

"SLOW TO HEAR GOD'S ROAR"

AMOS 3:1-8

I. WE ARE TOLD WHY GOD WAS FIXATED ON GETTING THE ATTENTION OF HIS PEOPLE, ISRAEL (3:1-2)

- A. Israel Was The Family That God Had Delivered From Egypt (3:1)
 - 1. God Had Previously Described That Terrible Scenario As An *Iron Furnace*
 - 2. God's Deliverance Of Those People Stands For All Time As The Bench Mark Of God's Grace To That Oppressed And Tortured People
- B. Israel Had Been The Only Nation On The Face Of The Earth That Had Been Uniquely Selected To Be Known And Loved By God (3:2)
 - 1. They Were Being Singled Out Because Of Their Great Privilege
 - 2. They Were Therefore Obligated

II. WE ARE TOLD WHEN THE HAMMER WOULD FALL (3:3-6)

- A. God Communicates The Timing Through A Series Of Questions
 - 1. God & Amos Had A Previous Arrangement (3:3)
 - 2. Israel's Punishment Was So Imminent That By The Time Of This Writing It Was Irreversible (3:4-5)
 - 3. God Is The Almighty Sovereign Over Everything & His Will Is The Thing That Will Prevail (3:6)
- B. How Much Longer Do We Think America Has?