**“A Rude Awakening for the Smug”**

**Amos 5:18-20**

**I. An Unexpected Announcement**

**A) Misplaced Confidence**

**Amos 9:10**  *All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, 'Disaster shall not overtake or meet us.'*

**Matthew 7:21-23**  *Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven … And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.*

**B) A Certain Outcome**

**II. Substituting Religion for Heart Obedience**

**A) Worshipping on their Terms**

**Isaiah 29:13 …** *this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me*

***What did they do?***

Matthew 18:34-35

**B) Worshipping on God’s Terms**

***What does God want?***

**1) → “Seek me”**

**Amos 5:4-6**  *For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: "Seek me and live;*

Do Not …

a) Seek Bethel

b) Enter into Gilgal

c) Cross over to Beersheba

Do … Remember where you have fallen

***Revelation 2:4-5***  *But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first…*

**2) → “Practice Justice”**

***Amos 5:24*** *But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

***Micah 6:8***  *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

**3) → “Live Righteously”**

***Amos 5:14-15***  *Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. 15 Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.*

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| **Assyrian Judgment 734-701 B.C.**  **Prophet Year Location**  Jonah 793-753 Nineveh  Hosea 750-722 Northern Israel 3 invasions: 740-734 B.C., 722 B.C., 701 B.C.  Amos 760-750 Northern Israel (**722 Fall of Samaria** - Assyrian Exile)  Micah 735-701 Judah  Nahum 663-612 Judah  Isaiah 740-701 Judah |
| **Babylonian Judgement 605-586 B.C.**  **Prophet Year Location**  Jeremiah 626-586 Judah  Zephaniah 640-609 Judah  Joel 597-586 Judah 3 Invasions: 605 B.C., 597 B.C., 586/7 B.C.  Obadiah 597-586 Judah (**586 Fall of Jerusalem** - Babylonian Exile)  Habakkuk 605 Judah  Ezekiel 597-586 Babylon  Daniel 605-539 Babylon |
| **Restoration Period 539-400 B.C.**  **Prophet Year Location**  Haggai 520 Jerusalem Rebuilding of Temple Finished 515 B.C.  Zechariah 520 Jerusalem (**538/9 B.C. Return from Exile**)  Malachi 450-400 Jerusalem |

**DATES BOOKS Subject/Topic**

Oct 14 **Intro** 1) Intro to Minor Prophets

Oct 21 Hosea            2) This is your last chance

Oct 28 Hosea 3) No Rivals

Nov 4 Hosea    4) God’s Amazing Love

Nov 11 Amos     5) Social Justice is Godly

Nov 18 Amos 6) The Day of the LORD

Nov 25 Amos 7) Judgement & Salvation

Dec 2 **New Members Sunday**

Dec 9 Amos 8) Recognizing Hand of LORD

Dec 16 Joel              9) The Day of the LORD

Dec 23 Joel 10) The Day of the Church

Dec 30 Habakkuk    11) Righteous Live by Faith

Jan 6 Habakkuk 12) Hope: Always Rejoicing

**DATES BOOKS Subject/Topic**

Jan 13 Jonah             13) The Missionary God

Jan 20 Obadiah        14) Reveling in Disaster

Jan 27 Micah            15) Messiah & the Latter Days

Feb 3 Micah 16) What the LORD Requires

Feb 10 Nahum          17) Nineveh’s Impending Fall

Feb 17 Zephaniah    18) Judgement & Singing

Feb 24 Haggai           19) Rebuilding Project

Mar 3 Zechariah 20) Repent & Return to God

Mar 10 Zechariah 21) 8 Visions

Mar 17 Zechariah  22) Joshua the High Priest

Mar 24 Malachi 23) Return to Me

Mar 31 **Summary** 24) Minor Prophets

**Preaching Schedule**