



***What if** an action in February 2020 set a consequence into motion for both Benjamin Netanyahu and Donald Trump?

***Joel 3:2** I will put them on trial for what they did to my inheritance, my people Israel, because they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land.

*If we are paralleling "Amos" judgement the wrath was unescapable!
Because of the people's hearts.*

***Amos 4:1** Hear this word, you cows of Bashan on Mount Samaria, you women who oppress the poor and crush the needy and say to your husbands, "Bring us some drinks!"

***Amos 4:2** The Sovereign LORD has sworn by his holiness: "The time will surely come when you will be taken away with hooks, the last of you with fishhooks.

"A People Dragged Away"

1. **V:1** Some scholars say **the language** isn't just about women being overly evil. It also implies the feminizing of men as a problem.
2. **V:2 God's Holiness** deals with the lust of society by allowing them to have hooks set that pull them to their evil choices. Why? They swallowed the bait of societies lies.
3. **Ezekiel 29:4** It was the punishment of Egypt. **God put a hook** in Pharaoh jaw for sided with Jerusalem's rebellion when God was correcting His people. (The Captivity period)
4. **2 Chronicles 33:11-13** The Assyrians **put a hook** in the nose of King Manasseh and dragged him away. He later repented and God set him free.

***Amos 4:4** "Go to Bethel and sin; go to Gilgal and sin yet more. Bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three years.

***Amos 4:5** Burn leavened bread as a thank offering and brag about your freewill offerings—boast about them, you Israelites, for this is what you love to do," declares the Sovereign LORD.

“The Places of Victory are Turned into a Message”

1. **Bethel (Genesis 35:1-2)** Is where Jacob wrestled with God and built an altar to God and abandoned the false gods of the land.
2. **Gilgal (Joshua Chapter 5)** The covenant of circumcision in the new Promise Land. The place of 12 stones as a remembrance of God’s mighty hand. Their first night in the promise land.
3. **The Message: “God Mocks Them”** we would say today God used sarcasm because of their failure to learn to stay with and trust God.

Amos 4:6-11 God sends judgement to a people who are not listening when God is speaking.

“The Seven Punishments”

1. V:6 **Famine:** Empty stomachs in every city.
2. V:7-8 **Drought:** Withholding the rain and people not having enough water to drink.
3. V:9 **Blight:** A curse on every plant so that beauty is marred.
4. V:9 **Locust:** A destruction of the trees and harvest.
5. V:10 **Plagues:** The plural of this word is the scariest part of this judgement.
6. V:10 **War:** The sword is always in the Bible a symbol of death and war.
7. V:11 **Complete Destruction:** The connection with Sodom and Gomorrah is the clue. Hope is in that the righteous did escape this judgement.

***Amos 4:12** "Therefore this is what I will do to you, Israel, and because I will do this to you, Israel, prepare to meet your God."

***Amos 4:13** He who forms the mountains, who creates the wind, and who reveals his thoughts to mankind, who turns dawn to darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth—the LORD God Almighty is his name.

A nation, & a people too rich, too self-centered, to listen to God. Hear this Scripture, “Prepare to meet your God.” This doesn’t have to be our Ending: A lost foundation, a lost way, and a lost people will never find hope.

