

Tragic Truth – Amos 5:1-17**Deep sadness?**

... laments the death of Israel.

... but Israel feels they are anything but dead.

... so the inevitability of this judgement brings Amos a deep sense of sadness.

The terrible destruction

verse 3 ... total destruction of their armies.

verse 4 ... “Seek God and live”

The cause of the problem

verse 5 & 6 Bethel, Gilgal and Beersheba ... God will utterly destroy these places.

= God’s complete abandonment of his people ... they should not go to these places to seek God.

If you did seek God!

...then it would make a difference to how they lived.

5:7 - pursue a justice that was not bitter to those who received it

... righteousness in the way they lived

..., they would reflect God’s character in the way they lived their own lives.

Verse 10-12 ... what Israel was doing.

... they are to seek YHWH

One final reminder

verse 17 ...pass through them in judgement.

For us today

Have we lost this perspective of YHWH’s awesome power and might?

If we claim to follow him and worship him then this should change how we live.

Questions worth asking

Is your life known for the justice you pursue?

As a Christian are you known for a desire to seek God’s righteousness in the way you live?

Do you love truth... God’s truth that is.

Do you detest those who tell you truth and seek to bring them down?

Are you as a Christian known for our generosity or are we known for our greed?

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Are we known as someone who serves others as we seek to love Jesus or are we known as someone who lives for our self pleasure?