

AMOS

THE  
LORD  
ROARS

# Amos 5:1-17

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and that which went out a hundred shall have ten left to the house of Israel.”<sup>4</sup> For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel: “Seek me and live;<sup>5</sup> but do not seek Bethel, and do not enter into Gilgal or cross over to Beersheba; for Gilgal shall surely go into exile,

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and Bethel shall come to nothing.”<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,<sup>7</sup> O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!

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but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate.

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<sup>13</sup> Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup> Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. <sup>15</sup> Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate;

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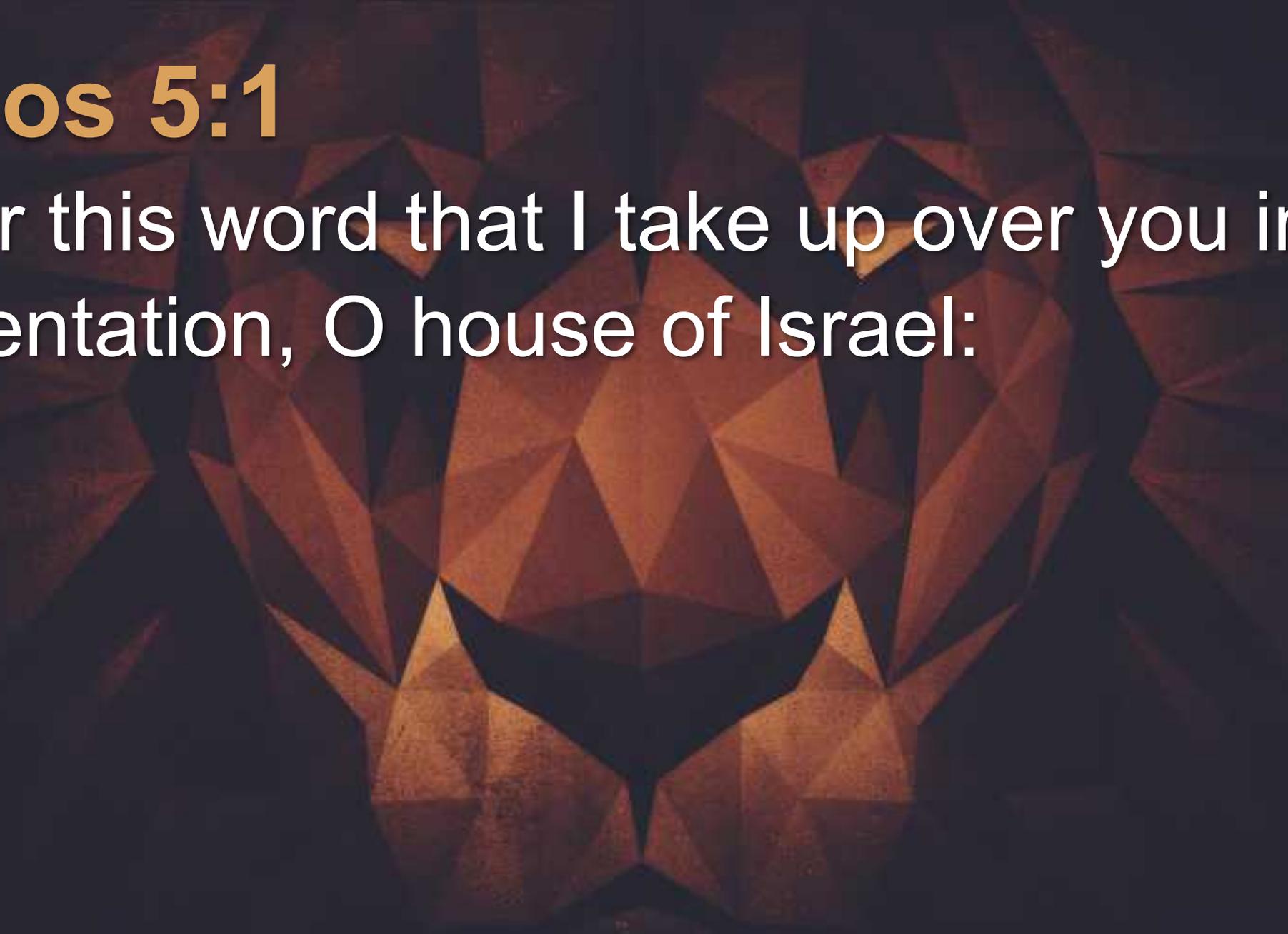
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A lament was a song or poem that mourned the death of a relative, friend or national hero.

A Lament the death of the nation [1-3]

B Call to seek God and live [4-6]

C Accusations of no justice [7]

D Hymn to Yahweh [8-9]

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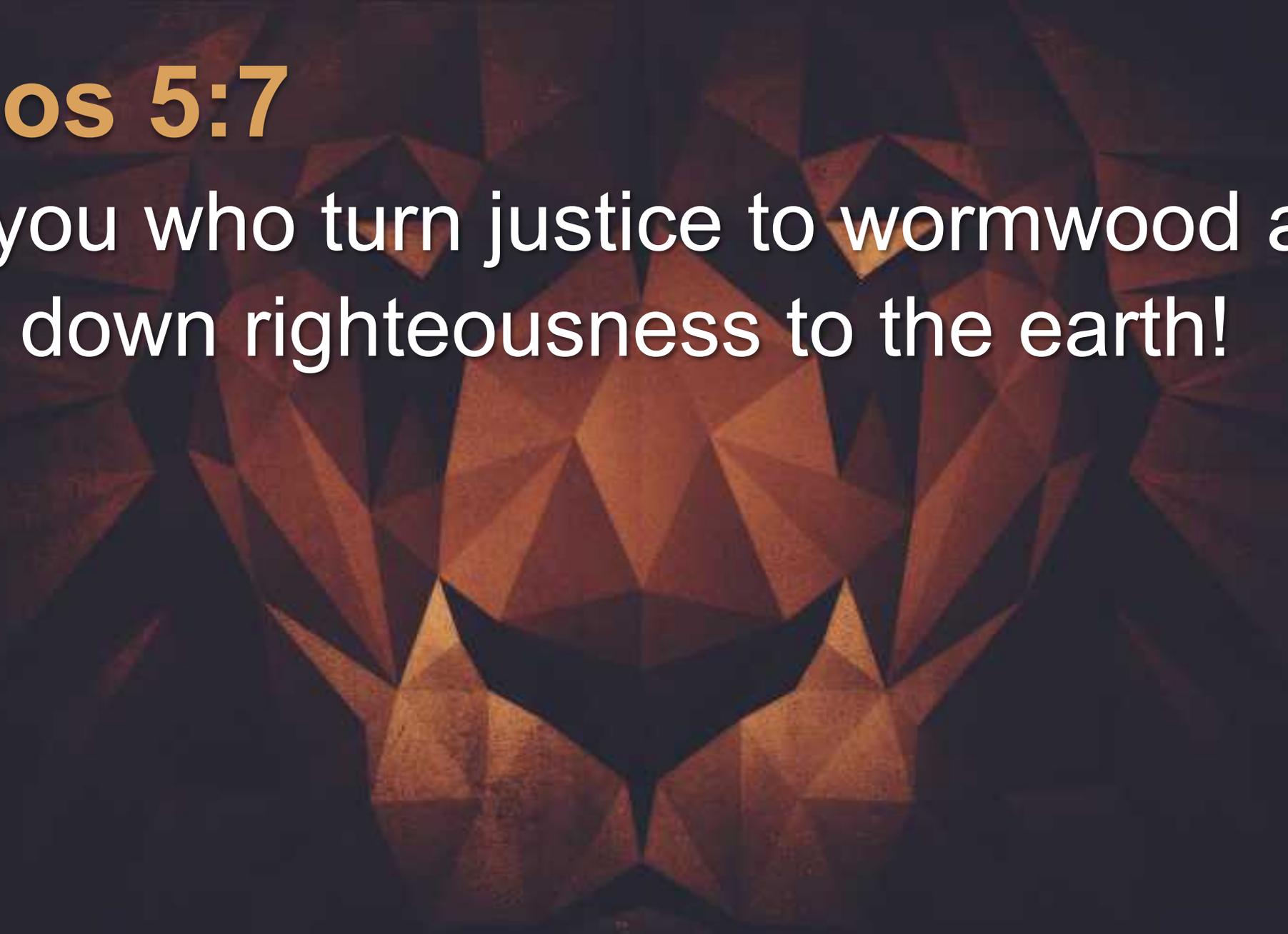
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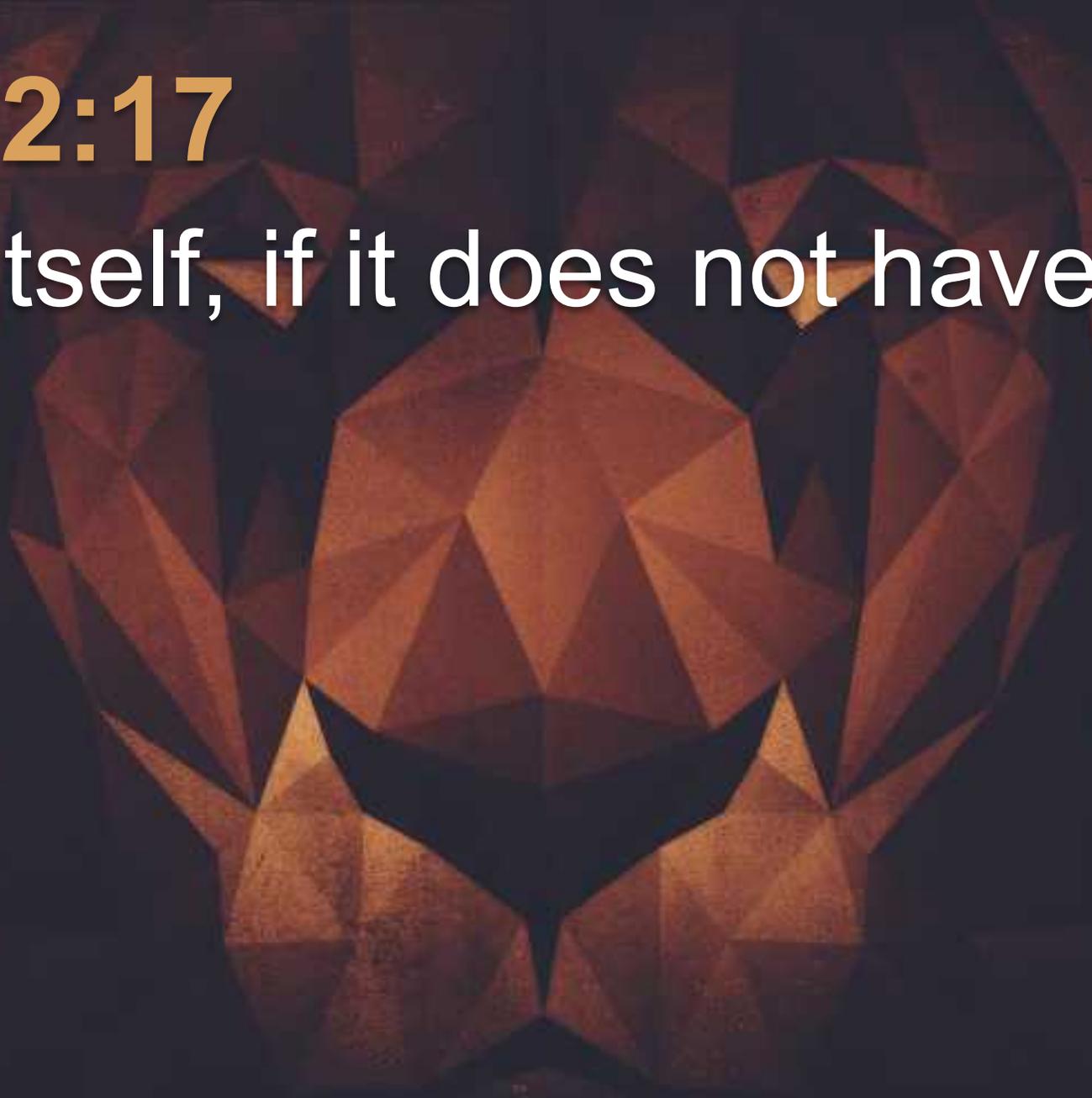
*We are saved by  
faith alone, but the  
faith that saves is  
never alone.*

- Martin Luther



# James 2:17

faith by itself, if it does not have works,  
is dead.



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1. A life that has been transformed by God.



## Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

## Romans 12:9-21

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

## Romans 12:9-21

<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

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<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God,

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for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”<sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

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<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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1. A life that has been transformed by God.
2. A life that genuinely cares about others.
  - > Get in a community group

If you want a church with “community”, get ready to:

Let people call you out on sin

Drive people to church

Take people meals

Hold kids that are not your own

Pray for others

Have long conversations with awkward  
people

Celebrate weddings and kids while  
waiting for your own

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3. Be willing to be burdened for the things of the Lord.