



THE BOOK OF

# AMOS

*...a verse by verse study*

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*Chapter 6*

# Judgment on Israel's Pride

- <sup>1</sup> Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!
- <sup>2</sup> Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

**Amos 6:1-2**

# Four Counterfeits to Worship

- 3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;
- 4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;
- 5 That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David;
- 6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph..

# The Consequence of Sin

- 7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.
- 8 The Lord God hath sworn by himself, saith the Lord the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.
- 9 And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die..

# The Coming Destruction

<sup>10</sup> And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the Lord.

<sup>11</sup> For, behold, the Lord commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

**Amos 6:10-11**



# The Certainty of Judgment

<sup>12</sup> Shall horses run upon the rock? will one plow there with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock:

<sup>13</sup> Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?

<sup>14</sup> But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the Lord the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.

**Amos 6:12-14**

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*Chapter 7*

# Three Visions of Judgment

- <sup>1</sup> Thus hath the Lord God shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings.
- <sup>2</sup> And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord God, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord repented for this: It shall not be, saith the Lord.

- 4 Thus hath the Lord God shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord God called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.
- 5 Then said I, O Lord God, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.
- 6 The Lord repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord God.

**Amos 7:4-6**

<sup>7</sup> Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

<sup>8</sup> And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: **I will not again pass by them any more:**

**Amos 7:7-8**

- A plumbline shows what is 'true'

9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste;  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the  
sword.

**Amos 7:9**

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

<sup>11</sup> For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

<sup>12</sup> Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

**Amos 7:10-12**



<sup>13</sup> But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.

<sup>14</sup> Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit:

<sup>15</sup> And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

**Amos 7:13-15**

- This is what it means to walk by faith!

16 Now therefore hear thou the word of the Lord: Thou sayest, Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac.

17 Therefore thus saith the Lord; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

**Amos 7:16-17**



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