

Amos 8

King James Version (KJV)

8 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit. (Ripe fruit –this is harvest time; symbolic for the end times) (Israel will soon be taken captive <harvested by the enemy>)

²And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more. (They forsook God. HE will now forsake them)

³And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence. (Spiritually dead people, through idolatry)

⁴Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, (The rich take advantage of the poor. They bribe government officials to pass laws that favor them. Meanwhile the corrupt preachers steal what's left by using false doctrine to collect tithes)

⁵Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit? (These are crooked merchants with false scales. Look at the middle men, today. They pay the farmers almost nothing and then sell the food to consumers at usury level markups. Meanwhile the rich bankers are ripping off the working class with usury level, predatory loans)

⁶That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat? (No conscience; only greed; they sell the people the worst of the food and keep the best for themselves; and yet it is the people who produce all the food. They keep them in bondage through usury and loans)

⁷The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. (God is the Excellency of Jacob; He swore by Himself. He is keeping track of all of their good and their evil works. Everyone will receive exactly what they deserve at judgment)

⁸Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

⁹ And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day: (The day of reckoning – The crucifixion was of Jesus was the first day of reckoning) see Mark-13 (The locust army swarming out of the pit will be the second) see Joel-2:2

¹⁰ And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day. (Judgment day for the wicked. They will be mourning the loss of antichrist and of their ill gotten wealth)

¹¹ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: (Today, even Christian churches teach only the traditions of men; not the Word of God. They recite one verse from the Bible, and then preach a one hour sermon written by some preacher. They kicked God out of every school. Our children grow up to be atheists)

(Also today we see the rise of atheism, islam, and other non-believers; in countries that used to be mostly Christian. Christian people are ridiculed and accused of being bigots because they are against abortion, political correctness and sexual perversion)

¹² And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. (People want to hear God's Word, but no one is teaching it, as it is written)

¹³ In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. (Virgins <spiritually speaking> who haven't been deceived by antichrist yet; but they cannot find a real teacher of God's Word. They have no spiritual foundation to rely upon. They will probably fall victim, eventually, to antichrist's lies)

¹⁴ They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again. 1Kings-12:26-29 (These are the golden calves of Jeroboam; one in Beersheba, Dan; and the other in Bethel, Samaria; The people worshipped them instead of going to Jerusalem to worship God in the temple)