

Week 39
Amos-Micah

Overview of Amos

1. **God roars: Amos is a book that talks about the God that roars like a lion.**
2. **Israel is in a time of prosperity that has led them to a smug complacency.**
3. **The word of God is unleashed and God's people are to be shaken from the smugness that has help them for so long**
4. **God is sovereign over the universe**
5. **God will judge disobedience**
6. **God demands obedience**
7. **Really simple outline**
 - a. **Introduction: 1:1-2**
 - b. **Eight judgments: 1:3-2:16**
 - c. **Three messages: 3-5:17**
 - d. **Two woes: 5:18-6:14**
 - e. **Five Visions: 7:1-9:10**
 - f. **One Promise: 9:11-15**

I. Day #266: Amos 1-3

A. Ignoring the Word of God: 1-6

1. The Authority of God's Word: 1-2: **the pronouncement**
 - a. Who will Judge? The Lord
 - b. Why is will God judge? 1:1
 - c. How will God judge?
 - d. Who will God judge?
 - e. You have sinned: 8 cycles: 1:3-2:
 - i. Israel's neighbors: Aram, Philistia, Phoenecia, Edom, Ammon, Moab: these bad people were going to fall during the hands of Assyrian aggression
 - ii. The shocking twist: 2:4-16: Israel and Judah are going to be judged
 - f. The Authority of God's word is evidenced in the lives of the 8 nations
2. The Accuracy of God's Word: **the certainty of the sentencing: 3-6**
 - a. Chapters 3-5 are like three sermons
 - b. Each chapter begins with: hear this the Lord has spoken against you
 - c. Chapter 3: the case against Israel and their eventual captivity

II. Day #267: Amos 4-6

- d. Chapter 4: the lawsuit is progressing
 - i. Complaint #1: social sins of oppression: 4:1
 - ii. Complaint #2: religious sins of hypocrisy: 4:4-5: these sacrifices are sinful and your bragging deplorable

- iii. 4:6-11: God's past activity with Israel: **every might act of discipline concludes with you have not returned to me**
- iv. The preparations: 4:12-13: prepare to meet your God
- e. Chapters 5-6: a glimpse of the horror
 - i. Repent: 5:1-17
 - ii. Woe #1: 5:18-27
 - iii. Woe #2: 6:1-14

III. Day #268: Amos 7-9

B. Rejecting the Word of God: 7

- 1. The Prophet's Passion for the People: 1-6
 - a. Chapters 7-9 are made up of 5 visions: 7:1, 4, 7; 8:1, 9:1: two relented, 3 didn't
 - b. These visions contained the judgment that God was going to pour on his people
 - c. What did Amos do?
 - i. He pleaded on behalf of the people
 - ii. He appealed to God and God relented: again this is accommodation language that shows how God interacts with the world
- 2. The Prophet's Passion for God's Standard: 7
- 3. The Prophet's Passion for God: 7:16-17: Amos could not be silenced

C. Experiencing the Word of God: 8:1-10

- 1. God's Evaluation: 8:1: the grapes of wrath or ripe and God will unleash them
- 2. God's Decision: they were not plumb, they must be broken down: 8:2-3

D. Desiring the Word of God: 8:11-14

E. God's Faithfulness to His Word: 9

- 1. God will judge: 9:1-10
- 2. God will restore: 9:11-15
 - a. The book has come full circle: promise to destroy, promise to bless
 - b. Promise #1: 11-12: restore David's dynasty
 - c. Promise #2: 13-15: restoration of their land

Overview of Obadiah

1. Obadiah is the 4th of the Minor Prophets
2. Obadiah is the shortest book in the OT, 21 verses
3. However, Obadiah contains a major message concerning the nature of God.
4. I will never forget my undergraduate OT professor teaching us the importance of the OT for formulating your doctrine of God.
5. It is really unfortunate that the OT prophetic books are so neglected, I believe that this is why God is so misunderstood.
6. 3 attributes of God from Obadiah and how they affect the life of every individual

IV. Day #269: Obadiah

A. The Sovereignty of God: 1-9

1. The Cast: 1
 - a. Obadiah
 - b. God
 - c. Edom: a history of tension with Israel
2. The Intention of God
 - a. Edom's Humiliation: 2-4
 - b. Edom's Destruction: 5-8
 - c. Edom's wisdom will lead to their destruction: 9

B. The Justice of God: 10-16

1. The Charges Against Edom: 10-14: look how you treated your brother in their Darkest hour: In Jerusalem's need this is how Edom responded
 - a. Charge #1: Violence: 10
 - b. Charge #2: Indifference: 11
 - c. Charge #3: Arrogance: 12: they gloated as they witnessed the destruction
 - d. Charge #4: Exploitation: 13-14: their loss is our gain
2. The Judgment of God: 15-16
 - a. The Extent of the accountability: 15a
 - b. The Basis for the judgment: 15b
 - c. The Permanence of the judgment: 16

C. The Mercy of God: 17-21

1. The Reversal of Fortunes: 17-18
 - a. Deliverance: 17: the ransacked place will be restored
 - b. Destruction: 18: the elevated place will be removed
 - c. This is how it always looks: Rev.6:9-11: how long, until the full number
2. The Blessing of God: 19-21

Overview of Jonah

1. A Television show that makes fun of people and their behavior
2. The shows are funny but they are true
3. Part of the humor is seen in how you are able to identify with the people that are being made fun of.
4. This is the way Jonah works, in essence this is a story that borders being absurd
5. Some have seen this exaggeration and believe that Jonah is fiction, but it is fact
6. As we see Jonah's ridiculous behavior, we see our ridiculous behavior
7. How many of you struggle with a particular group of people? Jonah did: if those type of people are going to be in heaven, I don't want to be there
8. How many of you value your comfort more than the well being of others
 - a. The major character: God
 - b. The second character: Jonah: one of the unique aspects of the book: this deals with heart of the prophet more than the condition of the people
 - c. Audience: the people of Nineveh

V. Day #270: Jonah

A. Jonah's Commission: 1:1-3

1. The call: go preach: 1
2. The challenge: 2
3. The response: 3
 - a. Jonah's response to God's call: I am going to 1,500 miles in the opposite direction
 - b. The method of Jonah: run away from God as far as possible

B. Jonah's Counter response: 1:4-17

1. The Big Question: Can Jonah Escape God, can he really get away from God
2. God's Rule over the Weather: 4-6
3. God's Rule over the Lots: 7-11
4. God's Rule over the Sea: 12-16
5. God's Rule over the Fish: 17

C. Jonah's Compliance: 2

1. Reflecting on the overthrow: During Jonah's time in the great fish something happens
2. The reflection in the whale: 2:1-9: a psalm of thanksgiving
3. The Response of God: 10

D. Jonah' Re-commissioning: 3

1. A Second Chance for Jonah: 1-3
2. A Second Chance for Nineveh: 4-10
 - a. Jonah's preaching: 4:
 - b. The response of Nineveh: 5-9
 - c. The response of God: 10

E. **Jonah's Complaint: 4**

1. Wouldn't it be nice if the story ended right here: Jonah should be happy, instead this is Jonah's darkest hour: Jonah's two issues with Grace: pity party: two times
2. Grace and the enemy: 1-4
3. Grace and Comfort: 5-10
4. Jonah's lesson: 10-11

Overview of Micah

1. **4 Factors to Remember: Micah ministered during the same time as Isaiah: Remember the key components of (1) The Assyrian threat was real (2) The Babylonian Captivity was imminent (3) Gods would preserve a remnant of people for himself (4) Restoration was certain.**
2. **Micah Lived between Duet. 28-30: the blessings and curses of God's people**
3. **Working through Micah you see three cycles of judgment and salvation**
 - a. **Cycle #1: 1:2-2:13**
 - b. **Cycle #2: 3:1-5:15**
 - c. **Cycle #3: 6:1-7:20**
4. **Why is God so upset?: 1:1-2**
 - a. **The extent of the anger: both kingdoms: (1) Judgment on Samaria: 1:2-7 (2) Judgment on Judah: 1:8-16**
 - b. **The basis of the anger: (1) 2:1-5: the Corruption of the People, greedy landowners; (2) the False Prophets: 2:6-11, 3:5-8: not telling the truth, prophesying for money; (3) the corruption of the leaders: 3:1-5; (4): the Corruption of justice/ breaking God's covenant with them: 6:1-8**
5. **Does this sound like our world or what? A rich man's world, dog eat dog, survival**

VI. **Day #271: Micah 1-3**

A. **Cycle #1: 1-2:13**

1. **The Bad News: 1-2:11: God is Angry**
 - a. **The outrage of God: 1**
 - b. **The basis for the judgment**
 - i. **The Greedy Land Owners: 2:1-5**
 - ii. **The False Prophets: 2:6-11**
2. **The Good News: 2:12-13: God is Faithful**

B. **Cycle #2: 3:1-5:15**

1. **The Bad News: 3:1-12: The Leaders are Corrupt**
 - a. **The Leaders are Corrupt: 3:1-4**
 - b. **The Prophets are Corrupt: 3:5-8**
 - c. **The Inevitable Result: 3:9-12**

VII. Day #272: Micah 4-7

2. The Good News: 4-5: **God's King and Kingdom Aren't**
 - a. The Future Kingdom: 4
 - i. God's kingdom will be marked by: 4:1-5
 - ii. God will strengthen his people: the remnant that he punished, he will strengthen and restore: 6-7
 - iii. Jerusalem will be reestablished as a fortress city: 8-13.
 - b. The Future King: 5
 - i. The Messiah will rule the nations: 1-6
 - ii. The Messiah will rule and strengthen his people: 7-9
 - iii. The Messiah will judge the nations by his holiness: 10-15

C. Cycle #3: 6:1-7:20

1. The Bad News: 6-7:6: **The People are Sinful**
 - a. God is presenting his case: 6:1-2: the mountains are the witnesses
 - b. God's charges against his people: 6:3-8
 - c. God's Verdict: 6:9-16
 - d. Micah's response to what he has seen and heard: 7:1-7
2. The Good News: 7:7-20: **God is Gracious**
 - a. With God, nothing is ever beyond hope: 7
 - b. Make no mistake about it: God will have the final say: 8-13
 - c. The Compassionate God: 14-17
 - d. The Big Question: 18-20

