

**Readings, Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath
October 19, 2019**

Scripture Reading: Amos 3:1-7
Witnesses Summoned Against Israel

Hear this word, people of Israel, the word the Lord has spoken against you—against the whole family I brought up out of Egypt:

“You only have I chosen
of all the families of the earth;
therefore I will punish you
for all your sins.”

Does a lion roar in the thicket
when it has no prey?

Does it growl in its den
when it has caught nothing?

Does a bird swoop down to a trap on the ground
when no bait is there?

Does a trap spring up from the ground
if it has not caught anything?

When a trumpet sounds in a city,
do not the people tremble?

When disaster comes to a city,
has not the Lord caused it?

Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing
without revealing his plan
to his servants the prophets.

Alternative Responsive Reading: The Liberating Creator

No. 716, Isaiah 12. NEB

Thus speaks the Lord who is God,
he who created the skies and stretched them out,
who fashioned the earth and all that grows in it,
who gave breath to its people,
the breath of life to all who walk upon it:

I, the Lord, have called you with righteous
purpose and taken you by the hand;
I have formed you, and appointed you
to be a light to all peoples,
a beacon for the nations,
to open eyes that are blind,
to bring captives out of prison,
out of the dungeons where they lie in darkness.

I am the Lord; the Lord is my name;
I will not give my glory to another god,
nor my praise to any idol.

See how the first prophecies have come to pass,
and now I declare new things;
before they break from the bud
I announce them to you.

Sing a new song to the Lord,
sing his praise throughout the earth,
you that sail the sea, and all sea creatures,
and you that inhabit the coasts and islands.

Let the wilderness and its towns rejoice,
and the villages of the tribe of Kedar.
Let those who live in Sela shout for joy
and cry out from the hill-tops.

You coasts and islands, all uplift his praises;
let all ascribe glory to the Lord.