to realize that
servant that he's speaking to he's
pointing to us as leaders
but

and if
that servant
shall say in his heart
my lord delays his coming he's he's
there we are putting off the thought of
the evil day
we're putting off the the any sense that
christ is coming and he's furious we're
putting all that out of our mind and
we're just we're just living in the
present
so here he says but it but and if that
evil servant shall say in his heart my
lord delays his coming
and shall begin to smite his fellow
servants
and to eat and drink with the drunken
he's speaking of
his people
he's speaking of us the church
the lord of that servant shall come in a
day
when he looks not for him
we we're not looking for him because
we've put off any thought of that day
well that's when he's going to come and
in an hour that he is not aware of and
we can go on i think we're familiar with
the passage to see just how christ
will handle that servant
and here we see the same thing that the
elite in samaria or the in israel are
just living large with no with no
thought
that one day
they will have to stand before the
judgment seat of christ he goes on to
say amos 6 and verse 5 again he's
speaking to the covenant community
woe to these people
that chant to the sound of the vile
and invent themselves instruments of
music like david here in the complete
jewish bible he says

you make up wild songs at your parties
playing the lute and inventing other
instruments imagining that you're like
david so here we could just get the
sense of festivity
and many of these songs you know david
was a psalmist the sweet psalmist and
and and praised god in his his music and
so here would be no surprise if we are
praising god in our music but our hearts
are far from him
and so it's beautiful oh wonderful
special music oh how the way you put
that wording together you just you
praised god so well and yet god says
it's completely irrelevant i i have no
regard for it

verse six

that drink wine in bowls so this is you
know physical wine here they're
physically partying but again in terms
of the modern context we saw that in
christ eat and drink with the drunken
so so wine has a symbolic meaning
and as spiritual leaders we can be drunk
not with physical wine but with
spiritual wine
with with doctrinal wine and we can be
eating eating and drinking with the
drunken but here this is a physical wine
that drink wine in bowls it got there's
so much abundance again the economy is
very strong and this is a way that they
can enjoy themselves they drink wine in
bowls and anoint themselves with the
chief

ointments but listen

this is what they're doing

but through amos god says

but they are not grieved for the

affliction of joseph

the complete jewish bible says they feel

no grief

at the ruin of joseph

you you look at our world leaders today
are
they're just enjoying themselves they're
the elite they live in mansions they
have the best of food the best of wine
meanwhile
our society
is overrun with lawlessness
crime is out of control
borders are wide open
the terrorists are just marching without
any any sense of uh concern or risk
and we're just watching our society
collapse and our leaders
feel no grief they've sold us out
their their bank accounts are getting
fatter
but all of us are suffering or we're
watching our societies collapse and they
feel no grief
at the ruin of joseph
therefore this is this is the judgment
now
therefore now
shall they go captive with the firsts
that go captive
oh yes
i i hope it's pretty clear to us
when the western world collapses we
are surrounded by nations that hate us
we are surrounded by by nations that
despise us
that are full of envy for what we have
accomplished
and when we collapse do you think
they're just going to look and say oh
dear what a shame that that happened to
them oh well carry on business as usual
or will they plunder us
will they take everything that we have
oh yeah
it shouldn't take a lot of calculus to
figure out
that the western world is in trouble

and all of you black lives matter
supporters
you have supported this
you have caused this this is on your
head
you you you were enthusiastic
about the destruction of the western
world
and i warned you do you understand
what's coming
when the western world collapses do you
understand what's going to replace it
do you understand they're going to take
your children and your grandchildren
away from you and abuse them in front of
your eyes
this is what's coming
therefore now these leaders that have
been just no regard for the loss
of joseph
shall they go captive with the very
first
that go captive
and the banquet of them that stretched
themselves
shall be removed here in the
complete jewish bible therefore now they
will be the first to go into exile with
those being exiled and the revelry of
those who lounge sprawling will pass
away
so again this is why we cannot we just
have to have this i
it's almost like we have to have one eye
on the present
but one eye on the future
and we're constantly judging the present
because of how we're how the future is
sharpening there's there's a
crystallization of the future as we
study the prophets
and and the words of christ
and and the revelation and and we're
blessed by

continuing to study revelation as we do
that there's a there's a sharpening
a crystallization
of the future
while we're looking at the present
and we're looking at the elite partying
and enjoying themselves and
we're not impressed
because we understand what's coming
we understand what's coming as opposed
to those who have no sense of what the
prophets have taught
what's coming this compelling event
that's just around the corner and we're
we're we're jealous we're envious you
know we're we're caught up with with
covetousness
that oh they have big houses they
shouldn't have that we should destroy
them because we should have that
therefore they're going to be the first
to go captive so don't don't follow them
don't
judge today
by the prophecies of the future
here in deuteronomy so to understand you
know why why would they go captive and
in fact why would they be the first to
go captive
we have to view the world through torah
nothing makes sense
unless we understand that the covenant
is at the center of everything that's
taking place on earth today
and therefore we have to view
what what is going on to this pandemic
the economic collapse borders are wide
open people are coming in and just
destroying our nations deuteronomy 28
and verse 25
the lord shall cause you
to be smitten before your enemies
you shall go out one way against them
and flee seven ways before them and

shall be removed into all the kingdoms
of the earth there's you know we can do
all we want to try to withstand the
penalties of sin
but god means to inflict the penalties
of sin
so the best that we can do is kick the
can down the road
you know so maybe you have managed to
avoid getting a disease today all we're
doing is kicking the can down the road
unless we repent
without repentance these curses are
coming
verse 36 the lord shall bring you
and your king
which you shall set over you
so even the elite
unto a nation
which neither you nor your fathers have
known
and there shall you serve other gods
wood and stone you want idolatry have
idolatry
and you shall become an astonishment
a proverb and a byword among all nations
where the lord shall lead you so when we
see the collapse of these incredibly
prosperous nations into complete abject
poverty we're going to be a proverb
you're going to say like wow look what
happened to these people
you shall beget sons and daughters
but you shall not enjoy them
we brought it upon ourselves
you know we we we are not uh we're not
like our forefathers
you know i was clearing we got dumped
with all kinds of snow i'm not sure
where you are but maybe you were hit
with this incredible snowstorm so you
know my wife and i are spending quite a
few hours just digging out
and this is what we do as humans

we we battle the elements
and our forefathers battled the elements
and and vicious enemies and lions and
tigers so that they could create
a legacy for the next generation
we've completely lost this we are
robbing the next generation so that we
can live comfortably
we are we are indebting the next
generation so that we can live
comfortably we're injecting the next
generation because we feel at risk
and we don't care about the the risks to
them
what's happened to us
well we're cursed
and we're going to beget sons and
daughters but we won't enjoy them
for they shall go into captivity
this is this is what amos is talking
about amos is not just making up
these curses
all the prophets are speaking torah
verse 47 because you served not the lord
your god with joyfulness
and with gladness of heart for the
abundance of all things so you know we
now in the church today the covenant
community today the first fruits
covenant community are we serving the
lord our god with joyfulness
and with gladness of heart for the
abundance of all things or have we just
become complacent
do we take all this abundance for
granted and then we grudgingly
serve god we serve god really in a
ritualistic way but there's no real
sacrifice in our service
he says
therefore
shall you serve your enemies you don't
want to serve me okay
this is how this this is the way we see

how god thinks i'm going to do
everything for you i'm going to bless
you i'm going to set you up i want you
to be the premier nation that all
nations can look to
or you don't want you don't want this
you don't want to serve me
oh okay have it your way have it your
way
therefore shall you serve your enemies
which the lord shall send against you in
hunger and in thirst and in nakedness
this is what the the elite uh that amos
was speaking to just couldn't comprehend
that the economy
can collapse like that
just because you have everything going
for you now and whatever you want you
can have it it can collapse just like
that
therefore shall you serve your enemies
which the lord shall send against you in
hunger and in thirst and in nakedness
and in want of all things they had all
things and now they're going to be in
want of all things and he shall put a
yoke of iron upon your neck until he has
destroyed you when god sets his mind
against us
there is nothing we can do
there is nothing we can do to avoid
these curses there's there's not a
vaccine on earth there's not an army
there's no nuclear technology there's no
communication capability there's nothing
that can defend us
when god sets himself against us
and so here he says i'm going to
do this until i've destroyed you
the lord and this is what we need to be
saying to our leaders
you need to repent
you you need to turn to god we should be
the voice of the nation we should be the

conscience of the nation
instead we've become like
we've become like church mice
we we know there's somebody in the
church we don't hear oh it's the little
mice
oh and they're terrified as soon as you
walk in they scatter
we should be like lions
roaring the warning of god
the lord shall bring a nation against
you from far
from the end of the earth as swift as
the eagle flies it's going to happen
like that
a nation whose tongue you shall not
understand a nation of fierce
countenance which shall not regard the
person of the old nor show favor to the
young
verse 51 and he shall eat the fruit of
your cattle and the fruit of your land
until you be destroyed
which also shall not leave the neither
corn nor wine or oil or the increase of
cows or flocks of your sheep until he
has destroyed you even though it's the
enemy doing this to us it's actually god
doing this this is this is the covenant
relationship that god has
and then this is this is him being
faithful to his covenant relationship
and he shall beseege you in all your
gates
until your high and fenced walls come
down wherein you trusted throughout all
your land shall he beseech you in all
your gates throughout all your land
which the lord your god has given you
and you shall eat the fruit of your own
body
yeah this is cannibalism
and this is this is cannibalism of of
the most extreme

where you're eating your own children
and this is this is in the bible and
this is a warning and this is this is
what god says he will inflict
upon the unfaithful nation
and there needs to be somebody who's
willing to dust off the bible and tell
people this is what the bible says
and and this is said by a god who can
actually enforce this
who can actually make this happen
and you shall eat the fruit of your own
body the flesh of your sons and of your
daughters which the lord your god has
given you so he blessed you with these
children and now you're going to have to
eat them
in the siege and in the straightness
where with your enemies shall distress
you hunger drives people insane
so i should say starvation drives people
insane
and people say like i would never stoop
to something so low as x y or zed
but when you're starving to death
unless you have an incredible iron will
and strong moral compass and you know
that okay
this is the word of god and you know the
word of god
it's amazing what human beings are
capable of back to amos 6 8
so so we understand from torah why this
is happening he says the lord god has
sworn by himself
says the lord god of hosts
i abhor
the excellency of jacob ya'lukov
god says i ab
so jacob has an excellency
and we would think wow we're so proud of
the excellency of jacob god says he
abhors it
i hate his palaces

therefore
will i deliver up the city with all that
is therein so god is just going to allow
jacob to be completely destroyed
and it shall come to pass
if there remain ten men in one house
that they shall die
so there's going to be this incredible
conquest from the enemy
and maybe you find a house and there are
some survivors there hey we found 10
survivors in this house they're all
huddled together god says no no no no no
one survives this so if you find 10 men
in one house they shall die
and the man's uncle
shall take him up
and he that burns him to bring out let
me just actually read this in the
complete jewish bible
just for clarity
and if a dead man's uncle
coming to bring the corpse
out of the house and burn it
finds a survivor
hidden in the in most recesses of the
house you can imagine the the
fearfulness
where you're hiding in the nooks and
crannies of the house
to avoid your enemy so a dead man's
uncle comes to bring the corpse out of
the house to burn it finds a survivor so
so you know there were 10 men in there
they're all destroyed but now he finds a
survivor hidden in the in most recesses
of the house and asks
is there anyone else there with you
then
when he receives the answer no
he will say
don't say any more
because we mustn't mention the name of
jehovah here in the king james he says

then shall he say hold your tongue for
we may not make mention of the name of
jehovah these are the covenant people
and they are now in such depth of
turmoil and anguish
and they know how cursed they are
that in this state of absolute grief
anguish and turmoil
rather than turn to god they feel uh
here the advice is we are so cursed
we we better not we better not uh even
try to to come into the remembrance of
god
because he will just absolutely destroy
us so there's a complete alienation
that the nation now has from god
for behold
the lord commands
and he will smite the great house with
the breaches
and the little house with the collapse
nobody escapes this
shall horses run upon the rock
will one plow there with oxen so this is
just the complete nonsense so
horses don't run on rocks you need a
good land if you're going to gallop and
really race horses
and if you're going to plow oxen you're
not going to plow them on on rocks that
is just complete ridiculous
so this is just absolute foolishness
for you have turned
judgment into gall
and the fruit of righteousness
into poison this is how foolish you have
been
it's just it's absurd
what the covenant community has done
and and i think we cannot be complacent
we have to realize especially given the
in in light of jesus christ's prophecies
to us
regarding the end time even asks the

question when the son of man comes will
he find faith on the earth that is quite
that that is uh
what a question
that that's that's a question that we
can't just dismiss it comes from the
lord
when the son of man comes
will he find faith on the earth that
that's worth pondering because the
question is posed in such a way that we
know the answer is no
no and here you can see here there's no
faith
we we must not make mention of the name
just you will you're the last person
you're going to die too i'm going to die
we just accept our fate no point calling
on god we've lost faith in god
and maybe there's early indications of
this today for us as a church how much
do we truly call on god in crisis
as we are in crisis as we face whatever
the trial is
on a personal level
on a collective level on a national
level on a global level how much do we
cry out to god
when the son of man comes will he find
faith on the earth maybe clues
for our faithlessness are right in front
of us today
he says
you which rejoice in a thing of nothing
which say
have we not taken to us horns by our own
strength so there's this real sense of
just
arrogance
and and and just
self-reliance
and and just pride
but behold
i will raise up against you

a nation
and and i think we should have that
sense today if you're if you're anywhere
in any of the western nations
where most of christianity is today
if we're in the western nations
we should have a a
an uneasy sense
that our enemies are gaining strength
while we are collapsing while we are
weakening at death by a thousand cuts
everything everywhere you look
we are weakening
every single angle every dimension
there's nothing that there's no momentum
anywhere everything is in decline
and while that's happening we have
gentile nations very powerful nations
becoming more powerful
who hate us
amos says
last verse of amos 6
but behold god says god is doing this
and i think this is really we've got to
get to this place where we see through
the events of the world to go to see in
god's hand is god's hand behind what's
happening in the world today
and then instead of trying to resist it
and trying to evade it
we need to accept wow this is god's hand
and then we need to repent and turn to
god accordingly but behold i will raise
up against you a nation o house of
israel
says the lord god of hosts
and they shall afflict you from the
entering of himath unto the river of the
wilderness so from top to bottom this is
going to be a very thorough affliction
and what we can say is
if that was certainly true in amos's day
how much more will it be true in our day
today so that was uh amos chapter 6

brethren we continue to go through this
line upon line trying to understand this
eighth century

prophet along with isaiah and micah and
god willing hosea what is it that the
8th century prophet saw and what of that
relates to our day to day we're going to
see i hope we're seeing very clearly
amos was not just speaking for his day
just as isaiah and micah were not just
speaking for their day we would be wise
to take warning we would be wise not to
be complacent not to be at ease not to
be arrogant but to recognize that jesus
christ

he is furious

and he is coming

and when he comes let us say

lord you have found faith in us but we

need to be developing that faithful

muscle now no matter what brethren

thanks so much for joining this evening

god bless you what a mighty god we serve

good night

you