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## Amos

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1These are the words of Amos, who was among the shepherds from Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and also in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

2He said,"Yahweh will roar from Zion;he will raise his voice from Jerusalem.The pastures of the shepherds will mourn;the top of Carmel will wither."

3This is what Yahweh says:"For three sins of Damascus,even for four, I will not turn away punishment,because they threshed Gileadwith sharp threshing sledges of iron.4I will send a fire into the house of Hazael,and it will devour the fortresses of Ben-Hadad.5I will break the gate bars of Damascusand cut off the man who rules over the Valley of Aven,and also the man who holds the scepter in Beth Eden.The people of Aram will go in captivity to Kir,"says Yahweh.

6This is what Yahweh says:"For three sins of Gaza,even for four, I will not turn away punishment,because they carried away captive a whole people,to hand them over to Edom.7I will send fire on the walls of Gaza,and it will devour her fortresses.8I will cut off the man who lives in Ashdodand the man who holds the scepter from Ashkelon.I will turn my hand against Ekron,and the rest of the Philistines will perish,"says the Lord Yahweh.

9This is what Yahweh says:"For three sins of Tyre,even for four, I will not turn away punishment,because they had delivered up a whole people to Edom,and they broke their covenant of brotherhood.10I will send fire on the walls of Tyre,and it will devour her fortresses."

11This is what Yahweh says,"For three sins of Edom,even for four, I will not turn away punishment,because he pursued his brother with the swordand cast off all pity.His anger tore them apart continually,and his wrath lasted forever.12I will send fire on Teman,and it will devour the palaces of Bozrah."

13This is what Yahweh says,"For three sins of the people of Ammon,even for four, I will not turn away punishment,because they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead,that they may enlarge their borders.14I will light a fire in the walls of Rabbah,and it will devour the palaces,with a shout in the day of battle,with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind.15Their king will go into captivity,he and his officials together,"says Yahweh.

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1This is what Yahweh says:"For three sins of Moab,even for four, I will not turn away punishment,because he burned the bonesof the king of Edom to lime.2I will send fire on Moab,and it will devour the fortresses of Kerioth.Moab will die in an uproar,with shouting and the sound of the ram's horn.3I will destroy the judge in her,and I will kill all the princes with him,"says Yahweh.

4This is what Yahweh says:"For three sins of Judah,even for four, I will not turn away punishment,because they rejected the law of Yahwehand did not keep his statutes.Their lies caused them to go astray,after which their fathers had also walked.5I will send fire on Judah,and it will devour the fortresses of Jerusalem."

6This is what Yahweh says:"For three sins of Israel,even for four, I will not turn away punishment,because they sold the innocent for silverand the needy for a pair of sandals.7They trample on the heads of the pooras people trample on dust on the ground;they push the oppressed away.A man and his father go to the same girland so profane my holy name.8They lie down beside every altaron clothes taken as pledges,and in the house of their Godthey drink the wine of thosewho have been forced to pay a fine.9Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them,whose height was like the height of cedars;he was strong as the oaks.Yet I destroyed his fruit aboveand his roots below.10Also, I brought you up out of the land of Egyptand led you forty years in the wildernessto possess the land of the Amorites.11I raised up prophets from among your sonsand Nazirites from your young men.Is it not so, people of Israel?—this is Yahweh's declaration.12But you persuaded the Nazirites to drink wineand commanded the prophets not to prophesy.13Look, I will crush youas a cart that is full of grain can crush someone.14Escape will perish from the swift;the strong will not add to his own strength;neither will the mighty save himself.15The archer will not stand;the fast runner will not escape;the horseman will not save himself.16Even the bravest warriorswill flee naked in that day—this is Yahweh's declaration."

3

1Hear this word that Yahweh has spoken against you, people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt:2"I have chosen only youfrom all the families of the earth.Therefore I will punish youfor all your iniquities."3Will two walk togetherunless they have made an appointment?4Will a lion roar in the forestwhen he has no prey?Will a young lion growl from his denif he has caught nothing?5Can a bird fall in a trap on the groundwhen no bait is set for him?Will a trap spring up from the groundwhen it has not caught anything?6If a ram's horn sounds in a city,will the people not tremble?If disaster overtakes a city,has Yahweh not sent it?7Surely the Lord Yahweh will do nothingunless he reveals his planto his servants the prophets.8The lion has roared;who will not fear?The Lord Yahweh has spoken;who will not prophesy?9Proclaim this in the fortresses at Ashdod,and in the fortresses in the land of Egypt;say, "Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samariaand see what great tumults are in her,and what oppression is in her.10For they do not know how to do right—this is Yahweh's declaration—They store up violenceand devastation in their fortresses."

11Therefore, this is what the Lord Yahweh says:"An enemy will surround the land,and pull down your strongholdsand plunder your fortresses."

12This is what Yahweh says:"As the shepherd rescues out of the mouth of the liontwo legs only, or a piece of an ear;so will the people of Israel who live in Samaria be rescued;they will be left with only the corner of a couchor a piece of a bed."

13Hear and testify against the house of Jacob— this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh, the God of hosts:14"For in the day that I punish the sins of Israel,I will also punish the altars of Bethel.The horns of the altar will be cut offand fall to the ground.15I will destroy the winter housewith the summer house.The houses of ivory will perish,and the large houses will vanish—this is Yahweh's declaration."

41Listen to this word, you cows of Bashan,you who are in the mountain of Samaria,you who oppress the poor, you who crush the needy,you who say to your husbands, "Bring us drinks."2The Lord Yahweh has sworn by his holiness,"Look, the days will come on youwhen they will take you away with hooks,the last of you with fishhooks.3You will go out through the breaks in the city wall,each one of you going straight through it,and you will be thrown out toward Harmon—this is Yahweh's declaration.4"Go to Bethel and sin,to Gilgal and multiply transgression,bring your sacrifices every morning,your tithes every three days.5Offer a thanksgiving sacrifice with bread;proclaim freewill offerings; announce them,for this is what you love to do,you people of Israel—this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh.6I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your citiesand lack of bread in all your places.Yet you have not returned to me—this is Yahweh's declaration.7I also withheld rain from youwhen there were still three months to the harvest.I caused it to rain on one city,and caused it not to rain on another city.One piece of land was rained on,but the piece of land where it did not rain dried up.8Two or three cities staggered to another city to drink water,but were not satisfied.Yet you have not returned to me—this is Yahweh's declaration.9I afflicted you with blight and mildew.The multitude of your gardens,your vineyards, your fig trees, and your olive trees—the locusts devoured them all.Yet you have not returned to me—this is Yahweh's declaration.10I sent a plague on youas on Egypt.I killed your young men with the sword,along with the captivity of your horses,and made the stench of your camp come upto your nostrils.Yet you have not returned to me—this is Yahweh's declaration.11I overthrew cities among you,as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.You were like a burning stick snatched out of the fire.Yet you have not returned to me—this is Yahweh's declaration.12Therefore I will do something terrible to you, Israel;and because I will do something terrible to you,prepare to meet your God, Israel!13For, look, he who forms the mountainsalso creates the wind,reveals his thoughts to mankind,makes the dawn become darkness,and treads on the high places of the earth.Yahweh, God of hosts, is his name."

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1Hear this word that I take up as a lament over you, house of Israel.2The virgin Israel has fallen;she will rise no more;she is abandoned on her land;there is no one to raise her up.

3For this is what the Lord Yahweh says:"The city that went out with a thousandwill have a hundred remaining,and the one that went out with a hundredwill have ten remaining for the house of Israel."

4For this is what Yahweh says to the house of Israel:"Seek me and live!5Do not seek Bethel;nor enter Gilgal;do not journey to Beersheba.For Gilgal will surely go into captivity,and Bethel will become nothing.6Seek Yahweh and live,or he will break out like firein the house of Joseph.It will devour,and there will be no one to quench it in Bethel.7Those people turn justice into a bitter thingand throw righteousness down to the ground!"8God made the Pleiades and Orion;he turns deep darkness into the morning;he makes the day dark with nightand calls for the waters of the sea;he pours them out on the surface of the earth.Yahweh is his name!9He brings sudden destruction on the strongso that destruction comes on the fortresses.10They hate anyone who reproves them in the city gate,and they abhor anyone who speaks with integrity.11Because you trample down the poorand seize a tribute of wheat from him—although you have built houses of worked stone,you will not live in them.You have planted delightful vineyards,but you will not drink their wine.12For I know how many are your offensesand how mighty are your sins.you who afflict the just, take bribes,and turn aside the needy in the city gate.13Therefore any prudent person is silent at such a time,for it is an evil time.14Seek good and not evil,so that you may live.So Yahweh, the God of hosts, will really be with you,as you say he is.15Hate evil, love good,establish justice in the city gate.Perhaps Yahweh, the God of hosts, will be graciousto the remnant of Joseph.

16Therefore, this is what Yahweh says, the God of hosts, the Lord,"Wailing will be in all the squares,and they will say in all the streets,'Woe! Woe!'They will call the farmers to mourningand those who know lamentation to wailing.17In all vineyards there will be wailing,for I will pass through your midst,"says Yahweh.18Woe to you who desirethe day of Yahweh!Why do you long for the day of Yahweh?It will be darkness and not light,19as when a man flees from a lionand a bear meets him,or he goes in a house and puts his hand on the walland a snake bites him.20Will not the day of Yahweh be darkness and not light?Gloom and no brightness?21"I hate, I despise your festivals,I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.22Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,I will not accept them,neither will I look at the fellowship offeringsof your fattened animals.23Remove from me the noise of your songs;I will not listen to the sound of your lutes.24Instead, let justice flow like water,and righteousness like a constantly flowing stream.25Did you bring me sacrifices and offeringsin the wilderness for forty years, house of Israel?26You have lifted up the images of Sikkuth, your king,and Kaiwan, your star god,which you made for yourselves.27Therefore I will exile you beyond Damascus,"says Yahweh, whose name is the God of hosts.

61Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,and to those who are secure in the hill country of Samaria,the notable men of the most important of the nations,to whom the house of Israel comes for help!2Your leaders say, "Go to Kalneh and look;from there go to Hamath, the great city;then go down to Gath of the Philistines.Are they better than your two kingdoms?Is their border larger than your border?"3Woe to those who put off the day of disasterand make the throne of violence come near.4They lie down on beds of ivoryand lounge on their couches.They eat lambs from the flockand calves from the stall.5They sing foolish songs to the music of the lute;they improvise on instruments as David did.6They drink wine from bowlsand anoint themselves with the finest oils,but they do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.7So they will now go into exile with the first exiles,and the feasts of those who lounge about will pass away.8"I, the Lord Yahweh, have sworn by myself—this is the declaration of Yahweh, the God of hosts,I detest the pride of Jacob;I hate his fortresses.Therefore I will deliver up the citywith all that is in it."

9It will come about that if ten men remain in one house, they will all die.10When his relative or the one who burns him takes up the bones from the house—when he says to the person in the inner room of the house, "Is there anyone with you?" that person will say, "No one." Then he will say, "Be quiet, for we must not mention Yahweh's name."11For, look, Yahweh will give a command,and the big house will be smashed to pieces,and the little house to bits.12Do horses run on the rocky cliffs?Does one plow there with oxen?Yet you have turned justice into poisonand the fruit of righteousness into bitterness—13you who rejoice over Lo Debar,who say, "Have we not taken Karnaim by our own strength?"14"But look, I will raise up against you a nation,house of Israel—this is the declaration of Yahweh, the God of hosts.They will afflict youfrom Lebo Hamath to the brook of the Arabah."

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1This is what the Lord Yahweh showed me. Look, he formed a locust swarm when the spring crop began to come up, and, look, it was the late crop after the king's harvest.2When they finished eating the vegetation of the land, then I said, "Lord Yahweh, please forgive; how will Jacob stand? For he is so small."3Yahweh relented concerning this. "It will not happen," he said.

4This is what the Lord Yahweh showed me: Look, the Lord Yahweh called on fire to judge. It dried the vast, deep water under the earth and would have devoured the land also.5But I said, "Lord Yahweh, please stop; how will Jacob stand? For he is so small."6Yahweh relented concerning this, "This also will not happen," said the Lord Yahweh.

7This is what he showed me: Look, the Lord stood beside a wall, with a plumb line in his hand.8Yahweh said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Look, I will put a plumb line among my people Israel. I will spare them no longer.9The high places of Isaac will be destroyed,the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined,and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

10Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam, king of Israel: "Amos has conspired against you in the middle of the house of Israel. The land cannot endure all his words.11For this is what Amos said,'Jeroboam will die by the sword,and Israel will surely go into exile away from his land.'"

12Amaziah said to Amos, "Seer, go, flee back to the land of Judah, and there eat bread and prophesy.13But do not prophesy anymore here at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal house."

14Then Amos said to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet nor a prophet's son. I am a herdsman, and I take care of sycamore fig trees.15But Yahweh took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'16Now hear the word of Yahweh. You say,'Do not prophesy against Israel,and do not speak against the house of Isaac.'

17Therefore this is what Yahweh says,'Your wife will be a prostitute in the city;your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword;your land will be measured and divided up;you will die in an unclean land,and Israel will surely go into exile from his land.'"

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1This is what the Lord Yahweh showed me. Look, a basket of summer fruit!2He said, "What do you see, Amos?" I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then Yahweh said to me,"The end has come for my people Israel;I will spare them no longer.3The songs of the temple will become wailings in that day—this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh—many dead bodies, they are thrown everywhere!Silence!"4Listen to this, you who trample the needyand remove the poor of the land.

5They say,"When will the new moon be over,so we can sell grain again?When will the Sabbath day be over,so that we can sell wheat?We will make the measure smalland increase the price,as we cheat with deceitful scales.6This is so we can sell bad wheat, buy the poor with silver,and the needy for a pair of sandals."

7Yahweh has sworn by the pride of Jacob, "Surely I will never forget any of their actions."8Will not the land quake for this,and everyone who lives in it mourn?All of it will rise up like the Nile River,and it will be tossed about and sink again,like the river of Egypt.9"It will come in that day—this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh—that I will make the sun set at noon,and I will darken the earth at daylight.10I will turn your festivals into mourningand all your songs into lamentation.I put sackcloth on all loinsand have baldness on every head.I will make it like mourning for an only son,and a bitter day to its end.11Look, the days are coming—this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh—when I will send a famine in the land,not a famine for bread, nor of thirst for water,but for hearing the words of Yahweh.12They will stagger from sea to sea;they will run from the north to the eastto seek the word of Yahweh,but they will not find it.13In that day the beautiful virgins and the young menwill faint from thirst.14Those who swear by the sin of Samaria [1](#footnote-target-1)and say, 'As your god lives, Dan,'and, 'As the way to Beersheba exists,' [2](#footnote-target-2)they will fall and never rise again."

[1](#footnote-caller-1)Instead of the sin of Samaria , some scholars translate the Hebrew as, Ashimah of Samaria . Ashimah was the name of a pagan goddess worshiped in some parts of Syria. [2](#footnote-caller-2)The copies of the ancient Hebrew text have, As the way to Beersheba exists , where this might refer to what people going to worship Beersheba's idols might have said. However, some scholars understand the Hebrew text to read As the loved one of Beersheba lives . Here loved one stands for an idol worshiped in Beersheba.

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1I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and he said,"Strike the tops of the pillarsso that the thresholds will shake.Break them in pieces on all of their heads,and I will kill the last of them with the sword.Not one of them will get away;not one of them will escape.2Though they dig into Sheol,there my hand will take them.Though they climb up to heaven,there I will bring them down.3Though they hide on the top of Carmel,there I will search and take them.Though they are hidden from my sight in the bottom of the sea,there will I command the serpent, and it will bite them.4Though they go into captivity, driven by their enemies before them,there will I give orders to the sword, and it will kill them.I will keep my eyes on themfor harm and not for good."5The Lord Yahweh of hoststouches the land and it melts;all who live in it mourn;all of it will rise up like the River,and sink again like the river of Egypt.6It is he who builds his steps in the heavens,and has established his vault over the earth.He calls for the waters of the sea,and pours them out on the surface of the earth,Yahweh is his name.7"Are you not like the people of Cush to me,people of Israel—this is Yahweh's declaration—did I not bring up Israel out of the land of Egypt,the Philistines from Crete,and the Arameans from Kir?8Look, the eyes of the Lord Yahwehare on the sinful kingdom,and I will destroy itfrom the face of the earth,except that I will not totally destroythe house of Jacob—this is Yahweh's declaration.9Look, I will give a command,and I will shake the house of Israelamong all the nations,as one shakes grain in a sieve,so that not the smallest stone will fall to the ground.10All the sinners of my peoplewill die by the sword,those who say,'Disaster will not overtake or meet us.'11In that dayI will raise up the tent of David that has fallen,and close up its breaches.I will raise up its ruins,and rebuild it as in the days of old,12That they may possess the remnant of Edom,and all the nations that are called by my name—this is Yahweh's declaration—he does this.13Look, the days will come—this is Yahweh's declaration—when the plowman will overtake the reaper,and the treader of grapes will overtake him who plants seed.The mountains will drip sweet wine,and all the hills will flow with it.14I will bring back from captivity my people Israel.They will build the ruined cities and inhabit them,they will plant vineyards and drink their wine,and they will make gardens and eat their fruit.15I will plant them upon their land,and they will never again be uprooted from the landthat I have given them,"says Yahweh your God.