

Amos 3

King James Version (KJV)

3 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

²You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. (God chose that family to bring forth Jesus, and they continually let God down)

(Cause and effect parables verses 3 - 6)

³Can two walk together, except they be agreed? (Planning ahead – Can two people get to the same place together, unless they have agreed to it earlier? If you want to be ready for Jesus' return, you have to study God's Word. That's where you'll want to be at His return)

⁴Will 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? (If he has no prey, he is hunting and uses stealth, not roaring)

⁵Can 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? (You don't remove your traps if you have taken no prey)

⁶Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? (This trumpet is a prophet's trumpet. It was blown to awaken the people to go to the temple to hear the Word of God) (evil = tumult, chastising – bad translation) (God is in control; He judges and corrects)

⁷Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. (God always foretells and warns us ahead of time, to give people a chance to straighten up and listen) (Yahoveh said – my children are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Jesus also said – behold, I have told you all things. We have been told over and over)

⁸The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy? (This is good advice. Listen to the prophets if you want to escape calamity)

⁹ Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof. (Samaria was the capital of the 10 tribes after they split from Judah. God is telling the heathen to watch as He corrects Israel. They were worshipping the golden calves that Jeroboam had made)

¹⁰ For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. (Also in their churches)

¹¹ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled. (Israel fell to an adversary which God brought down upon them, to correct them) (Future – the adversary will be antichrist)

¹² Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch. (Only a few faithful will be left, after the evil ones have had their way with Samaria. Most were deceived into idolatry, then; and into worshipping antichrist in the end times)

¹³ Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord God, the God of hosts, (The house of Jacob is all 12 tribes)

¹⁴ That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. (Bethel = the house of God – Samaria is where Jeroboam put up the two golden calves to replace worship of God; horns are symbolic for power)

¹⁵ And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD. (The good time Charleys who play religion but never learn the Word of God will see poverty)