**Sermon Notes for October 18, 2020**

**Westview Baptist Church**

**The Lion Who Roars**

*This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel. Amos 7:7-8 NIV11*

*And Amos said: “The LORD roars from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers.” Amos 1:2 NIV11*

Our hope is that the end of this report becomes the beginning of something new for our readers. Reflection is an important first step to lasting change, but our collective responsibility does not end there. We have seen, now it is time to act. Eva Friesen CEO, The Calgary Foundation

*The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken; who can but prophesy?” Amos 3:8 NIV11*

*This is what the LORD says: “For three sins of Damascus, even for four, I will not relent. Amos 1:3*

*This is what the LORD says: “For three sins of Gaza, even for four, I will not relent. Amos 1:6*

*This is what the LORD says: “For three sins of Tyre, even for four, I will not relent. Amos 1:9*

*This is what the LORD says: “For three sins of Edom, even for four, I will not relent. Amos 1:11*

*This is what the LORD says: “For three sins of Ammon, even for four, I will not relent. Amos 1:13*

*This is what the LORD says: “For three sins of Moab, even for four, I will not relent Amos 2:1.*

*This is what the LORD says: “For three sins of Judah, even for four, I will not relent. Amos 2:4*

*This is what the LORD says: “For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not relent Amos 2:6.*

*They sell the innocent for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. They trample on the heads of the poor as on the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed. Father and son use the same girl and so profane my holy name. They lie down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge. In the house of their god they drink wine taken as fines. Amos 2:6-8 NIV11*

 *“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. Amos 4:6 NIV11*

 *“I also withheld rain from you …yet you have not returned to me,” declares the LORD. Amos 4:7 NIV11*

 *“Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards… yet you have not returned to me,” declares the LORD. Amos 4:9 NIV11*

 *“I overthrew some of you as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah… yet you have not returned to me,” declares the LORD. Amos 4:11 NIV11*

*Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men (and women) of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come! Amos 6:1*

**Return to me**

*Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne… Rev. 5:5-6 NIV11*

*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29 NIV11*

 *“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! Rev. 3:14-15 NIV11*

*Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. Rev. 3:19-20 NIV11*