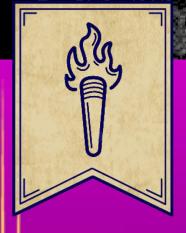


God is NOT impressed or interested in our alternative attempts to approach Him in worship (there's one way – God's way)

Amos 3:1-15







Amos 3:1-2

"Hear" = diligently listen; pay close attention; give heed (hear with the intent to obey)



Amos 3:3

This speaks to unity (being in agreement and on the same page)





Amos 3:4

Amos 3:5

Amos 3:6



Hearing this alarm meant there was a threat approaching – inhabitants of that city would scatter in fright

Amos 3:7-8



What God reveals,
God expects an immediate response
(Action MUST follow instruction)

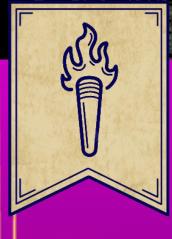
Amos 3:9-10





Ashdod was a prominent Philistine city and along with Egypt – both oppressed Israel





Those wicked and carnal cities were to act as spectators to the horrific violence and devastation that was on the horizon

Amos 3:11



God was going to use one of His enemies (which were close by) to discipline His own children (Israel)

Amos 3:12-15





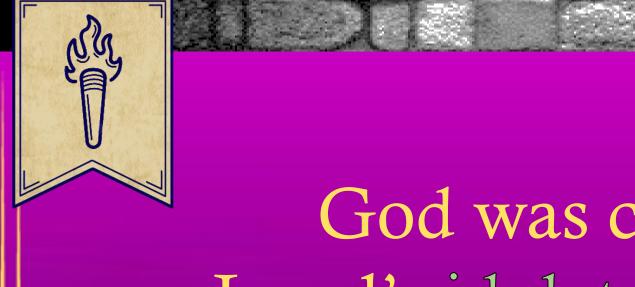
Exodus 22:10-13

Amos 3:13-15





"Altars of Bethel" = refers to the idolatrous practice of worshiping the golden calf (which resided inside their alternative temple)



God was condemning Israel's idolatry, self-reliance, and exploitation of wealth and power against the vulnerable poor