"501-C 3"

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Also titled "Baptist at Heart"

Subject: Amos and God's judgement on Israel and surrounding nations.

Amos wrote of the visions he received in 750 B.C.

Assyria empire (2 head in Rev. 13) part of the Kingdom of Satan is the world power.

Amos was from Judah but prophesied to Israel-Northern Kingdom.

Amos 7:10

Then Amaziah the priest (fellow minister) of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

All priest/ministers do not serve under same mandate.

Amos was concerned with truth and careful to guard the message.

1- Amos not motivated by money.

Amos 7:12

"Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away (invited to leave) into the land of Judah, and there eat bread (make more money), and prophesy there:"

I feel for Amos – having been invited to leave by two churches in fourteen months.

As soon as I joined, one pastor in Frankfort said, without consulting the church, "if you are interested in mission work we will support you." (Some pay to play- I was offered pay to leave.)

Note:

All ministers do not work under the same commission.

2- Amos not afraid of losing 501-C-3 status.

Amos 7:13

But **prophesy not again any more** at Bethel: for **it is the king's** chapel, and it **is** the king's court.

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The city Beth-el was called the House of God.

Many believed it until... someone shatters the illusion.

Churches claim the same thing.

3- Amos says here is an account of myself, so listen carefully.

Amos 7:14-17

- ¹⁴ Then answered Amos, and <u>said to Amaziah</u>, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit:
- ¹⁵ And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.
- ¹⁶Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not *thy word* against the house of Isaac.
- ¹⁷ 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.

Amos just told the priest, God will destroy you.

- 1- You wife will become a prostitute.
- 2- Your children will be murdered.
- 3- You will lose your home.
- 4-And... you will die.
- **Also the Northern Kingdom will be led into captivity by the 2nd head of the beast that comes out of the sea.

Rev. 13:1

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads... (Assyria is 2nd head)