

## 6. The Sin of Irreverence – Amos 5:16-27

The Day of the Lord appears first in Amos in a manner contrary to popular belief among the people. This “Day of Sovereign Conquest” was believed to be a great day of rejoicing, rescue, and reward bringing judgment upon the enemies of God’s people and bringing deliverance and vindication to Israel. Instead, due to the people’s irreverence and idolatry, we learn that it will be a terrible day of doom, darkness, and destruction.

- I. The Day of the Lord – vs. 16-20 (*Dies Irae*)
  - A. A Day of Doom (vs. 16-17)
    1. Wailing
    2. Alas! – “Oh, No!” – shock and disbelief
    3. Mourning
    4. “I Will Pass through You” – Lev 26:33 (the sword of the Lord)
  - B. A Day of Darkness (vs. 18, 20)
    1. Desiring the Day of Reckoning
      - a. Putting Off the Day – “One day I will get my act together and start living right, but not today.”
      - b. Longing for the Day – “I will be rewarded and my behavior will be vindicated, everyone will see that I was right.”
    2. Darkness, not Light – Zeph. 1:14-18; Deut. 28:29
    3. Disaster, not Deliverance
  - C. A Day of Destruction (vs. 19)
    1. Inescapable – Lion, Bear, Serpent Ezek. 14:21
    2. Illusions of Safety
    3. Isolation
- II. The Disregard of the Lord – vs. 21-24 (Lev 26:23-32; Psa. 51:16-17, 19)
  - A. Despised Assemblies (vs. 21)
    1. I Hate – Viewed as Enemies
    2. I Despise – Refused and Rejected
    3. Feast Days & Sacred Assemblies – Ex 23:15-18; 34:22-25; Deut. 16:10-16; Deut. 12:31
  - B. Disregarded Offerings (vs. 22) – Lev. 19:5-9
  - C. Distanced from Praise (vs. 23) – Deut. 31:17-18; 32:20
    1. Not Looked At or Listened To – Psa. 22:3
    2. Heart & Lips – Isa. 29:13-14; Mark 6:6-7
  - D. Desire for Justice & Righteousness (vs. 24)
    1. Routine, not Ritual – Matt 7:21-23
    2. Relationship, not Religion – Matt 5:23-24
    3. A River, not a Wadi (steady vs. stop and start)
    4. Keeping the Covenant – “I keep my marriage covenant! I commit adultery only every few days and the rest of the time I am completely faithful to my spouse.”
- III. The Discipline of the Lord – vs. 25-27
  - A. Devotion in the Desert (vs. 25) – Jer. 2:2-8
  - B. Divided between Deities (vs. 26) – 1 Kings 18:21
    1. The Tabernacle of Molech – 2 Kings 17:16-17; Deut. 18:9-13; 1 Kings 11:1; 12:28; Jer. 32:35; 2 Kings 23:10
    2. The Standard topped by Saturn
    3. Made by Your Own Hands – worship your way – Isa. 40:18-20; 41:22-24
  - C. Dispersed beyond Damascus (vs. 27) – Acts 7:41-43, 51; Deut. 29:28; 30:4
  - D. Thus says *Yahweh, Elohim Tsaba* – Ruler of Sun, Moon, and Stars (the hosts of heaven)