

Amos 3

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Witnesses Against Israel

- ¹ 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,
 - ² You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.
 - ³ Can two walk together, except they be agreed?
 - ⁴ Will 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?
 - ⁵ Can 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?
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- ⁶ Shall 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?
 - ⁷ Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.
 - ⁸ The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?
 - 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.

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- 10** For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.
- 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.
- 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.
- 13** Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts,
- 14** That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Beth-el: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.
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- 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.
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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Altar — מִזְבֵּחַ (Mizbeach)

Altar, place of sacrifice

The Hebrew **mizbeach** (מִזְבֵּחַ) means altar—from the root 'to slaughter.' Altars were places where sacrifices were offered to God, pointing forward to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Prophet — נָבִיא (Navi)

Prophet, spokesman

The Hebrew **navi** (נָבִיא) means prophet—one who speaks God's word to the people. Prophets received divine revelation and declared God's message, often calling Israel to repentance and foretelling future events.

Transgression — פְּשָׁע (Pesha)

Transgression, rebellion

The Hebrew **pesha** (פְּשָׁע) means transgression or rebellion—willful violation of God's law. It implies deliberate revolt against divine authority: 'he was wounded for our transgressions' (Isaiah 53:5).

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Amos 3:1

References Egypt: Amos 2:10. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 8:3. **References Israel:** Micah 3:1

Amos 3:2 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 7:6; 10:15; Romans 2:9; 1 Peter 4:17

Amos 3:3 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 5:22; 6:9; 17:1

Amos 3:4 **Parallel theme:** Amos 1:2; Psalms 104:21; Hosea 11:10

Amos 3:5 **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 9:12

Amos 3:6

Evil: Genesis 50:20; Isaiah 45:7; Jeremiah 6:1; Acts 2:23. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 4:5; 10:7; Ezekiel 33:3; Zephaniah 1:16; Acts 4:28. **References Lord:** 2 Corinthians 5:11

Amos 3:7 **References Lord:** Genesis 18:17; Psalms 25:14; John 15:15. **References God:** Genesis 6:13; Revelation 1:1. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 23:22; Daniel 10:21; 11:2; Revelation 1:19; 4:1

Amos 3:8

Parallel theme: Amos 3:4; Jeremiah 20:9; Acts 4:20; 1 Corinthians 9:16; Revelation 5:5.

References Lord: Amos 1:2. **Prophecy:** Amos 2:12

Amos 3:9 **Parallel theme:** Amos 1:8; 4:1; 6:1; 8:6; 1 Samuel 5:1; Jeremiah 31:5; 50:2

Amos 3:10 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 4:22; Zephaniah 1:9. **References Lord:** Psalms 14:4

Amos 3:11 **Parallel theme:** Amos 2:5. **References God:** Amos 6:14

Amos 3:14 **Sin:** 2 Kings 23:15

Amos 3:15 **Parallel theme:** Judges 3:20; 1 Kings 22:39; Jeremiah 36:22. **References Lord:** Amos 6:11; Isaiah 5:9

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