

### **3 AMOS & MODERN TIMES**

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These notes, composed from 2013 on, are based on taped lectures given between 1977 and 1997 by Dr. Ernest L. Martin, Ph.D., formerly the Head of Theology for the Worldwide Church of God; he resigned in January 1974 because of his unresolved doctrinal issues with the administration. Sadly Dr. Martin died in January 2002, a great loss to the world and to those who seek Biblical truth.

Amos is possibly the least understood of all prophecies.

Written almost 900 years before the birth of Jesus, had relevance in Paul's time, and indeed for the future at the end times. 1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. All of the Law, Prophets and Writings which make up the Bible, were written for the generations when Christ introduced the gospel, and important for us, unto those upon whom the ends of the world (aeons - ages) is come?

3<sup>rd</sup> in order, 8<sup>th</sup> Century B.C. geographical areas extant then went out of existence within two hundred years,

This prophecy deals with eight geographical areas Syria, Tyre, Philistine, west of Jerusalem, Judah, and finally Northern Israel.

This book is really about the northern 10 tribes, and the "high places" established by Jereboam, in Samaria which was their capital. Israel also had two temple areas, Bethel ten miles North of Jerusalem where a false calf was set up, and Mount Hermon a hundred miles to the north where Dan set up a temple probably under the influence of the Edomites.

They were designed by the ten tribes to be areas of the worship of Jahweh, but they picked the wrong places which God did not approve of, Who had set up Jerusalem as THE place for people to worship Him.

The Israelites all claimed to be worshipping Yahweh, but they imported all kinds of religious practices which were all based in heathenism. This started out just after the miracles of Egypt God sent to provoke their release, that they had witnessed, but which they quickly forgot while Moses was up the mountain collecting the Commandments. They made the golden calf and descended into idolatry and debauchery which has been the pattern of Israelite behaviour ever since.

Amos from Judah, was a herdman in Tekoa, ten miles south of Jerusalem, near Bethlehem, and did not see himself as a prophet at all as he says in

chapter Amos 7:14. These prophecies were uttered, two years before the earthquake that occurred in the reign of Josiah in the Middle East.

Amos 1:1 KJV 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.

Amos says is giving the words of this prophecy two years before the earthquake, but which earthquake, as the one referred to had already happened during the reign of Uzziah in Amos lifetime! This earthquake may have been a 9 or 10, and was remembered 300 years later in Zechariah's time! It had become a byword.

The Richter scale of earthquakes is from 1-12, from mild to disastrous. Some today remember the Alaskan earthquake which was an 8 and was devastating, but there is a much greater one to come.

Zech 14:1-2 Zechariah describes an event which is going to take place just before Christ puts His feet on the Mount of Olives, half the city shall go into captivity. Then verse 3, Christ fights the nations.

Zechariah 14:4 Christ's foot touches the Mount of Olives which splits in two with the greatest earthquake ever to happen on Earth. 5 KJV And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

At the time of King Saul, Chapter of 1 Samuel 14: 15 there was a great earthquake at that time caused by God, and v 23, so the Lord saved Israel that day.

Revelation, written by Jesus Christ: Rev 16:17 and the seventh angel poured out his vial... and there was a great earthquake such that had never been since men had been on earth.

Mount of Olives shall cleave half will move to the North and half to the South, a large mountain that when that cleaves in two, it will be of astronomical proportions. Flee like as you did Uzziah king of Judah in Amos' times.

But not just seismic events but also heavenly things will be happening then. The Antichrist is going too make Jerusalem his headquarters.

## Side B

These things are going to happen two years BEFORE the greatest earthquake ever when Christ comes.

These nations are all in the Levant, from Syria Lebanon Tyre, Israel to Gaza the first six are Gentile nations, the next is Judah which is short, but next comes Israel which is the real subject of this prophecy.

First against Damascus is the Damscus of the 8<sup>th</sup> Century B.C., but it is the same Damascus, the capital of Syria which will exist in the end time prior to advent

The next is Gaza the Gaza strip, and there will be a Palestinian

3 is Tyre

4 Edom

5 Ammon Jordan

6. Moab 2:1

7. Judah

Will there be these nations at the time of the end, yes indeed.  
It is not what you own, it is what you can control.

8<sup>th</sup> Israel a prophecy to ancient Israel, but also for the 'end time'.

At the time when Solomon controlled the whole world, he did not have political control over the world, but he did have financial control economical, and that is the way Israel is going to control the world through sheer economic power, they will have the ability to control things.

The main concern is in establishing religious sanctuaries in the wrong places, Dan, and like Bethel, which cannot be found today, and nobody knows where is actually was.

Israel looks good on the surface, like Yahweh's people, but their religion was really pagan. What do you do with your 'festivals'

Nor will I receive your offerings and your sacrifices to Moloch, and the stars of your god, (Pliedes)

Is Israel free of paganism today? No their emblem, even their flag, is a six pointed star, made up of two triangles which represent the trinity.

Astronomical things taking place, seek not Bethel, Beersheba where Abraham planted a tree, which was taken over later to paganism. Seek the Lord, I am going to wipe out Bethel.

God is going to take all the pagan trappings out of Israel, but the Gentiles are in the same boat with a long haired 'Christ', the high places, the steeples, the religious songs and hymns that I hate.

God put on a magnificent show of celestial heavenly bodies to precede the birth of Christ, and the Magi came because of what they had seen. But these things were quickly forgotten, but now in this modern world, with planetariums, and new telescopes, will be able to show the whole world what type of show that God put on to announce the birth of Christ, and this will occur again just as Christ returns.

Five intensities of prophecy, not from a prophet, but God can use Amos anyone he chooses.

Cleanness of teeth. Judged but did not return unto me.

9 Blasting and mildew.

11. 5<sup>th</sup>

Five intensities of punishment, thus will I do unto you O Israel, prepare to meet your God. They refused to repent, yet you did not return unto me.

As it says in Ecclesiastes, these things that have happened will happen again.