**EMERALD ROYAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, MPAPE ABUJA**

**LESSON PLAN FOR WEEK NINE ENDING 30TH JUNE 2023**

**TERM:** THIRD

**WEEK:** NINE

**DATE:** 27TH JUNE 2023

**CLASS:** SS 2

**SUBJECT:** CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**TOPIC:** TRUE RELIGION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

**SUB-TOPIC:**  OPPOSITION AGAINST AMOS BY AMAZIAH

**PERIOD:** 3RD

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| **INTRODUCTION** | The teacher introduces the topic by asking the students to practices in the society that need to be condemned. | Actively participate by answering the questions. | To arouse the scholar’s interest towards the topic. |
| **PRESENTATION**  **STEP 1** | The teacher guides the students to read the reference passages. | Students listen attentively and ask questions where needed. | To enhance proper understanding of the topic. |
| **STEP 2** | The teacher leads the students to identify the explain the punishments Amos warned Israel about. | Students listen attentively as the teacher explains. | To encourage critical thinking on the topic. |
| **SUMMARY** | The teacher summarizes note as thus:  **AMOS’ ENCOUNTER WITH AMAZIAH THE FRIES (AMOS7:10-17)**   1. Amos was a shepherd and also a dresser of sycamore trees, while Amaziah was a priest at Bethel, the centre of lsrael's apostate religion. 2. Amos denounced the social and religious malpractices of the Israelites of his day. 3. He also preached at the king's sanctuary that Jeroboam II would die by the sword. 4. This statement infuriated Amazíah the priest in-charge of the temple at Bethel. 5. Amaziah reported Amos to the king, accusing him of treason. 6. Since the temple belonged to the king and not God Amos was forbidden to speak against the king there. 7. Amaziah commanded Amos to return to Judah to prophesy and earn his living there. 8. He called Amos a seer a prophet that was consulted for the discovery of lost articles for a fee. 9. Amos denied being a paid prophet at the service of the king nor was he a member of the professional prophets. 10. He said no one had engaged him to pronounce judgment on Jeroboam and Israel. 11. He was only a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took him from following the flock in order to prophesy to Israel. 12. According to Amos, no authority could stop him from delivering his message. 13. Amos then cursed Amaziah for trying to turn him away from God's command. 14. He indicated that Amaziah's wife would be a prostitute: and his children killed. 15. Furthermore, Amaziah's land and i property, would be divided among people. 16. Israel would go into exile. 17. Finally, Amaziah would die in a foreign land.   **Practices in the Society that Need to be Condemned**   1. Fake/Superficial worship and sacrifice/ Occultism/Ancestral practices. 2. Ethnicity/ Corruption/ Injustice/ Bribery Partiality. 3. Disrespect of the Sabbath/Vows/False swearing. 4. Commercial preachers in vehicles and churches/Market places. 5. Poor environment practices. 6. Festal virgins/Confinement offemales to shrines. 7. Widowhood rites. 8. Display of wealth during harvest. 9. Female genital mutilation (FGM). 10. Oppression of the poor uncaring attitude/ child abuse. 11. Sexual immorality/Homosexuality.   **PUNISHMENTS AMOS WARNED ISRAEL ABOUT (AMOS 2:6, 4; 5:1-24, 7:10-17,8)**  As Amos identified the transgressions of Israel, God made it clear to them that He would not revoke the punishments if they refused to repent. Amos prophesied that the Samaritan women would be taken to exile in hooks like a fish and cast into Harmon. The women who supported their husbands to oppress the poor would be humiliated and also taken into exile.  People who cheated the poor to build hewn stone houses would not dwell in them nor would they live to drink the wine of the vineyards they planted. They would suffer exile as a punishment.In all the squares, there shall be wailing, and in all the streets, they shall say, Alas! This implies that people would endure bitter punishments leading to wailings here and there.  According to Amos, their wives would be harlots in the city, and their sons and daughters would fall by the sword.This implies that a nation would attack and defeat Israel and send them into exile. All business men who exploited the poor in the course of their transactions would have their hopes dashed while their feast would turn into mourning.Those who looked forward to the day of the Lord as a day of joy and exoneration would be disappointed as it would turn out to be a day of judgment and severe punishment,  Worship involving sacrifices, prayers, songs on feast and sacred days would incur God's displeasure, hatred and rejection. Songs of thanksgiving for harvest would be turned to sadness. Amos prophesied that the people would suffer famine not of food or drink but for the word of God.  **SINS AMOS CONDEMNED WHICH ARE PREVALENT TODAY**   1. Cult prostitution (Marriage to the gods and priests). 2. Paying lip service to God. 3. Idolatry/false worship/false prophets. 4. Not keeping the Sabbath and feast days holy. 5. False swearing bearing false witnesses. 6. Bribery and corruption. 7. Selling the righteous for money and the needy for a small fee. 8. Cheating in markets with false weights/measures. 9. Forced slavery/child labour/child abuse/child trafficking. 10. Sexual immorality, e.g. homosexuality/ fornication/ adultery. 11. Luxury as a result of cheating (under/over payments, fraudulent activities, etc.) 12. Robbing the poor of their properties, e.g. land guards, etc. 13. Injustice in the law courts.   **Opposition against Amos by Amaziah**  When social injustice and religious malpractices of Israel had reached its peak, Amos condemned the social and religious immoralities among the people. The priest of the royal sanctuary of Bethel Amaziah reported Amos to the King accusing him of conspiracy and sedition.  Amos was then ordered to go back to Judah where he belonged to prophesy, and he pronounced the following curses on Amaziah.   1. Amaziah's wife would become a harlot in the city. 2. His sons and daughters would be slain by the sword. 3. His land would be divided by line. 4. Israel would surely go into exile away from its land.   **Reasons Why those who Oppose God would be Condemned**   1. Since God is our creator, it is very wrong to oppose Him. 2. Opponents of God are evil to others; they deceive others. 3. They should be condemned because their teaching leads to unhappiness and destruction. 4. They violate God's law, word and will. | Students copy the note to their exercise book. | For future reference. |
| **EVALUATION** | Evaluates the lesson as thus:   1. Reasons Why those who Oppose God would be Condemned | Students answer questions as asked. | To ascertain the attainment of behavioural objectives |
| **CONCLUSION** | Rounds up the lesson by marking and correcting the student work. | Students check and do their corrections. | To conclude the lesson. |
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| **SUMMARY** | The teacher summarizes note as thus:  **Punishment**  As Amos pointed out the evils in the society, he warned the people on the punishment that would come upon them if they failed to repent.   1. Amos said the Samaritan women would be taken into exile in hook,that is, fish hook and they would be cast into Harmon. As they took part in the oppression of the poor by encouraging their husbands to do evil, they would be humiliated in like manner and taken to exile. (Amos 4:1). 2. Those who exploited the poor to build for themselves houses s of hewn stone would not dwell in the houses nor drink the wine of the vineyard they planted. They would all be taken to exile as punishment for their numerous sins. (Amos 5:11) 3. *“In all squares, there shall be wailing; and in all the streets they shall say, 'Alas! Alas!"* (Amos 5:1). This shows that the punishment that would come upon them would be so great that the people would weep bitterly. 4. “Your wife shall be a harlot in the city, and your Sons and daughters shall fall by the sword" (Amos 7:17). All these statements point to the fact that the Lord would raise a nation that would fight Israel, defeat them and take them into captivity. 5. All the people hoping on the business that they would carry out over the years and possible exploitation of the poor would have their hope dashed while their feast would be turned into mourning (Amos 8:1-14).   **AMOS' VISION OF A BASKET OF RIPE FRUIT (AMOS 8:1-10):**   1. God showed Amos a basket of ripe fruit which represents harvest time/ripe fruit quickly deteriorates. 2. The Lord told Amos that the end had come, and that Israel would no longer be spared. So, Israel was ripe for punishment. 3. The songs of the temple would turn to wailings. 4. There would be many dead bodies in every place. 5. The evil deeds of the people would never be forgotten. 6. For example: Those who took advantage of the needy, those who cheated even during the Sabbath. 7. The Lord would make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad-day light. 8. Theft feasts would be turned into mourning, and their songs into lamentation. 9. The Lord would bring sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness on every head. 10. God would send famine on the land. 11. Virgins and young men would faint for thirst. 12. The Word of God would be rare in those days. 13. The young men and women would become weary and faint in their search for the Word of God. 14. Judgment would come on them because they have sinned against God by trampling on the poor and the needy.   **Practices Condemned by Amos**   1. Lip-service to religion /empty religion. 2. Observation of Holy Days i.e. Sabbath, New Moon festivals/Godless shrine 3. False swearing. 4. The wealthy selling the poor for a pair of sandals/oppression of the poor by the father and Son. 5. Prostitution- father and son going in for the same woman. 6. The use of false weights and measures by the rich cheating in business. 7. Women feeding fat on the proceeds of their husbands' oppression of the poor 8. Corrupt courts of law/the poor had no fair trial in the courts. 9. Luxury of the rich at the expense of the poor.   **Vices Condemned by Amos which are Still Rampant in our Society**  **Oppression of the poor by the wealthy:** Low wages are paid to the poor for services rendered to their masters or employers.  **Injustice in the courts:** The rich bribe their way through in the courts and the poor rarely receive just judgment.  **Cheating in business:** Some rich and influential businessmen have perfected the art of edging or pushing the poor out of business.  **Luxury**: With much of the national revenue in the hands of a rich few who daily become richer at the expense of the poor, the rich build palaces and own expensive limousines and enjoy all forms of luxury at the expense of the poor. | Students copy the note to their exercise book. | For future reference. |
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