

Amos 1

King James Version (KJV)

(Amos = a burden; He was a country boy from Judah. He was sent to the 10 tribes of Israel by God. This was approx 689-687 BC)

1 The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. (Tekoa = stockade) (Amos means a burden)

(He was of Judah, but was sent to prophecy to the 10 tribes. He was a shepherd and tender of wild figs, not a priest. Amos was from a town 6 miles south of Bethlehem)

2 And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither. Zechariah-14:4-5 (These are prophecies for the end times – the time of great shaking, spiritually)

3 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron: (This is a figure of speech. It means that the Syrians abused the people of Gilead without mercy, over and over and over again)

4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad. (Benhadad - the king of Syria) (Hazael = whom God sees)

5 I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD. (Aven= emptiness, vanity) (Eden= pleasure)

(Syria was continually abusing the people of Israel without mercy. God saw that and punished them)

6 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom: (Even today, Gaza tries to destroy Israel, as does Syria)

(Edom = red; this could be the communists of the end days, or it could be Saudi Arabia where the people of Edom were located at that time)

⁷ But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof: **Hebrews-12 (Our God is a consuming fire)**

⁸ And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD.
(Ashdod = stronghold; Ashkelon = the migratory ones; Ekron = torn out by the roots) (These were provinces in Gaza)

(The king is the one who holds the scepter)

⁹ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant: (Tyrus – a stronghold of the Kenites; it was also their center of commerce)

(These were middle men of commerce and banking. They produce nothing and take most of the profits for themselves. Meanwhile, the manufacturers and the consumers pay the price)

EXAMPLES: (Amazon, Walmart, Blackrock)

(Brotherly covenant – brother shall not war against brother; Edom and Israel were both Adamic people, descended from Isaac < Esau and Jacob >) 1Kings-5:1, 2Samuel

¹⁰ But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof. (Tyrus = a rock) (The Kenites got rich at everyone else's expense)

¹¹ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever: (Edom = red – the children of Esau)

(Today, many people believe that this is representative of communists in Russia & China <the red flag>)

(Others believe they represent Arabia – Muslims of today; because of their geographical location <where Edom was located in those days>)

(perpetually = never ending; there will be never ending strife between Esau and Jacob)

See Genesis-27 (The prophecy to Esau – his descendants would live away from the fat of the land. Today, Russia is too far north, and Saudi Arabia is in a desert. Neither one enjoys the fat of the land)

¹² But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah. (Teman - an Edomite clan in Arabia. It's also an area in southern Russia)

(Bozrah = a fortress, it was a city in the country that we call Jordan today. It was the capital of Edom)

¹³ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border: (They killed pregnant women in Israel without mercy when they invaded them)

(These were Lot's offspring – also Adamic people. Lot was Abraham's nephew)

¹⁴ But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind: (Rabbah is about 25 miles north of the Dead Sea)

¹⁵ And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD. (princes = priests – bad translation in the KJV; better translation in the Hebrew Masarah)

(These verses connect history with prophecy for the end days. That's why we need to learn them in order to understand what will happen when antichrist shows up to deceive the world)

NOTES from Verse-11: (There has always been a perpetual conflict between Russia and the US <Edom & Israel's 10 northern tribes>. Either it's a hot conflict or a cold war, it seems to go on and on. That's why some people believe that prophecies to Edom are symbolic for democracy vs. communism – freedom versus dictatorship)

(Others believe that Edom is symbolic for Saudi Arabia – the center of Islam. The controversy between Islam and Christianity is also perpetual. It has been ongoing since the 7th century)