

AMOS

CHAPTER 1

The words of Amos, which came *to him* in Akkarim out of Thekoue, which he saw concerning Jerusalem in the days of Ozias king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joas king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

²And he said, The Lord hath uttered a sound out of Zion, and hath given His voice out of Jerusalem; and the pastures of the shepherds have mourned, and the top of Carmel is dried up. ³Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away from him, because they sawed with saws of iron the women with child of the Gileadites. ⁴And I will send a fire upon the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the foundations of the son of Hadad. ⁵I will break also the bars of Damascus to pieces, and destroy the inhabitants from the plain of Aven, and cut to pieces a tribe from the men of Charrhan, and the notable people of Syria shall be taken captive, saith the Lord. ⁶Thus saith the Lord, For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away from them, because they carried away captive the captivity of Solomon, to shut them up in Edom. ⁷And I will send forth a fire against the walls of Gaza, and it shall devour the foundations thereof. ⁸And I will destroy the inhabitants out of Ashdod, and a tribe shall be cut off from Askalon; and I will bring My hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord. ⁹Thus saith the Lord, For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn away from it; because they shut up the captivity of Solomon into Edom, and remembered not the covenant of the brethren. ¹⁰And I will send a fire against the walls of Tyre, and it shall devour the foundations thereof. ¹¹Thus saith the Lord, For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away from them; because they did pursue his brother with the sword, and laid waste the mother upon the earth, and seized his shivering fright for a testimony, and kept his wrath for victory. ¹²And I will send a fire upon Teman, and it shall devour the foundations of the walls thereof. ¹³Thus saith the Lord, For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away from him; because they ripped open the women with child of the Gileadites, that they might widen their coasts. ¹⁴And I will kindle a fire against the walls of Rabbah; and it shall devour the foundations thereof, with a cry in the day of battle; and she shall be shaken in the days of her destruction; ¹⁵and her kings shall go into captivity, their priests and their princes together, saith the Lord.

CHAPTER 2

Thus saith the Lord, For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away from him; because they burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime. ²But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the foundations of the cities thereof: and Moab shall perish in weakness with a shout, and with the sound of a trumpet. ³And I will cut off the judge out of her, and all shall be slain with him, saith the Lord. ⁴Thus saith the Lord, For three transgressions of the children of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away from him; because they have rejected the law of the Lord, and have not kept His ordinances: and their vain idols which they made, after the which their fathers followed, caused them to err. ⁵And I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the foundations of Jerusalem. ⁶Thus saith the Lord, For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away from him; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for sandals, ⁷wherewith to tread upon the dust of the earth; and they have smitten upon the heads of the poor, and have turned aside the way of the lowly: and a son and his father have gone in unto the same maidservant, that they might profane the name of their God. ⁸And binding their clothes with cords they have made them curtains near the altar, and have drunk wine obtained by extortion in the house of their God. ⁹Yet removed I the Amorite from before their face, whose height was like the height of a cedar, and he was strong as an oak; and I dried up his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. ¹⁰Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you about forty years in the wilderness, to inherit the land of the Amorites. ¹¹And I took of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for consecration. Are not these things even thus, O ye sons of Israel? saith the Lord. ¹²But ye gave the consecrated ones wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not. ¹³Therefore, behold, I roll under you, as a wagon is rolled that is full of straw. ¹⁴And flight shall perish from the runner, and the strong shall not hold fast his strength, neither shall the warrior save his soul: ¹⁵neither shall he stand that handleth the bow, and he that is swift of foot shall in no wise escape; neither shall he that rideth the horse save his soul. ¹⁶Neither shall he that standeth strong find his heart in mighty deeds: the naked shall flee away in that day, saith the Lord.

CHAPTER 3

Hear this word that the Lord hath spoken against thee, O house of Israel, and against the whole tribe which I brought up out of the land of Egypt, saying, ²You only have I known out of all the tribes of the earth: therefore I will take vengeance upon you for all your sins. ³Shall two walk together at all, except they know be acquainted with one another? ⁴Will a lion roar out of his thicket, when he hath no prey? Will a lion's whelp utter his voice at all out of his lair, if he have taken nothing? ⁵Will a bird fall upon the

earth without a fowler? Will a snare be taken up from the earth without having taken any thing? ⁶Shall the trumpet sound in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, which the Lord hath not wrought? ⁷For the Lord God will not do a thing, except he revealeth instruction unto His servants the prophets. ⁸A lion will roar, and who will not be afraid? The Lord God hath spoken, and who will not prophesy? ⁹Publish it to the regions among the Assyrians, and unto the regions of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountain of Samaria, and behold many wondrous things in the midst thereof, and the oppression that is therein. ¹⁰And he knew not what things would be before her, saith the Lord, even those that store up injustice and misery in their regions. ¹¹Therefore thus saith the Lord God, O Tyre, thy land shall be made desolate round about; and he shall bring down thy strength out of thee, and shall spoil thy countries. ¹²Thus saith the Lord, As when a shepherd rescueth out of the mouth of a lion two legs, or a lobe of an ear; so shall the sons of Israel be drawn forth that dwell in Samaria before a tribe, and in Damascus as priests. ¹³Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord God Almighty. ¹⁴For in the day that I shall take vengeance of the ungodly deeds of Israel upon him, I will also take vengeance on the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be broken down, and they shall fall upon the ground. ¹⁵I will crush and smite the house that is compassed by columns upon the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall be destroyed, and many other house shall be added, saith the Lord.

CHAPTER 4

Hear this word, ye kine of the land of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, and tread upon the needy, which say unto their lords, Give us, that we may drink. ²The Lord sweareth by His holiness, that, lo, the days come upon you, when they shall take you with weapons, and them that are with you shall be cast into caldrons boiled with pestilent fires. ³And ye shall be brought forth naked in the presence of each other; and ye shall be cast forth upon the mount of Hermon, saith the Lord. ⁴Ye entered into Bethel, and transgressed, and ye multiplied to commit ungodliness in Gilgal; and ye brought your sacrifice in the morning, your tithes on the third day. ⁵And they read the law without, and called for confessions: proclaim aloud that the sons of Israel have loved these things, saith the Lord. ⁶And I gave you an aching of the teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet ye returned not unto Me, saith the Lord. ⁷And also I have withholden the rain from you three months before the harvest: and I will rain upon one city, and upon another city will I not rain: one part shall be rained upon, and the part upon which I shall not rain shall be dried up. ⁸And two or three cities shall be gathered into one city to drink water, and they shall not be satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith the Lord. ⁹I have smitten you with fever, and with jaundice: ye multiplied your gardens, your vineyards, and your fig grounds, and the cankerworm devoured

your oliveyards; yet not even thus have ye returned unto Me, saith the Lord. ¹⁰I sent you death in the way of Egypt, and your young men I slew with the sword, together with thy horses that were taken away captive; and in My wrath I set fire to your camps: yet not even thus have ye returned unto Me, saith the Lord. ¹¹I overthrew you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the fire: yet not even thus have ye returned unto Me, saith the Lord. ¹²Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: but because I will do thus unto thee, prepare to call upon thy God, O Israel. ¹³For, lo, I am He that maketh the thunder strong, and createth the wind, and announceth His Christ unto man, making the morning and the mist, and mounting upon the high places of the earth: the Lord God Almighty is His name.

CHAPTER 5

Hear ye this word of the Lord, which I take up against you in lamentation. The house of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise. ²The virgin of Israel hath slipt upon his land; there is none that shall raise her up. ³Therefore thus saith LORD, the Lord, The city out of which went forth a thousand shall be left an hundred; and out of which went forth an hundred, shall be left ten unto the house of Israel. ⁴Wherefore thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, Seek ye Me, and ye shall live: ⁵but seek not Bethel, nor go in unto Gilgal, and cross not over to the Well of the Oath: for Gilgal shall surely be taken into captivity, and Bethel shall be as that which cometh to nothing. ⁶Seek the Lord, and ye shall live; lest the house of Joseph blaze like fire, and it devour him, and there be none to quench it for the house of Israel. ⁷The Lord is He that executeth judgment on high, and hath established justice on the earth: ⁸Which maketh all things, and changeth *them*, and turneth the darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night: Who calleth for the water of the sea, and poureth it upon the face of the earth: LORD God Almighty is His name: ⁹Which dispenseth destruction against strength, and bringeth misery upon the fortress. ¹⁰They hated him that rebuked in the gates, and abhorred holy speech. ¹¹Therefore, forasmuch as they have smitten the poor with their fists, and have taken choice gifts of them; ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted desirable vineyards, but ye shall not drink the wine of them. ¹²For I know your manifold transgressions, and your sins are mighty, treading upon the just, taking bribes, and turning aside the needy in the gates. ¹³Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek the good, and not the evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord God Almighty shall be with you, as ye have said, ¹⁵'We have hated evil, and loved good': and restore ye judgments in the gates; that the Lord God Almighty may have mercy upon the remnant of Joseph. ¹⁶Therefore thus saith the Lord God Almighty, In the streets *shall be* lamentations; and in all the highways shall it be said, Woe, woe! the husbandman shall be called to mourning, and to

lamentation, and to such as know wailing. ¹⁷And there shall be lamentation in all the highways; because I will pass through the midst of thee, saith the Lord. ¹⁸Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! wherefore is this day of the Lord to you? And this is darkness, and not light. ¹⁹As if a man flee from the face of a lion, and a bear meet him; and he leap into his house, and lean his hands upon the wall, and a serpent bite him. ²⁰Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light? and gloom without brightness? ²¹I have hated, I have despised your feasts, and I will not smell *your offerings* in your feasts. ²²Wherefore if ye bring me your whole burnt sacrifices and meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I have respect to the grandeur of your peace offerings. ²³Take thou away from Me the noise of thine odes; and I will not hear the musick of thine instruments. ²⁴But judgment shall roll down as water, and righteousness as an impassable torrent. ²⁵Have ye brought Me victims and sacrifices forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? ²⁶And ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your God Raiphan, the images of them which ye made to yourselves. ²⁷And I will carry you away beyond Damascus, saith the Lord, LORD the Almighty is His name.

CHAPTER 6

Woe to them that set Zion at nought, and to them that trust in the mountain of Samaria: they have harvested the rule of nations, and have gone in for themselves. O house of Israel, ²cross over all of you, and see; and pass from thence on to Hamath; and thence go down to Gath of the Philistines, the most excellent of all these kingdoms: see if their coasts are greater than your coasts. ³Ye that come to an evil day, that draw near and hold fast unto false Sabbaths; ⁴that sleep upon beds of ivory, and live lewdly upon their couches, and eat kids out of the flock, and sucking calves out of the midst of the herds; that clap their hands at the sound of the instruments; they have counted them as abiding, not as fleeting; ⁶that drink filtered wine, and anoint themselves with the finest oils: and have suffered nought over the ruin of Joseph. ⁷Therefore now shall they now be captives of the powerful from the beginning, and the neighing of horses shall be cut off from Ephraim. ⁸For the Lord hath sworn by Himself, saying, Because I abhor all the pride of Jacob, I have hated his countries, and I will remove a city, with all that are therein. ⁹And it shall come to pass, if there be ten men left in one house, that they shall die. ¹⁰But a remnant shall be left behind, and them that are of their household shall take them, and with force shall bring forth their bones out of the house: and one shall say unto the heads of the house, Is there yet else with thee? ¹¹And he shall say, None else. And the other shall say, Hold thy tongue, that thou name not the name of the Lord. ¹²For, behold, the Lord commandeth, and He will smite the great house with bruises, and the little house with rents. ¹³Shall horses pursue on rocks? shall they be silent among mares? For ye have turned judgment into wrath, and the fruit of righteousness into bitterness: ¹⁴ye that are glad at no word, which say, Had

we not horns in our own strength? ¹⁵For behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the Lord of hosts; and they shall oppress you, that ye shall enter not into Hamath, and unto the torrent of the west.

CHAPTER 7

Thus hath the Lord God shewed unto me; and, behold, a breed of locusts coming at the early morning; and, behold, one caterpillar, Gog the king. ²And it came to pass when they had made an end of devouring the grass of the land, that I said, Lord, O Lord, be merciful; who shall raise up Jacob? for he is very small. ³Repent, O Lord, at this. And this shall not be, saith the Lord. ⁴Thus hath the Lord shewed me; and, behold, the Lord called for a judgment by fire; and it devoured the great deep, and devoured the Lord's portion. ⁵Then said I, O Lord, cease, I pray Thee: who shall raise up Jacob for he is very small. Repent, O Lord, at this. ⁶“Even this also shall not be, saith the Lord. ⁷Thus the Lord shewed me; and, behold, He stood upon an adamantine wall, and in His hand *was* adamant. ⁸And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, Adamant. And the Lord said unto me, Behold I do put an adamant in the midst of My people Israel: I will no more pass them by. ⁹And the altars of laughter shall be abolished, and the mystic rites of Israel shall be made desolate; and I will rise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword. ¹⁰And Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos conducteth treasonous conspiracies against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land will not be able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall be led away captive from his own land. ¹²Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, remove thou into the land of Judah, and live there, and thou shalt prophesy there: ¹³but thou shalt not any more prophesy at Bethel: for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is the house of the kingdom. ¹⁴And Amos answered, and said unto Amaziah, I was not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet; but I was a goatherd, and a gatherer of sycamore figs. ¹⁵And the Lord took me from the sheep, and the Lord said unto me, Go, and prophesy unto My people Israel. ¹⁶And now hear thou the word of the Lord. Thou sayest, Prophecy not unto Israel, and thou shalt not incite a mob against the house of Jacob. ¹⁷Therefore thus saith the Lord; Thy wife shall become an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be measured by a line; and thou shalt die in an unclean land: and Israel shall be led captive out of his land.

CHAPTER 8

Thus hath the Lord shewed unto me: and, behold, a fowler's basket. ²And He said, Amos, what seest thou? and I said, A fowler's basket. And the Lord said unto me, The end is come upon My people Israel; I will no more continue to pass them by. ³And the ceiling of the temple shall howl in that

day, saith the Lord: there shall be many a fallen one in every place; I will bring silence. ⁴Hear now this, ye that rub away the poor in the morning, and oppress the needy from the land; ⁵who say, When will the month pass away, and we shall sell, and the Sabbath, and we shall open the treasury, to make the measure small, and to enlarge the weight, and to make the balance unfair? ⁶To buy the poor for silver, and the needy for sandals; and we will trade in every kind of fruit. ⁷The Lord sweareth by the pride of Jacob, If all of your works shall ever be successfully forgotten. ⁸And shall not the land be troubled for these things, and shall not every one that dwelleth therein mourn? And destruction shall come up as a river, and descend as the river of Egypt. ⁹And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that the sun shall go down at noon, and the light shall be darkened on the earth by day: ¹⁰and I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring sackcloth upon every loin, and baldness upon every head; and I will make them as the mourning of a beloved, and those that are with him as a day of grief. ¹¹Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, and I will send forth a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the word of the Lord. ¹²And the waters shall be shaken from sea to sea, and from the north to the east shall *men* run hither and thither, seeking the word of the Lord, and they shall not find it. ¹³In that day shall the fair virgins and the young men faint for thirst; ¹⁴they that swear by the atonement of Samaria, and who say, Thy God, O Dan, liveth; and Thy God, O Beer-sheba, liveth: and they shall fall, and no more rise again.

CHAPTER 9

I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and He said, Smite the mercy seat, and the gates shall be shaken: and cut through into the heads of all; and them that are left I will slay with the sword: not one of them fleeing shall escape, and not one of them attempting to save himself shall be delivered. ²Though they be buried in Hades, from thence shall My hand draw them forth; and even though they go up to heaven, from thence will I bring them down. ³If they hide in the top of Carmel, from thence will I search *them* out and take them; and if they go down from My sight into the deeps of the sea, there will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them. ⁴And even though they go into captivity before the face of their enemies, there will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set Mine eyes against them for evil, and not for good. ⁵And LORD, the Lord God Almighty, *is He* that taketh hold of the land, and causeth it to shake, and all that dwell therein shall mourn; and the destruction thereof shall go up as a river, and shall go down as the river of Egypt. ⁶*It is He* that buildeth His ascent up to the heaven, and establisheth His promise in the earth; Who calleth the water of the sea, and poureth it out upon the face of the earth: LORD, the God Almighty is His name. ⁷Are ye not as the sons of the Ethiopians unto Me, O sons of Israel?

saith the Lord. ⁸Did I not bring Israel up out of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Cappadocia, and the Syrians from a pit? ⁸Behold, the eyes of the Lord are upon the kingdom of sinners, and I will remove it from off the face of the earth; only I will not utterly remove the house of Jacob, saith the Lord. ⁹For, lo, I give commandment, and I will sift the house of Israel among all the Gentiles, like as that which is sifted in a sifting pan, and nothing crushed shall in any wise fall upon the earth. ¹⁰All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, which say, Evil shall not draw near, nor come upon us. ¹¹In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David which is fallen down, and I will build again the ruins thereof, and set up those things that have been broken down, and build it up as in the days of old: ¹²that the residue of men, and all the Gentiles upon whom My name is called, may earnestly seek *Me*, saith the Lord Who doeth all these things. ¹³Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, and the harvest shall overtake the vintage, and the grapes shall ripen at seedtime; and the mountains shall drip sweetness, and all the hills shall be planted together. ¹⁴And I will return the captivity of My people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof: they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. ¹⁵And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall never more be plucked up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord God Almighty.