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Sermon Title: **“THE LION ROARED AGAINST BETHEL”**

Amos 3:1-15

- Jeroboam was rejecting God’s _____ expectations of how He wanted _____ and in its place, Jeroboam established a false religion
- God is NOT impressed or interested in our _____ attempts to approach Him in worship (there’s one way – _____)
- “Hear” = diligently listen; _____; give heed (hear with the intent to obey)
- This speaks to _____ (being in agreement and on the same page)
- Hearing this alarm meant there was a _____ approaching – inhabitants of that city would _____
- What God reveals, God expects an _____ response (Action MUST follow instruction)
- _____ was a prominent Philistine city and along with _____ – both oppressed Israel
 - Those wicked and carnal cities were to act as _____ to the horrific violence and devastation that was on the horizon
- God was going to use one of His _____ (which were close by) to _____ His own children (Israel)
- “Altars of Bethel” = refers to the _____ practice of worshiping the golden calf (which resided inside their _____ temple)
 - God was condemning Israel’s _____, self-reliance, and exploitation of _____ and _____ against the vulnerable poor