

Amos Part 5 – Judgment Without Mercy

Key Verses: Amos 1:11 – 1:12

We begin with the fourth of the eight transgressions and the judgment pronounced upon the territory of Edom and its strongholds. We will spend the entire study on this one transgression and the judgment the Lord brings to chasten and teach us righteousness. We need to be examining ourselves often to ensure we remain in the faith on the narrow road that so few find.

Eph 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

The pattern of words that we discussed in [Part 2](#) continue for each of transgressions. The words “for three transgressions and for four” are not referring to literal numbers and signify what the numbers three and four always signify in the Scriptures. That being the process of spiritual progression ([the number three](#)) and the whole ([the number four](#)) of our progression that is coming by the judgments and punishments the Lord is speaking regarding the sins of the rebellious inward nations.

Amo 1:11 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath forever:
Amo 1:12 But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

I first want to better render verse 11 that translated two words uniquely just one time in all Scriptures; H7843 for “cast off” and H7536 for “pity”. These are more clearly translated when the predominate use of these Hebrew words from the KJV is used as rewritten below.

Amo 1:11 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and **destroyed H7843 mercy H7536**, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath forever:

It is one thing to fail to perform our duty to our family and spiritual brethren from slothfulness or apathy. It is another transgression all together when we actually seek to accuse, attack and destroy our brothers which what the man of the flesh (Edom) does against the man of the Spirit.

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would

Our stubborn old man does not want to bow down and serve the new man. The enmity the Lord put between flesh and spirit is demonstrated by the interplay of Esau and Jacob. The flesh lives by a sword and strives to get ahead on its own strength using violence (physical and spiritual) by pursuing others, seeking dominion and self-exaltation. This is the portion for the first Adam before the Lord gives dominion over the flesh to the new man within.

Gen 27:39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him (Esau), Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, **and** of the dew of heaven from above;

Gen 27:40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

Gen 27:41 **And Esau hated (enmity) Jacob** because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

1Jn 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

The Lord's mercy endures forever (Psa 136) and as He is so are His Chosen People (Joh 20:21, 1Jo 4:17) to be and to act. If we are to be used of the Lord as Priests and Kings we will be increasingly abundant in mercy and longsuffering, the opposite of the natural instincts of the carnally minded man of Edom.

Psa 145:8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Psa 145:9 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Eph 2:10 For we are **his workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Casting aside all pity which is destroying all mercy is the offense here in Edom. We are seeking preeminence, forgetting the brotherly covenant and doing spiritual violence, accusing and pursuing our brothers. Salvation begins to come when this spirit is cast out of our heavens.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for **the accuser of our brethren** is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

This is the same preeminence seeking spirit that Diotrephes had that sought dominion over the early church and made a ministry of accusing the brethren.

3Jn 1:10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words; and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

2Co 1:24 Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

The Lord's people are to be making judgments (Joh 7:24) and pursue our brothers with the sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17) to admonish and edify them in the truth. This is done showing the fruit of the Spirit and NOT THE WORKS OF THE FLESH.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted

Mat 12:20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory

The narrow way of obedience to the Lord calls for us to pull specks out of one another's eyes but to do it in the prescribed loving and godly way as Matthew 18 and Leviticus 19 tell as priests and watchmen of the flock. But one thing we must never do is to destroy mercy that is the lovingkindness of the Lord works true righteousness in us.

Jas 2:13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth (triumphs) against judgment.

Mic 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, **To love mercy**, And to walk humbly with your God?

We have stern warnings to not be high minded and look down on others. We have to continue in the goodness of God all the way to the end.

Rom 11:22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **if thou continue** in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

This is such an important abomination to burn out of us we have many examples in the Scriptures and parables of men showing compassion and demonstrating mercy and those that did not. When we are still looking down upon others, we are still justifying ourselves by the works of the law and have departed from the faith. We are still in need of fire to bring the humbling to burn that evil spirit out of us.

Luk 18:9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, **and despised others**:

Luk 18:10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

Luk 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

Luk 18:12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. (SELF)

Luk 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

Luk 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for **every one that exalteth himself shall be abased**; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Our unpayable debt to the Lord is forgiven and we are commanded to show the same compassion to others (Mat 18:27). The forgiven servant which we are will first show no pity or mercy to our fellow servants until we endure the torment of having Edom's palaces destroyed within.

Mat 18:32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

Mat 18:33 Shouldest not thou also have **had compassion on thy fellow servant**, even as I had pity on thee?

Mat 18:34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

When we seek vengeance, we are contending with the Lord and denying HIS SOVEREIGNTY. All such wrath and vengeance seeking is contrary to faith and a work of the flesh (Edom).

Rom 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

The Lord manifests these events and trials to see if our faith is genuine and fruit producing. Our response to brothers and sisters that are naked and in need of food is to act in obedience (love) and respond by providing the spiritual food, drink and clothing we ourselves are being given.

Mat 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Mat 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Mat 25:36 **Naked, and ye clothed me:** I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Mat 25:37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

Mat 25:38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Mat 25:39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

Mat 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, **inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.**

Words are indeed cheap in the natural when not combined with action (works). And so it is also in the ways of the Spirit and what is required of those given the gift of faith.

Jas 2:14 What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

Jas 2:15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

Jas 2:16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?

Jas 2:17 Even **so faith, if it hath not works, is dead**, being alone.

It is the immature man of God that knows the truth yet still holds flesh and men responsible rather than the Lord who is working all things for the counsel of His will. We all will do this outwardly to others in the Body even if secretly in our heart. Yet we also do it inwardly when we can't get past the shame and guilt for our continued falling down into sin. We must endure this torment (Rev 14:10) and learn that only the Lord can make us or our brethren stand.

Rom 14:4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

Rom 14:10 NKJV But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

The judgment of the Lord changes not. It is the Word, the Fire that shall judge us in the last days (Joh 12:48). The fire will be devouring the habitations and strongholds of Edom.

Amo 1:12 But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

This fire is the good news, it is the blessing of the Lord coming to the new man. Yet to those on the outside of the veil these are just more history lessons with no personal application to themselves (Mat 4:4, 1Co 10:11). These OT verses are used obscurely to support gigantic lies such as eternal torment. The Scriptures gives us some wonderful insights into these two cities that adds to our understanding of the prophecy of Amos.

TEMAN: Teman was the name of a grandson of Esau, was one of the 12 Dukes of Edom and is also a city in Edom and comes from the root word meaning South.

H8487, te[^]yma[^]n, *tay-mawn'*, *tay-mawn'*

The same as [H8486](#); *Teman*, the name of two Edomites, and of the region and descendants of one of them: - **south**, Teman.

A well-known Temanite was Eliphaz one of JOB's miserable comforters. Eliphaz did the things charged against Edom in Amos 1:11. Rather than showing compassion and mercy, Eliphaz failed to judge righteously. He spoke lies about the Lord, made completely false allegations against Job without any witnesses and failed to comfort Job in their carnal minded delusions.

Job 2:11 Now when Job's three friends heard of **all this evil** that was come upon him, they came everyone from his own place; **Eliphaz the Temanite**, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and **to comfort him**

Job 42:7 And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath

Edom in general and the city of Teman was due south of Israel and is the opposite of the north which is where judgment comes from spiritually (Eze 20:26, Son 4:16, etc.). The flesh seeks comfort and always settles spiritually speaking to the south side and as far away from the true Jesus Christ and the burden His Words of fire bring. The mighty men of Teman like the mighty men of Babylon are being cut off so the new man can increase. Obadiah gives a second witness regarding our failure in Teman to judge righteously and our casting off of mercy and doing spiritual violence against our brother Jacob.

Oba 1:9 And thy mighty men, **O Teman**, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

Oba 1:10 For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off forever.

Instead of covering sins, a spirit of Edom (Teman) seeks to uncover and expose them and take the new man captive to ways and mind of the flesh.

Oba 1:11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, **even thou wast as one of them.**

Oba 1:12 But thou shouldst not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldst thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldst thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

Bozrah was looked at briefly in the [Micah 10 Study](#) and “is” the capital city of Spiritual Edom within you. The same as **H1223**; Botsrah, a place in Edom: – Bozrah.

Total KJV Occurrences: 9

Gen_36:33, 1Ch_1:44, Isa_34:6, Isa_63:1, Jer_48:24, Jer_49:13, Jer_49:22, Mic_2:12

Bozrah is also part of Moab who was an incestuous son of Lot. We will get into spiritual incest more deeply next week when we look at the transgression of Ammon (the other incestuous son of Lot). Simply put incest spiritually is our uncovering of our family’s sins.

Lev 18:6 None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD.

Lev 18:7 The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

Lev 18:8 The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness.

The carnal mind that exalts itself against the ways of the Lord takes delight in exposing others sins and faults. Yet our commission is **to cover not UNCOVER** the sins of our family in Christ.

Mat 25:36 **Naked, and ye clothed me:** I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Mitch did a comprehensive study on the topic of lust and showed the spiritual applications of all the outward sexual sins that are forbidden. [Lust Study Click Here.](#)

Consistent with the transgression of Edom, the flesh will seek to uncover the sins of others rather than cover them. It takes abiding in the winepress of judgment to learn the right way of responding to our brother infirmities and show compassion and mercy.

Isa 63:1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

Isa 63:2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

Those that provided not clothing (the goats) are sent off to age abiding fire to have their garments dyed in the blood of the Lamb. This is the same fire of judgment sent to Bozrah.

Mat 25:43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: **naked, and ye clothed me not:** sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Mat 25:46 And these shall go away into (AGE ABIDING) ~~everlasting~~ punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

In conclusion, the fault-finding eye of the first man Adam (the man of sin) is not of faith. Such a mindset is based on the flesh, the carnal mind and the lies of Babylon the great Harlot. We bring that mindset into the Body of Christ. We come in still to some degree a ravening beast and we are apt to tear and strangle the meat we are eating to grow thereby. The spiritual food we eat and serve; the “meat indeed” (Joh 6:55) that is Christ’s Body will be torn and strangled by the mind of the man from Edom.

We must be careful with what we put into our heart and guard our every thought and the gates into our heavens diligently. The kings and dukes of Edom shall not inherit the kingdom of God (1Co 15:50) and we should not be seeking, eating or serving this defiled spiritual food.

Dan 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore, he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

1Co 10:21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils.

The furnace of affliction the Lord uses to purify His Sons, will not fail to succeed. As we are humbled and brought low through trials, we will mature and the man of Edom and that carnal mindset within us that blames, looks down, accuses, finds fault and exalts itself will be cut off. Then we will be able to bear fruit and show the works that must accompany our faith. Our being pitiful (merciful) and compassionate will be evident to all.

Mat 7:20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

1Pe 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: