

# SUMMER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2015

## THEME: GOD DEMANDS JUSTICE

### UNIT I – GOD’S INDICTMENT AGAINST ISRAEL’S INJUSTICES

## “GOD’S PEOPLE DROPPING THEIR GUARD”



### Sunday School Lesson No. III – June 21, 2015 Rev. Frank A Davis, III – Pastor-Teacher

**Lesson Text:** Amos 6:1-11

**Motto Text:** Amos 6:1, *“Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!”*

**Required Reading:** Amos 6:1-14

**Reliable Resources:** Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI); Word-Search 10 Electronic Library System; Standard lesson Commentary

#### LESSON INTRODUCTION

In the Joe Louis and Max Schmeling Fight, June 19, 1936, in the 12<sup>th</sup> Round, at Yankee Stadium the world was shaken! Why? Because Max Schmeling, a German contender knocked out the undefeated heavyweight champion, Joe Louis. But how was this possible? Because in preparing for the bout, Schmeling noticed on film that whenever Louis threw his knock-out right-handed punch, he would drop his left hand guard, so Schmeling then weathered the storm of punches and in the twelfth round did what no other fighter ever did...he knocked out the “Brown Bomber” Joe Louis, and how? Because he dropped his guard!

Now this story of Joe Louis corresponds with the life of the nation of Israel, who having been well trained in the truth of Jehovah, found herself dropping her guard and is ready to face God’s judgment! But why has this great nation fallen so far?

I will give you my **Anticipated Power Points. God’s People Dropped Their Guard...**

- **By Trusting in the Strongholds of Men. Amos 6:1-2**
- **By Overlooking Their Need for Personal Repentance. Amos 6:3**
- **By Following the Epicurean Doctrine. Amos 6:4-6**
- **This Led to their Disobedience, Demise, and Destruction. Amos 6:7-11**

## OUTLINE

### God's People Dropped their Guard...

#### I. By Trusting in the Strongholds of Men. Amos 6:1-2

##### A. God's pronouncement of woe!

1. They forced the righteous into slavery. vs. 2:6
2. They oppressed the poor and took bribes against the innocent. vs. 5:12
3. They became profane and despised the prophets. vss. 2:7, 12; 5:10

##### B. God's pronouncement to go!

Go and view the remains of surrounding kingdoms that were judged and destroyed by God! Beloved, should God not repeat himself today? Malachi 3:5-6

#### II. By Overlooking Their Need for Personal Repentance. Amos 6:3

Amos 6:3, *"Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near."*

##### A. Their procrastination.

In chapters 1-2, they applauded the destruction of their neighbors.

##### B. Their pitiful view of Jehovah (not understanding His righteousness and seeking the day of the Lord.)

Amos 5:18-20, *"Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?"*

Amos 5:24, *"But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream." Not on others but on themselves.*" (Read Matthew 7:1-5)

#### III. By Following the Epicurean Doctrine. Amos 6:4-6

- A. They just ate, drank, and were merry.
- B. They had summer and winter houses. 3:15
- C. They had beds of leisure made of ivory. vs. 4
- D. They had banquets, massages, drunkenness, lotions, perfumes and fornications.
- E. They ate the young cattle, destroying their future.
- F. They lived for music and entertainment.
- G. They rocked, rapped, and rolled all day and all night long!!!

Proverbs 21:17, *"He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich."*

Beloved, lest we should wonder why this biblical history lesson, just remember that history has a way of repeating itself in our generation of cars, clothes, cash, credit cards, cocaine, crack, child pornography, and civil unions, just to name some of the addictions and vices of our day that are destroying our present society.

#### IV. This Led to their Disobedience, Demise and Destruction. Amos 6:7-11

Beloved, the Assyrians came and ravished the whole northern kingdom just as the prophet had foretold. Amos 7:17 tells us, *"Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land."*

### CLOSING:

But you say, "Brother Davis, what does all this have to do with us today?" Paul wrote in I Corinthians 10:11-12, *"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."* My beloved, don't you be caught dropping your guard, but ask yourself a question, *"Am I a soldier of the cross, A follower of the Lamb? And shall I fail to own His cause or blush to speak His name."*

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**Looking Ahead:                      June 28, 2015                      Amos 8:1-6, 9-10**



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