

Amos 4-12

"Prepare to meet thy
O Israel."

Some Divines say
that the millennium is at hand
others believe it will be in
near future while still others
think it thousands of years hence
The exact time is not told
even in the Bible.

That is a question about which
the less time on it the better
we will be for the Lord
"prepare thyself thy O Israel"
more than 700 yrs B.C., while
the people were still looking
forward to the first coming
of the Messiah, and they
knew that he had to come
before they could expect redemption
for the world, the old prophets

... a need of present-need.
... was not talking of the
... when the world will
... freed from sin, a
... good subject to talk
... when you are with people
... look forward with expec-
... tations, hopes and assurance,
... it is he chooses a more fitting
... subject when speaking to a
... rebellious people. "Prepare to meet
... thy God, O Israel".

When a child is sick you
... don't dose it on "goodies" to
... cure its illness but give it
... medicine suited to kill the
... sickness; as it was in the
... case of Israel she was a
... sick child ^{a very sick one too.} and Amos applied
... the best ointment "prepare
... to meet thy God, O Israel".

The people to whom he spoke
... are forgotten as individuals

yet the words are as of
of force today as ever
just as much needed
and nothing but the soon
coming of Christ will
away with them.

Allow me to make a
change in the latter part
the text - changing it of
"Israel" to - "Prepare to
lay God, O" - "O" some
says, "you shouldn't do that
don't want you to talk
- today, but about the
glorious palace the Lord
has provided for me
I lay down this mortal
coil." My good friends ex-
you do as the text says I
no palace for you but rather
a furnace where, I am told
I have reason to believe, you
have no need of blankets or

overcoats.

Young ladies and men, &
speaking to you as much
not more than the older
of you for majority of this
worlds inhabitants have no
expectation after the age
of 30 years. "Prepare to meet
God!" How am I to do that?"
I am good as most of the people
are, will listen what
the only one who knows
better than you know
myself, ^{his} opinion of you is: your
hypocrisy is as filthy rags
and as a running sore, and
except it exceeds that of the
Scribes and Pharisees you
shall in no wise enter the
Kingdom of God. And again
to hear the same opinion
in other words: There is none
righteous, no! not one.

Drill, will be accept me in
all my unrighteousness. I read
of a man whose chest had gone
thro a hospital for legions.
he came to the bedside of
of one that seemed in good
health but as the spread
was rolled back he was
mass of putrifying sores, but
is with us, we do well wh
we roll back the covering of
self righteousness and see the
horrible condition we are in
since the fall of man
that is all that the Lord had
been able to see in us.

Therefore seeing that your
sins are so great and nu-
merous "prepare to meet the
Lord O —"

As I passed by a ^{dup. desk} wet
into which a child had fallen
the owner was trying to get

out but could not see it; so
he let it go. Some few days
afterwards a bucket was
dropped into the well - a
boy fetched a small mirror
and by holding it so as the
sun would reflect, the light
was thrown down into the
well converting the darkness
into lightness and very quickly
the hat and bucket were fished
out. Just so with you, my brother,
your hearts is deep, dark and
filled with needless things,
you have attempted time
and again to get it cleansed,
for many years, and failed.
While to day, if you will but
accept and harbor not your
hearts as in the days of Pharaoh;
I turn to the mirror God offers
you. Hold it so as the Son of
righteousness may reflect

into your hearts and I cleanse
you from all your sins,
Let Him take full possession
of you; guide you by His light
and His Holy Spirit. You
say, "O, but I have tried that
Book and it has too many
mysteries and did me no
good!" How have you read it,
my Brother? Have you not
read it ~~thoroughly~~^{thoroughly} and finished
it to bless you and enlighten
your mind? If that is the
way you read it you will
never be prepared to meet
your God. You say, "but
there are contradictions
and many so many things
that I can't help doubting."
Right there you are off on the
wrong road. You have tried
to grasp, with your finite
mind, all that it contains

in one reading, when the most
learned and profound thinkers
of the day have spent their
lives trying to solve mys-
teries and gave it up in despair.

Go home and take
up one thought, you can better
judge what that will be for
yourself, and read the Bible
thro from Genesis to Rev.
and you will get more good
out of it than any thing else
you can do. Take one thought
at a time, for you will
find out the simplest
one you select is a mystery
when you come to comparing
your belief with that which
God believes. If you will
read it earnestly you will
say, ^{"It is a glorious truth"} what will I do to be saved
and then you will hear in
sweet refrain: Prepare to

thy God By reading my Word
By attending these minutes
prayer, lay it up in your
hearts and practice it your
lives.

If you should take
out to round up a 40000 acre
pasture - four fellows of
you having but 1 horse a
piece - you know it would
be foolish and absurd
to even think of such.
Well now, it is just as
foolish for you to try to
get eternal life without
the proper means.

If you have a horse give
you and put in the cella
of your house, and dont
feed him; consequences
will be the horse will
die and stink you out
of the house; so with

better qualities. You have
chained them down in some
place where they are not
getting the proper care and
have given full sway to
your worldly desires and
now I tell you in all earn-
estness and sincerity: if
you don't stop your wild
ways and pay more at-
tention to your spiritual
gifts there is soon to be
a day when that which
was given to you for a ~~curse~~
blessing will prove to
be the greatest curse of
your life."

You say "I am going to
prepare to meet the Final
Day by and by" Felix trem-
bled and answered "Sothy way
for this time when I have
convenient season I will

call for thee" and at a sudden eruption of God's
wrath they were cut off
and buried in their sins.

The city of Nineveh was
condemned to destruction,
Jonah was sent to tell them
of their sins: then the
inhabitants held a fast and
made supplication to God
and he withheld his
punishment. As an
ambassador of the Lord
Jesus Christ I declare
unto you to day that ex-
cept ye repent and return
from your evil ways that
ye shall likewise perish.
There is nothing but the
Lord Jesus that can save
you, so turn why will
ye die, Just as I am without
one plea, but that they