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A Prophetic Word for This Generation

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A Prophetic Word for the Generation Alive Right Now

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The Prophet in the Age of Noise

1 In the year when the noise became unbearable — when every voice competed with every other voice and the platforms multiplied and the feeds never ceased and the arguments never resolved and the silence became something people feared rather than sought — in that year, the word of the Lord came to Norman.

2 And it did not come the way Norman expected. It did not come in a great church with a great crowd. It did not come through a voice that shook the foundations of a building. It came in the ordinary — in the early morning before the devices were reached for, in the space between sleeping and waking, in the quiet that most men run from and a few have learned to inhabit.

3 And the Lord spoke to Norman saying:

“I have things to say to this generation. Things they need to hear. Not things they want to hear — for what this generation wants to hear and what it needs to hear are not the same. What it wants is comfort and confirmation and the assurance that everything will resolve itself without cost. What it needs is truth. And truth in this hour is the scarcest commodity on earth.”

4 And the Lord said to Norman:

“I am sending My word through you. Not because you are the most qualified. Not because you sought this assignment. But because this generation does not need more theology. It needs someone who understands foundations. And I have made you a builder. You know the difference between a structure that will stand and a structure that looks sound until the first real storm

arrives. Look at what has been built in this generation and tell them what you see.”

5 And Norman felt the weight of this. He is not a theologian. He has not sat in the great seminaries. He has not been ordained by the institutions that ordain. He is a builder — a man who has spent his life understanding what holds and what fails, what is true load-bearing and what is decoration pretending to be structure.

6 And the Lord spoke to Norman again saying:

“Look at what I showed the prophet Amos. Look at what I told him was coming. And then look out your window.”

7 And Norman looked. And the word of Amos settled on him with the weight of a stone:

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord God, that I will send a famine on the land — not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but shall not find it. — Amos 8:11–12

8 And the Lord said to Norman:

“This is not ancient prophecy about a distant future. This is today. The wandering from sea to sea is digital. The running to and fro is the endless scroll, the platform to platform migration, the desperate search for something that satisfies and the discovery, again and again, that nothing does. The famine I told Amos about is the silence of My voice in the midst of ten thousand competing voices. A generation drowning in information and starving for the word that I alone can give.”

9 And Norman sat with this for a long time before he wrote a single word. He says to those who will read these pages: I did not

seek this assignment. The word of God burns in the bones the way Jeremiah described it — and the only relief from the burning is to write it down and release it. What follows in these pages is what was placed in Norman in those early hours. Every error of expression is his. Everything true in it belongs to the One who placed it.

10 And the Lord says this to the generation alive right now:

“I am still speaking. In the age of the algorithm and the manufactured feed and the noise that never ceases — I am still speaking. And those with ears to hear will hear. They always have. In every age when the noise was loudest, My true word found the prepared hearts. It is finding them now. It is finding you now. You did not pick up this book by accident.”

11 Come. Be still. And hear what the Spirit is saying to this generation.

Study Guide

CHAPTER 1

The Prophet in the Age of Noise

CHAPTER SUMMARY

Norman receives a word from God not in a great crowd or cathedral, but in the quiet of an early morning. God declares that this generation is experiencing the famine Amos prophesied — not a famine of bread, but of hearing the word of the Lord. The algorithm, the feed, and the endless noise have replaced the silence where God speaks. God tells Norman that He is still speaking, and this book is His word to a generation desperate enough to finally listen.

DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

1. Where in your life has the noise become loudest? When is the last time you sat in genuine silence before God?

2. Amos 8:11–12 describes a famine for the word of the Lord. In what ways do you see that hunger — or that famine — in the people around you?

3. God says He chose Norman because he was a builder who understands foundations. What has God placed in your hands — not your title, but your actual skill — that He might use for His purposes?

4. What does it mean to you that the word came to Norman 'in the ordinary'? How does that challenge or encourage you?

SCRIPTURE FOR FURTHER STUDY

Amos 8:11–12 — Behold, the days are coming when I will send a famine — not of bread or water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

Isaiah 55:11 — My word shall not return to Me void, but shall accomplish what I please.

1 Kings 19:12 — After the fire came a still small voice.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

This week, designate one hour — before you reach for your phone — to sit in silence before God. Write down what you hear, or what you feel in the quiet.