

November 14–20

Amos; Obadiah

“Seek the Lord, and Ye Shall Live”



# Warning to Israel

Amos 3:1-2,7-8

What does the Lord promise He will do to make sure Israel knows of any approaching destruction?



## Milton R. Hunter

“Another distinctive characteristic of a prophet of God is that he is chosen, appointed, and called by the Lord. He draws his knowledge from the divine fountain of truth; therefore, he speaks in the name of the Lord and as one having authority. Let us give a few examples. The Prophet Amos, in his masterful discourse at Bethel, prefaced each of his predictions by ‘Thus saith the Lord’ (Amos 1:3,6,9,11,13).” (CR, April 1948)

## N. Eldon Tanner

“There are many scriptures which assure us that God is as interested in us today as he has been in all his children from the beginning, and thus we believe in continuous revelation from God through his prophets to guide us in these latter days. The Prophet Amos said, ‘Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.’” (CR, April 1975)



# Warning to Israel

Amos 4:8-12

What did the Lord do to try to get Israel to repent and turn to Him?

## George Q. Cannon

“There is a passage in the book of Amos on this subject, which shows the Lord pleading with Israel, to bring them back to the consideration of [the] law....

“These are the calamities which God sent upon Israel with the intention to have them return to him; but notwithstanding they were poured out and pestilence visited the land, the people hardened their hearts against him, broke his laws and violated his ordinances, and his anger was enkindled against them, and they were driven out from the face of the land.”

(JD, 15:145)



# Warning to Israel

Amos 5:18-24

Why will offering the Lords ordinances and sacrifices bring the people darkness rather than light?

# Pride

Amos 6:1-8

Why do you think that the people believe that  
“all is well in Zion”?



2 Nephi 28:21,24,28

21 And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well—and thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.

24 Therefore, wo be unto him that is at ease in Zion!

28 And in fine, wo unto all those who tremble, and are angry because of the truth of God! For behold, he that is built upon the rock receiveth it with gladness; and he that is built upon a sandy foundation trembleth lest he shall fall.

## Orson Pratt

"The purposes of God must be fulfilled; and we are the people who have to do the work; and to those who do not take part in it, I will apply the words of my text —'Woe to them that are at ease in Zion.' And this woe will find them out; it will surely come upon them, and sorely afflict them... until they learn by sad experience that there is no such thing as being at ease in Zion until Zion has travailed in pain and brought forth her children." (JD, 9:174)



# Pride

## Amos 6:12-14

In verse 12, what do you think Amos means when he compares Israel to a rock?

## Sidney B. Sperry

“Amos next turns his invective on the careless and reckless rich of Israel, on those who are at ease, on the self-satisfied and the arrogant—in short, on those who, having plenty, take no thought of the sad social and religious state of their country.... The nation is to be destroyed because its inhabitants pervert truth and righteousness and trust in their own strength.” (Voice of Israel’s Prophets, pg. 313)



# Pride

Obad 1:2-4

# The Last Days

Amos 8:9-12

What results from the people not being being able to find or know true doctrine?



## Joseph B. Wirthlin

“There is a gnawing hunger in the human heart that, if not fed by the truths of the gospel, leaves life empty and devoid of peace.... Such empty nostrums have led mankind to seek worldly goods and symbols of material power, blinding humanity to the truth that only the righteous life firmly established in the daily living of God’s commandments brings true happiness. Anything less leaves the heart unfed, with a yearning inner hunger—a hunger which it is our mission to identify and define and of which we should make the people aware. I have seen... the fulfillment of the words of Amos, that there would be ‘a famine in the land, not a famine of bread... but of hearing the words of the Lord.’” (CR, Oct. 1975)

# The Last Days

Amos 9:8-10

What do you think he means when he states that the Lord will “sift the house of Israel among all nations”?



## Wilford Woodruff

"All that [Christ] said concerning them and all that Moses predicted concerning their dispersion and about their being driven, as corn is sifted through a sieve, among the nations... has been fulfilled.... They have been trampled under foot by the whole Gentile world for the last eighteen hundred years. In their affliction and persecutions they have had to suffer almost beyond the endurance of man." (JD, 13:156)

# The Last Days

Amos 9:11,14-15

What did the Lord promise He would do for Israel in the last days?



# The Last Days

Obad 1:17-18,21

In verse 21, what does it mean that “saviours shall come up on mount Zion”?

## Joseph Smith

"The keys are to be delivered, the spirit of Elijah is to come, the Gospel to be established, the Saints of God gathered, Zion built up, and the Saints to come up as saviors on Mount Zion.

"But how are they to become saviors on Mount Zion? By building their temples, erecting their baptismal fonts... and redeem them that they may come forth in the first resurrection and be exalted to thrones of glory with them; and herein is the chain that binds the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the children to the fathers, which fulfills the mission of Elijah." (TPJS, pg. 330)



Next Week:

November 21–27

Jonah; Micah

“He Delighteth in Mercy”

