

Judgment to come on Damascus (Syrians),

the Palestinians, Tyre, Edom, and Ammon

CHAPTER 1

1 The words of Amos,¹ who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, what he gazed at concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the face of the earthquake.

2 And he said, Jehovah will roar from Zion, and give his voice from Jerusalem; and the homes of the shepherds shall mourn, and the head of Carmel shall dry up.

3 Thus says Jehovah, For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn back, because they have threshed Gilead with sharp instruments of iron;

4 And I will send a fire into the house of Hazael,^{4a} which shall devour the citadels of Ben Ha'dad.^{4b}

5 I will break also the *gate* bolt of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him who holds the scepter from the house of Eden; and the people of Syria shall be carried away as stripped captives to Kir, says Jehovah.

6 Thus says Jehovah, For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn back because they carried away as stripped captives the whole captivity to deliver them up to Edom;

7 And I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza which shall devour its citadels;

8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him who holds the scepter from Ashkelon, and I will turn back my hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Palestinians shall be lost, says the Lord Jehovah.

9 Thus says Jehovah, For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn back, because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and did not remember the covenant of brothers; 2 Sam 5:11; 1 Kng 5:1,7-11; 9:11-14; 2 Chr 2:11.

10 And I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre which shall devour its citadels.

11 Thus says Jehovah, For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn back, because he ran after his brother with the sword, and destroyed all compassion, and his *burning* nostrils tore to pieces perpetually, and he hedged about his outburst of rage forever;

12 And I will send a fire upon Teman, and it shall devour the citadels of Bozrah.

13 Thus says Jehovah, For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn back, because they have torn open the women with child of Gilead that they might enlarge their border;

¹ 1:1 Amos, A Burden.

^{4a} 1:4 Hazael, God Has Seen. The family in Syria from which the (Ben) Hadads came.

^{4b} 1:4 Ben Hadad; Hadad is the name of several Syrian kings. Ben Hadad is Son of Hadad.

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14 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour its citadels with shouting in the day of battle, with a tossing hurricane that snatches *them* away in the day of the hurricane;

15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his chief rulers together, says Jehovah.

CHAPTER 2

1 Thus says Jehovah, For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn back, because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime;

2 And I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the citadels of Kerioth, and Moab shall die with an uproar, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet;

3 And I will cut off the judge from its midst, and will fatally strike all its chief rulers with him, says Jehovah.

4 Thus says Jehovah, For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn back, because they have despised the law of Jehovah, and have not hedged about his enactments, and their lies caused them to vacillate, after which their fathers have walked;

5 And I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the citadels of Jerusalem.

6 Thus says Jehovah, For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn back, because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals,

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7 Who eagerly inhale the dust of the earth on the head of those dangling in need, and turn aside the way of the meek; and a man and his father walk in to the same girl to profane my holy name;

8 And they spread themselves out upon pledged clothes by every altar, and they drink the wine taken by imposing fines in the house of their gods.

9 And I destroyed the Amorite before their face, whose height *was* like the height of the cedars, and he was powerful as the oaks, and I desolated his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

10 And I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and walked you through the wilderness forty years to possess the land of the Amorite.

11 And I raised up of your children for prophets, and of your youth for Nazirites. Yes, does this not exist, Oh you children of Israel? - An oracle of Jehovah -

12 And you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying, Do not prophesy.

13 Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.

14 And *the ability to* retreat shall be lost to the swift, and the strong shall not make his power powerfully alert, and the mighty man shall not escape;

15 And he who handles the bow shall not stand, and he who is swift of foot shall not escape,

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and he who rides the horse shall not cause his soul to escape.

16 And he who is strong among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, says Jehovah.

CHAPTER 3

1 Attentively hear this word that Jehovah has spoken against you, Oh children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Only you I have known of all the families of the soil, therefore I will visit upon you for all your crookednesses.

3 Can two walk together except they meet by appointment?

4 Will a lion roar in the forest when there does not exist to him fresh food? Will a young lion give his voice out of his home if he has not captured *anything*?

5 Can a little bird fall into a spring-net on the earth where there is no snare for him? Shall one take up a spring-net from the soil, and not capturing, he has not captured *anything*?

6 If a trumpet is blown in the city, shall not the people then tremble? Lo, is there evil in a city, and Jehovah has not done it?

7 Surely the Lord Jehovah will not do a word, but he reveals his assembled counsel to his servants the prophets.

8 The lion has roared, who will not fear? The Lord Jehovah has spoken, who can not prophesy?

9 Cause it to be attentively heard in the citadels of Ashdod, and in the citadels in the land of Egypt, and say, Gather yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and see the great uproars in its midst, and the oppressed in its midst.

10 And they do not know to do straightforward - An oracle of Jehovah - who store up violence and ravaging in their citadels.

11 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah: An oppressor *shall be* all around the land, and he shall bring down your strength from you, and your citadels shall be plundered.

12 Thus says Jehovah, As the shepherd snatches out of the mouth of the lion two legs or a piece of an ear, so the children of Israel shall be snatched out who dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch.

13 Attentively hear, and testify in the house of Jacob - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah, the God of hosts -

14 That in the day I visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Bethel, and the horns of the altar shall be cut down, and fall to the earth.

15 And I will strike the winter house with the summer house, and the houses of ivory shall be lost, and the great houses shall be snatched away - An oracle of Jehovah.

AMOS 4 *Judgment to come on the women of Israel; God's many warnings; be set up to meet God*

CHAPTER 4

1 Attentively hear this word, you heifers of Bashan, who are in the mountain of Samaria, who oppress those dangling in need, who crush the poor to pieces, who say to their lords, Come, and let us drink.

2 The Lord Jehovah has sworn by his holiness that lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will lift you away with hooks, and your posterity with fish-hooks.

3 And you shall go out at the breaks, every woman at that which is in front of her, and you shall be thrown into the fortress - An oracle of Jehovah.

4 Come to Bethel, and break away; multiply breaking away at Gilgal; bring your sacrifices in the dawn, your tithes for three days;

5 And burn perfumed incense with leaven with extending your hand, and call out the free offerings causing it to be attentively heard, because just so you love it, Oh you children of Israel - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah.

6 And also I have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of food in all your places; and you have not turned back to me - An oracle of Jehovah.

7 And also I have withheld the rain from you when *there were yet* three new moons to the harvest, and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city; one allotment was rained upon, and the

allotment upon which it did not rain dried up.

8 And two or three cities wandered to one city to drink water, and they were not filled to satisfaction, and you have not turned back to me - An oracle of Jehovah.

9 I have struck you with blight and paleness; when your gardens, and your vineyards, and your fig trees, and your olive trees increased, the devouring locust ate them, and you have not turned back to me - An oracle of Jehovah.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt; I have fatally struck your youth with the sword, with the capture of your horses, and I have brought up the stench of your camps into your nostrils, and you have not turned back to me - An oracle of Jehovah.

11 I have overthrown *some* of you as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a firebrand snatched out of the burning; and you have not turned back to me - An oracle of Jehovah.

12 Therefore I will do to you like this, Oh Israel; because I will do this to you, be set up to meet your God, Oh Israel.

13 Because, lo, he who forms the mountains, and creates the wind, and causes to stand out boldly to man what is his contemplation, who makes the dawn darkness, and treads upon the high places of the earth, Jehovah, the God of hosts, is his name.

CHAPTER 5

1 Attentively hear this word which I lift up against you, a funeral dirge, Oh house of Israel.

2 She has fallen; the virgin of Israel shall not continue to rise; she is thrust down upon her soil; there exists none to raise her up.

3 Because thus says the Lord Jehovah, The city that went out a thousand shall be left a hundred, and that which went out a hundred shall be left ten to the house of Israel,

4 Because thus says Jehovah to the house of Israel, Tread seeking me, and you shall live;

5 And do not tread seeking Bethel, and do not enter into Gilgal, and do not cross over to Beer Sheba, because Gilgal being stripped, shall be stripped captives, and Bethel shall be vanity.

6 Tread seeking Jehovah, and you shall live, lest he prospers like fire in the house of Joseph, and devours *it*, and there exists none to extinguish it in Bethel -

7 You who turn judgment into poison. And he deposited righteousness in the earth;

8 He who makes the seven stars and Orion, and turns the shadow of death into the dawn, and makes the day dark with night, who calls for the waters of the sea, and spills them out upon the face of the earth - Jehovah *is* his name -

9 Who breaks out the ravaged against the forceful, and causes the ravaged to come against the fortress.

10 They hate him who is right in the gate, and they detest him who speaks complete truth.

11 Therefore since you trample upon him who dangles in need, and you take from him loads of grain, *since* you have built houses of cut stone, then you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, and you shall not drink wine from them,

12 Because I know your multiplied transgressions and your powerful sins; they oppress the just, they take cover-up payment, and they turn away the poor in the gate.

13 Therefore the intelligently successful in that time shall be still because it *is* an evil time.

14 Tread seeking good, and not evil, that you may live, and so Jehovah, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as you have spoken.

15 Hate evil, and love good, and permanently place judgment in the gate; it may be that Jehovah God of hosts will stoop down in grace to the remnant of Joseph.

16 Therefore thus says Jehovah, the God of hosts, the Lord, *there shall be* in all streets lamentation, and in all the outdoors they shall say, Alas! Alas! And they shall call the farmer to mourning and those who know how to wail.

AMOS 6 *The day of Jehovah will be darkness; God despises their offerings; they shall go as stripped captives*

17 And lamentation shall be in all vineyards, because I will cross through your midst, says Jehovah.

18 Woe to you who wish for the day of Jehovah! Why *is* this for you? The day of Jehovah *is* darkness and not light.

19 As when a man fled from the face of a lion, and a bear impinged upon him, and *as when* he has gone into the house, and taken hold with his hand on the wall, and a snake struck him.

20 Shall not the day of Jehovah *be* darkness, and not light, even darkness, and no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festival days, and I will not smell your festival assemblies.

22 Though you offer up to me burnt offerings and your food offerings, I will not be satisfied with *them*, and I will not look intently with pleasure on the peace offerings of your stall feed beef cattle.

23 Take away from me the noise of your songs, and I will not attentively hear the music of your lyres.

24 And let judgment roll down as waters, and righteousness as a permanent stream.

25 Have you offered up to me sacrifices and food offerings in the desert forty years, Oh house of Israel?

26 And you have borne the idolatrous booth of your Moloch, and statues of your illusions, the star of your gods which you made to yourselves.

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27 And I will cause you to go as stripped captives far beyond Damascus, says Jehovah whose name is The God of Hosts.

CHAPTER 6

1 Woe to them *who are* in haughty security in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, punctured out as first of the peoples; the house of Israel came to them!

2 Cross over to Calneh, and see; and walk from there to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Palestinians. *Are they* better than these kingdoms? *Is* not their border greater than your border?

3 You who toss the evil day far away, and cause the seat of violence to come near,

4 Who lie down upon beds of ivory, and extend themselves upon their couches, and eat the young rams out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall,

5 Who chant according to the sound of the lyre, *who* like David, calculate for themselves instruments of music,

6 Who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments, and they are not worn *down* over the break up of Joseph.

7 Therefore now they shall go as stripped captives with the head *group* that goes as stripped captives, and the revelry of them who poured themselves out *in revelry* shall be taken away.

God will raise a people against Israel; I will put a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel **AMOS 7**

8 The Lord Jehovah has sworn by his soul - An oracle of Jehovah the God of hosts - I puff disdainfully at the majesty of Jacob, and hate his citadels, and I will shut up the city with all who fill it.

9 And it shall be, if there are left ten men in one house, that they shall die.

10 And a man's uncle shall lift him up and cremate him; he shall bring the bones out of the house, and say to him who is by the sides of the house, *Is there yet any more bones with you?* And he shall say, No more. And he shall say, Hush, because we may not mention the name of Jehovah,

11 Because behold, Jehovah commands, and he will strike the great house with falling to pieces, and the little house with open breaks.

12 Shall horses run upon the lofty rock, or will one plow with oxen *there*? Because you have turned judgment into poison, and the fruit of righteousness into a poisonous curse.

13 Oh you who rejoice *where there is* no pasture, who say, Have we not taken to ourselves horns *of power* by our own power?

14 But, behold, I will raise up against you, Oh house of Israel - An oracle of Jehovah, the God of hosts - a people, and they shall distress you from the entering in of Hemath to the stream of the desert.

CHAPTER 7

1 Thus has the Lord Jehovah caused me to see, and behold, he formed the locusts in the beginning of the coming up of the hay after the harvest, and lo, it was the hay after the harvest after the king's mowings.

2 And it was, when they finished eating the plants of the earth, then I said, Oh Lord Jehovah, forgive, please. By whom shall Jacob rise up, because he *is* small?

3 Jehovah comforted himself over this; It shall not be, says Jehovah.

4 Thus the Lord Jehovah has caused me to see, and behold, the Lord Jehovah called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and ate up an allotment.

5 And I said, Oh Lord Jehovah, cease, please; by whom shall Jacob rise up because he is small?

6 Jehovah comforted himself over this. This also shall not be, says the Lord Jehovah.

7 Thus he caused me to see, and behold, the Lord was stationed upon a wall *made by* a plumb line, and in his hand *was* a plumb line.

8 And Jehovah said to me, What do you see, Amos? And I said, A plumb line. And the Lord said, Behold, I will put a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will not cross over them again any more;

AMOS 8 *Amaziah, the priest, commands Amos not to prophesy at Bethel; Israel is ripe for destruction*

9 And the high places of Isaac shall be a stunned devastation, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be parched, and I will rise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10 And Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to Jeroboam, king of Israel, saying, Amos has bound himself in a conspiracy against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to hold all his words,

11 Because thus says Amos, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel being stripped, shall be led away as stripped captives out from their own soil.

12 Also Amaziah said to Amos, Oh you gazer at visions, walk, cause yourself to flee into the land of Judah, and there eat food, and prophesy there;

13 And do not prophesy again any more at Bethel, because it *is* the king's sanctuary, and it *is* the king's house.

14 And Amos answered, and said to Amaziah, I *was* not a prophet, and I *was* not a prophet's son, but I *was* a cattle herder and a gatherer of sycamore fruit;

15 And Jehovah took me from after the flock, and Jehovah said to me, Walk, prophesy to my people Israel.

16 And now attentively hear the word of Jehovah: You say, Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not distill *your words* against the house of Isaac.

17 Therefore thus says Jehovah, Your wife shall be a harlot in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your soil shall be divided by line, and you shall die upon polluted soil, and Israel, being stripped, shall go as stripped captives out from his soil.

CHAPTER 8

1 Thus has the Lord Jehovah caused me to see, and behold, a basket of harvest fruit.

2 And he said, What do you see, Amos? And I said, A basket of harvest fruit. And Jehovah said to me, The end has come upon my people, Israel; I will not again any more cross over them.

3 And the songs of the temple shall be howls in that day - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall throw them out in silence.

4 Attentively hear this, you who eagerly inhale the poor, and cause those looked down on with harshness to cease out of the land,

5 Saying, When will the new moon cross over that we may deal in grain? And the Sabbath, that we may open *the* wheat market, making the ephah small and the shekel great, and twisting the balances in deceit?

6 That we may buy him *who is* dangling in need for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals, yes, and deal in what falls⁶ from wheat?

⁶ 8:6 what falls from the wheat is the chaff, or the husk.

7 Jehovah has sworn by the Majesty of Jacob, Surely I will not ever forget any of their works.

8 For this shall the land not be agitated, and everyone mourn who dwells there? And it shall rise up as a whole river, and it shall be driven out, and overflow, like the river of Egypt.

9 And it shall be in that day - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the daylight;

10 And I will turn your festivals into mourning, and all your songs into a funeral dirge, and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins and baldness upon every head, and I will put it as the mourning for an only son, and its end as a day of bitterness.

11 Behold, the days come - An oracle of the Lord Jehovah - that I will send hunger in the land, not hunger for food, and not thirst for water, but of hearing the words of Jehovah;

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they will travel to seek the word of Jehovah, and will not find *it*.

13 In that day the beautiful virgins and youth shall faint for thirst.

14 They who swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Your god, Oh Dan, lives, and, The way of Beer Sheba lives, even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

CHAPTER 9

1 I saw the Lord stationed upon the altar, and he said, Strike the lintel of the door, that the porch may shake, and break off their heads, all of them, and I will fatally strike the last of them with the sword; he who flees of them shall not flee away, and he who escapes of them shall not be refugees.

2 Though they force a passage into the world of the dead, there my hand shall take them, and though they ascend to the heavens, there I will bring them down;

3 And though they hide themselves in the head of Carmel, from there I will search and take them, and though they are hid from my eyes in the bottom of the sea, there I will command the serpent, and he shall strike them;

4 And though they walk into captivity before the face of those who hate them, there I will command the sword, and it shall fatally strike them, and I will put my eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

5 And the Lord Jehovah of hosts *is* he who touches the land, and it shall melt, and all who dwell there shall mourn, and it shall rise up like a whole river, and shall be overflowed like the river of Egypt.

6 He who is building in the heavens his upper rooms, and has founded his troop in the earth, he who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the

AMOS 9 *I will sift the house of Israel from among all peoples; I will raise up the hut of David that is fallen*
face of the earth, Jehovah is his name.

7 Are you not as children of the Ethiopians to me, Oh children of Israel? - An oracle of Jehovah. Have I not brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt, and the Palestinians from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord Jehovah are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will desolate it from off the face of the soil, except that desolating, I will not desolate the house of Jacob - An oracle of Jehovah -

9 Because lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel from among all peoples, like sifting in a sieve, and I shall not let the least kernel fall upon the earth.

10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, The evil shall not come near, and shall not come before us.

11 In that day I will raise up the hut of David that is fallen, and wall up its breaks, and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old,

12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the peoples who are called by my name - An oracle of Jehovah who does this.

13 Behold, the days come - An oracle of Jehovah - that the plowman shall come near the reaper, and the treader of grapes *near to* him who draws out the seed, and the mountains shall dis-

till fresh grape juice, and all the hills shall melt.

14 And I will turn back the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the stunned cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink its wine, and they shall make gardens, and eat their fruit.

15 And I will plant them upon their soil, and they shall not be torn out from their soil which I have given them, says Jehovah, your God.