

“THE LION HATH ROARED”

Amos 3:1-15

I. AMOS DESCRIBES THE SOLE PRIVILEGE OF ISRAEL (1-2)

A. The Authority Of This Word (1a) “Hear this word...”

B. The Author Of This Word (1b) “...that the LORD hath spoken...”

C. The Anguish In This Word (1c-2a)

1. Amos Revealed The Painful Rebuke From God (1c)

“...against you, O children of Israel...”

2. Amos Revealed Their Privileged Redemption By God (1d)

“...against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying...”

3. Amos Revealed Their Personal Relationship With God (2a)

“You only have I known of all the families of the earth...”

D. The Assurance Of This Word (2b)

“therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”

II. AMOS DEFENDS HIS STRONG PREACHING TO ISRAEL (3-8)

A. His Simple Axioms Demand The Punishment Of God (3-6)

1. They Illustrate The Factual Reason For Israel’s Judgment (3)

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

2. They Illustrate The Full Reality Of Israel’s Judgment (4)

“Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?”

3. They Illustrate The Final Readiness Of Israel’s Judgment (5)

“Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him? shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?”

4. They Illustrate The Fearful Response In Israel’s Judgment (6a-6b)

a. The Trumpet In Their City (6a)

“Shall a trumpet be blown in the city,”

b. The Terror In Their Citizens (6b)

“...and the people not be afraid?...”