

Famine that Rouses the Hungry

Amos 8:9-12

⁹“In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰I will turn your religious festivals into mourning and all your singing into weeping. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and shave your heads. I will make that time like mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. ¹¹“The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. ¹²People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it.

Psalm 74:9

We are given no signs from God; no prophets are left, and none of us knows how long this will be.

The Hiding God

Proverbs 25:2

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Matthew 7:7-8

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Numbers 12:6-8

⁶...“Listen to my words: “When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. ⁷But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. ⁸With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord...

The Withdrawing God

Deuteronomy 8:3

He humbled you, *causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna*, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Amos 4:6-11

⁶“I gave you empty stomachs in every city and lack of bread in every town, yet you have not returned to me,” declares the Lord. ⁷“I also withheld rain from you when the harvest was still three months away. I sent rain on one town, but withheld it from another. One field had rain; another had none and dried up. ⁸People staggered from town to town for water but did not get enough to drink, yet you have not returned to me,” declares

the Lord. ⁹“Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards, destroying them with blight and mildew. Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees, yet you have not returned to me,” declares the Lord. ¹⁰“I sent plagues among you as I did to Egypt. I killed your young men with the sword, along with your captured horses. I filled your nostrils with the stench of your camps, yet you have not returned to me,” declares the Lord. ¹¹“I overthrew some of you as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched from the fire, yet you have not returned to me,” declares the Lord.

Exodus 33:15-16

¹⁵ ...If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

A Famine for the Words of the Lord

Who Will Notice?

Hungry Staggering

Satisfying the Hungry

Psalm 107:9

...he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

The Glory of the Voice of the Lord

Psalm 29:3-9

³The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”