

Amos 6:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;

Analysis

Ye that put far away the evil day (הַמֵּנָדִים לַיּוֹם רָע, hamenadim l'yom ra)—they mentally distance themselves from coming judgment, assuming it won't arrive. The Hebrew נָדָה (nadah) means 'to remove, put at a distance.' **And cause the seat of violence to come near** (וַתַּגִּישׁוּן שֵׁבֶט הַחֲמָס, vatagishun shevet chamas)—while pushing judgment away, they bring violent oppression near. שֵׁבֶט (shevet, 'seat, throne') suggests enthroned violence—injustice institutionalized in their society.

This describes psychological denial: people suppress awareness of judgment while embracing the very sins that guarantee it. Romans 2:4-5 warns against despising God's patience, storing up wrath. The more people distance themselves from judgment mentally, the closer they bring it actually through continued sin.

Historical Context

Israel's prosperity under Jeroboam II created illusion of divine favor despite systemic injustice. The wealthy oppressed the poor while assuming covenant status protected them. This cognitive dissonance—ignoring warnings while multiplying sins—typifies pre-judgment societies throughout Scripture.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do modern people 'put far away the evil day' by dismissing biblical warnings about judgment?
2. What does it mean to have violence 'enthroned' in society—normalized, legalized, institutionalized?
3. How can churches avoid the trap of assuming God's patience means approval rather than opportunity for repentance?

Interlinear Text

הַמָּוֶד יוֹמֵ	לִי וְ	כָּעַ	וַתֵּשֶׁבֶן	שֶׁבֶת	חֲמָסָ:
Ye that put far away	day	the evil	to come near	and cause the seat	of violence
H5077	H3117	H7451	H5066	H7675	H2555

Additional Cross-References

Amos 9:10 (Evil): All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

Isaiah 56:12 (Parallel theme): Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

Ezekiel 12:27 (Parallel theme): Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off.

2 Peter 3:4 (Parallel theme): And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

Matthew 24:48 (Evil): But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

1 Thessalonians 5:3 (Parallel theme): For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

Amos 3:10 (Parallel theme): For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.

Ezekiel 12:22 (Parallel theme): Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth?

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