

Colossians 1:15-23 (CEB)

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God,
the one who is first over all creation,^[a]

16 Because all things were created by him:
both in the heavens and on the earth,
the things that are visible and the things that are invisible.

Whether they are thrones or powers,
or rulers or authorities,
all things were created through him and for him.

17 He existed before all things,
and all things are held together in him.

18 He is the head of the body, the church,
who is the beginning,
the one who is firstborn from among the dead^[b]
so that he might occupy the first place in everything.

19 Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him,

20 and he reconciled all things to himself through him—
whether things on earth or in the heavens.

He brought peace through the blood of his cross.

21 Once you were alienated from God and you were enemies with him in your minds, which was shown by your evil actions. **22** But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through death, to present you before God as a people who are holy, faultless, and without blame. **23** But you need to remain well established and rooted in faith and not shift away from the hope given in the good news that you heard. This message has been preached throughout all creation under heaven. And I, Paul, became a servant of this good news.

Amos 8:1-12

¹This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: a basket of ripe fruit.

²“What do you see, Amos?” he asked.

“A basket of ripe fruit,” I answered.

Then the LORD said to me, “The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

³“In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “the songs in the temple will turn to wailing.[£] Many, many bodies—flung everywhere! Silence!”

⁴ Hear this, you who trample the needy
and do away with the poor of the land,

⁵saying,

“When will the New Moon be over
that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath be ended
that we may market wheat?”—

skimping the measure,
boosting the price
and cheating with dishonest scales,

⁶ buying the poor with silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

⁷The LORD has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

⁸ “Will not the land tremble for this,
and all who live in it mourn?
The whole land will rise like the Nile;
it will be stirred up and then sink
like the river of Egypt.

⁹“In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD,
“I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.

- ¹⁰ I will turn your religious feasts into mourning
and all your singing into weeping.
I will make all of you wear sackcloth
and shave your heads.
I will make that time like mourning for an only son
and the end of it like a bitter day.
- ¹¹ “The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign LORD,
“when I will send a famine through the land—
not a famine of food or a thirst for water,
but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD.
- ¹² Men will stagger from sea to sea
and wander from north to east,
searching for the word of the LORD,
but they will not find it.

Luke 10:38 - 42

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

⁴¹“**Martha, Martha,**” the Lord answered, **“you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”**