



WHY DOES GOD SO STRONGLY CARE ABOUT ISRAEL'S SIN?

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." **Genesis 12:1-3** (NIV)

Amos strongly rebukes Israel for _____.

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come! ⁴You lie on beds adorned with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. ⁵You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. ⁶You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. ⁷Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end. **Amos 6:1:4-7** (NIV)

"I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. ²²Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. ²³Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream! **Amos 5:21-24** (NIV)

PERSONAL COMPLACENCY TEST: I MIGHT BE COMPLACENT WITH MY SIN IF...

1. _____
 "Of all the nations on earth, you are the one I have known and cared for. That is what makes your sins so terrible, and that is why I must punish you...." **Amos 3:2** (GNB)

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. **1 Peter 4:10** (NIV)

If you are given much, much will be required of you. If much is entrusted to you, much will be expected of you. **Luke 12:48** (VOICE)

2. _____

... you may be saying, "what terrible people you have been talking about!" But wait! You are just as bad. When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are talking about yourselves, for you do these very same things. **Romans 2:1** (TLB)

3. _____

I took some of your children and raised them up as prophets, and I called some of your youth to be Nazirites, set aside to My service. Isn't this true, people of Israel? So says the Eternal. ¹²But you made the Nazirites break their vows and drink wine. You told the prophets, "Don't you dare prophesy!" ¹³I will press you down beneath your enemies... **Amos 2:11-13** (VOICE)

4. _____

"I hit you with earthquake and fire, left you devastated like Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched from the flames. But you never looked my way. You continued to ignore me." **Amos 4:11** (MP)

The Sovereign LORD has sworn by his holiness: "The time will surely come when you will be taken away with hooks, the last of you with fishhooks. ³You will each go straight out through breaches in the wall, and you will be cast out toward Harmon," declares the LORD. **Amos 4:2-3** (NIV)

5. _____

You say, 'If only the Day of the Lord were here, for then God would deliver us....' But you have no idea what you ask. For that day will not be light and prosperity, but darkness and doom! How... for you; not a ray of joy or hope.... **Amos 5:18-23** (TLB)

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' **Matthew 7:21-23** (NIV)

REMEMBER: _____

The time will come when I will rebuild David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places. I will rebuild what was destroyed. I will make it what it used to be. ¹³"A new day is coming," announces the LORD. **Amos 9:11, 13** (NIRV)

The prophets' words agree with that. They say, ¹⁶"After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent. I will rebuild what was destroyed. I will make it what it used to be. ¹⁷Then the rest of the people can look to the Lord. This means all the non-Jews who belong to me. The Lord says this. He is the one who does these things.' ¹⁸ The Lord does things that have been known for a long time. Acts 15:16-18 (NIRV)

NEVER FORGET: _____