

Timeline / Overview

Amos was a shepherd and fig tree farmer (**7:14**) who lived near the border between the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah in Tekoa (**1:1; Jer 6:1**), which was a village just south of Jerusalem. He prophesied to Israel during the time when Jeroboam II (793-753 BC) was king. Jeroboam II won lots of battles, gained new territory, and generated lots of wealth for Israel. His wealth led to apathy, and he allowed idol worship for the gods of Canaan. This further led to injustice and the neglect of the poor. Amos sensed God calling him to go up north to Bethel (**7:10**), an important city that had a temple built by Jeroboam I (**1 Kings 12:28–33**).

Message to the Nations and Israel (Chapters 1-2)

The book opens with a series of short poems that accuse Israel's neighbors (e.g. Tyre, Damascus, Ammon, Moab, Edom, Judah, Gaza) of violence and injustice (**Chapters 1-2a**). This may appear odd because the book's opening line said that Amos was going to speak against Israel (**1:1**). In naming all of these neighboring nations he's creating a circle with Israel right in the center like a target in the crosshairs.

Beginning in **2:6**, Amos unleashes a poetic accusation on Israel that's three times longer and more intense than any of these others. He accuses Israel's of...

- Ignoring the poor and allowing grave injustice in their land.
- Allowing the poor to be sold into slavery.
- Profaning God's name.

God reminds them that this is the nation that was once denied justice and enslaved in Egypt, who God rescued from oppression and slavery. He now tells them that the party is over.

Message to Israel and Its Leaders (Chapters 3-6)

The opening of this section explains why God is going to bring vengeance:

Amos 3:2 *"You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.*

This is an allusion to **Gen 12:1-2** where God chose to make Abraham's descendants into a nation through whom he would bless the world. Israel had a great calling which came with great responsibility. Now their sin and rebellion come with great consequences.

Theme 1 - Exposure of Religious Hypocrisy

Israel faithfully attended religious gatherings, gave offerings and sacrifices, but at the same time they were neglecting the poor and ignoring injustice. God hates their worship (**5:21-23**) because it's totally disconnected from how they treat people (**5:10-13**). God says a real relationship with Him will transform a person's relationships:

Amos 5:24 - *But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

Justice: Mishpat (מִשְׁפָּט) - Concrete actions taken to correct injustice and create righteousness

Righteousness: Tzedakah (צְדָקָה) - A standard of right equitable relationships between people no matter their social differences

These are to permeate the life of God's people like a rushing stream fills a dry riverbed

Theme 2 - Accusations of Idolatry

When Israel broke away from Judah, Jeroboam I built two new temples to rival Solomon's in Jerusalem placing a golden calf in each (**3:13–15; 1 Kings 12:25-33** / Bethel and Dan). Subsequently, Israel had only accumulated more idols. The worship of these gods always led to injustice, because these gods don't require the same degree of justice and righteousness as the God of Israel. Only the God of Israel can say:

Amos 5:4 - *For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel: "Seek me and live;*

Amos 5:14 - *Seek good, and not evil, that you may live;*

True worship of the God of Israel is synonymous with doing good (**Matt 22:34–40**)

Theme 3 - Announcing The Day of the Lord

Because Israel and its Kings have rejected the prophets, God will send the Day of the Lord. This is a great and terrible active of justice on Israel. Specifically Amos predicts a powerful nation will come and conquer and decimate cities and take the people away in the exile (**6:7**). We know his prediction came true some 40 years later the Assyrian empire swooped in and did exactly as Amos had said (**2 Kings 17**).

Amos' Visions - God's Coming Judgment on Israel (Chapters 7-9)

The book closes with a series of visions Amos experienced that are symbolic depictions of the coming day of the Lord. These include a Locust Swarm (**7:1-3**), a Scorching Fire (**7:4-6**), a Plumb Line (**7:7-9**) and being devoured like Overripe Fruit (**8:1-14**).

In the final vision Amos sees God violently striking the pillars of Israel's great temple at Bethel the whole building crumbling down (**9:1-10**). It's an image of God's justice on the leaders and the gods of Israel.

In the final paragraph we see a glimmer of hope (**9:11-15**). It picks up this image of Israel as a destroyed building. God says that out of the ruins he will one day restore the house to David, which is fulfilled in the future messianic king from David's line. He will rebuild the family of God's people which is going to include people from all of the nations.

Teacher's Notes

Handout notes are adapted from The Bible Project

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Amos 1:1 (ESV)

¹ The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw 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 earthquake.

Amos 7:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs.

Jeremiah 6:1 (ESV)

¹ Flee for safety, O people of Benjamin,
from the midst of Jerusalem!
Blow the trumpet in Tekoa,
and raise a signal on Beth-haccherem,
for disaster looms out of the north,
and great destruction.

1 Kings 12:28–33 (ESV)

²⁸ So the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, "You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." ²⁹ And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. ³⁰ Then this thing became a sin, for the people went as far as Dan to be before one. ³¹ He also made temples on high places and appointed priests from among all the people, who were not of the Levites. ³² And Jeroboam appointed a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. ³³ He went up to the altar that he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he had devised from his own heart. And he instituted a feast for the people of Israel and went up to the altar to make offerings.

Message to the Nations and Israel (Chapters 1-2)

Amos 1:1 (ESV)

¹ The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw 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 earthquake.

Amos 2:6–16 (ESV)

⁶ Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Israel,
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment,
because they sell the righteous for silver,
and the needy for a pair of sandals—

⁷ those who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth
and turn aside the way of the afflicted;
a man and his father go in to the same girl,
so that my holy name is profaned;

⁸ they lay themselves down beside every altar
on garments taken in pledge,
and in the house of their God they drink
the wine of those who have been fined.

⁹ “Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them,
whose height was like the height of the cedars
and who was as strong as the oaks;
I destroyed his fruit above
and his roots beneath.

¹⁰ Also it was I who brought you up out of the land of Egypt
and led you forty years in the wilderness,
to possess the land of the Amorite.

¹¹ And I raised up some of your sons for prophets,
and some of your young men for Nazirites.
Is it not indeed so, O people of Israel?”
declares the LORD.

¹² “But you made the Nazirites drink wine,
and commanded the prophets,
saying, ‘You shall not prophesy.’

¹³ “Behold, I will press you down in your place,
as a cart full of sheaves presses down.

¹⁴ Flight shall perish from the swift,
and the strong shall not retain his strength,
nor shall the mighty save his life;

¹⁵ he who handles the bow shall not stand,
and he who is swift of foot shall not save himself,
nor shall he who rides the horse save his life;
¹⁶ and he who is stout of heart among the mighty
shall flee away naked in that day,"
declares the LORD.

Message to Israel and Its Leaders (Chapters 3-6)

Amos 3:2 (ESV)

² "You only have I known
of all the families of the earth;
therefore I will punish you
for all your iniquities.

Genesis 12:1–2 (ESV)

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Theme 1 - Exposure of Religious Hypocrisy

Amos 5:10–13 (ESV)

¹⁰ They hate him who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.
¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
¹² For I know how many are your transgressions
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.
¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.

Amos 5:21–23 (ESV)

²¹ "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

Amos 5:24 (ESV)

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Justice

5477 מִשְׁפָּט (miš·pāṭ): n.masc.; ≡ Str 4941; TWOT 2443c—**1.** LN 56.20–56.34 **judgment**, i.e., the act. of deciding a legal dispute or case (Dt 1:17); **2.** LN 56.1 **court**, i.e., a place where a legal case is decided (Dt 25:1; Job 9:32); **3.** LN 56.2–56.3 **case**, lawsuit, i.e., a legal action taken in court (2Sa 15:4); **4.** LN 56.20–56.34 **decision**, sentence, i.e., an official proclamation in a legal verdict (1Ki 20:40); **5.** LN 56.20–56.34 **justice**, i.e., a state or condition of fairness in disputes (Ex 23:6); **6.** LN 33.333–33.342 **law**, regulation, prescription, specification, i.e., a spoken or written command which is to be obeyed, often with penalties for non-compliance (Ex 21:1); **7.** LN 33 **plan**, formally, prescription, i.e., a graphic or verbal description of how to build something (Ex 26:30; 1Ki 6:38), see also domain LN 7.77–7.79; **8.** LN 63.13–63.20 **share**, i.e., what is a just amount of a whole (Dt 18:3; 1Ki 5:8[EB 4:28]); **9.** LN 41.25–41.28 **custom**, practice, i.e., a behavior which is more or less fixed and accepted as a normal practice (1Sa 2:13); also part of a compound name, En *Mishpat*, see 6535; note: 1Ki 7:7, see 395, 395.5¹

מִשְׁפָּט **mishpat** (1048b); from 8199; *judgment*:—arrangements(1), case(5), case*(1), cause(7), charge(1), claim(1), court(2), crimes(1), custom(11), customs(2), decide(1), decision(2), decisions(1), deserving(1), destruction(1), due(1), injustice*(2), judge(1), judged(1), judgment(62), judgments(40), just(4), justice(118), justly(3), kind(1), manner(3), matters of justice(1), mode of life(1), order(1), ordinance(29), ordinances(79), plan(1), plans(1), practice(1), procedure(4), properly(2), regulation(1), right(8), rightful place(1), rights(2), rule(1), sentence(2), sentenced(1), standard(1), trial(1), unjustly*(1), verdict(1), way prescribed(2), what is right(2), worthy(1).²

Righteousness

7407 יְשׁוּבָה (šē·dā·qā(h)): n.fem.; ≡ Str 6666; TWOT 1879b—**1.** LN 88.12–88.23 **righteousness**, justice, rightness, i.e., the state of doing what is required according to a standard (Ps 31:2[EB 1]); **2.** LN 56.20–56.34 **justice**, i.e., the state or condition of fairly deciding what is right in a legal

¹ Swanson, J. (1997). [Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew \(Old Testament\)](#) (electronic ed.). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

² Thomas, R. L. (1998). [New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition](#). Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

case, without prejudice (Isa 5:23); 3. LN 88.289–88.318 **innocence**, i.e., the state of not having any sin or its associated guilt, according to a standard (1Ki 8:32); 4. LN 57.25–57.35 **prosperity**, i.e., the state of having an abundant amount of goods and wealth (Pr 8:18), note: further study may yield more domains³

תְּדָאָה **tsedaqah** (842a); from the same as 6664; *righteousness*:—honesty(1), justice(1), merits(1), right(2), righteous(1), righteous acts(3), righteous deeds(7), righteously(1), righteousness(136), rights(1), vindication(3).⁴

Theme 2 - Accusations of Idolatry

Amos 3:13–15 (ESV)

- ¹³ “Hear, and testify against the house of Jacob,”
declares the Lord GOD, the God of hosts,
¹⁴ “that on the day I punish Israel for his transgressions,
I will punish the altars of Bethel,
and the horns of the altar shall be cut off
and fall to the ground.
¹⁵ I will strike the winter house along with the summer house,
and the houses of ivory shall perish,
and the great houses shall come to an end,”
declares the LORD.

1 Kings 12:25–33 (ESV)

²⁵ Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and lived there. And he went out from there and built Penuel. ²⁶ And Jeroboam said in his heart, “Now the kingdom will turn back to the house of David. ²⁷ If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the temple of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn again to their lord, to Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah.” ²⁸ So the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, “You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.” ²⁹ And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. ³⁰ Then this thing became a sin, for the people went as far as Dan to be before one. ³¹ He also made temples on high places and appointed priests from among all the people, who were not of the Levites. ³² And Jeroboam appointed a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. ³³ He went up to the altar that he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he had devised from his own

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heart. And he instituted a feast for the people of Israel and went up to the altar to make offerings.

Amos 5:4 (ESV)

⁴ For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel:

“Seek me and live;

Amos 5:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
as you have said.

Matthew 22:34–40 (ESV)

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.** ³⁸ **This is the great and first commandment.** ³⁹ **And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** ⁴⁰ **On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”**

Theme 3 - Announcing The Day of the Lord

Amos 6:7 (ESV)

⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

2 Kings 17 (ESV)

¹ In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah began to reign in Samaria over Israel, and he reigned nine years. ² And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, yet not as the kings of Israel who were before him. ³ Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria. And Hoshea became his vassal and paid him tribute. ⁴ But the king of Assyria found treachery in Hoshea, for he had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, and offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year. Therefore the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison. ⁵ Then the king of Assyria invaded all the land and came to Samaria, and for three years he besieged it.

⁶ In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

⁷ And this occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods ⁸ and walked in the customs of the nations whom the LORD drove out

before the people of Israel, and in the customs that the kings of Israel had practiced. ⁹ And the people of Israel did secretly against the LORD their God things that were not right. They built for themselves high places in all their towns, from watchtower to fortified city. ¹⁰ They set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, ¹¹ and there they made offerings on all the high places, as the nations did whom the LORD carried away before them. And they did wicked things, provoking the LORD to anger, ¹² and they served idols, of which the LORD had said to them, “You shall not do this.” ¹³ Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, “Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets.”

¹⁴ But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the LORD their God. ¹⁵ They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and the warnings that he gave them. They went after false idols and became false, and they followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom the LORD had commanded them that they should not do like them. ¹⁶ And they abandoned all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; and they made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal. ¹⁷ And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger. ¹⁸ Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight. None was left but the tribe of Judah only.

¹⁹ Judah also did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the customs that Israel had introduced. ²⁰ And the LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel and afflicted them and gave them into the hand of plunderers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

²¹ When he had torn Israel from the house of David, they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. And Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD and made them commit great sin. ²² The people of Israel walked in all the sins that Jeroboam did. They did not depart from them, ²³ until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had spoken by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was exiled from their own land to Assyria until this day.

²⁴ And the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the people of Israel. And they took possession of Samaria and lived in its cities. ²⁵ And at the beginning of their dwelling there, they did not fear the LORD. Therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which killed some of them. ²⁶ So the king of Assyria was told, “The nations that you have carried away and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the law of the god of the land. Therefore he has sent lions among them, and behold, they are killing them, because they do not know the law of the god of the land.” ²⁷ Then the king of Assyria commanded, “Send there one of the priests whom you carried away from there, and let him go and dwell there and teach them the law of the god of the land.” ²⁸ So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

²⁹ But every nation still made gods of its own and put them in the shrines of the high places that the Samaritans had made, every nation in the cities in which they lived. ³⁰ The men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal, the men of Hamath made

Ashima,³¹ and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.³² They also feared the LORD and appointed from among themselves all sorts of people as priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places.³³ So they feared the LORD but also served their own gods, after the manner of the nations from among whom they had been carried away.

³⁴ To this day they do according to the former manner. They do not fear the LORD, and they do not follow the statutes or the rules or the law or the commandment that the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel.³⁵ The LORD made a covenant with them and commanded them, “You shall not fear other gods or bow yourselves to them or serve them or sacrifice to them,³⁶ but you shall fear the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm. You shall bow yourselves to him, and to him you shall sacrifice.³⁷ And the statutes and the rules and the law and the commandment that he wrote for you, you shall always be careful to do. You shall not fear other gods,³⁸ and you shall not forget the covenant that I have made with you. You shall not fear other gods,³⁹ but you shall fear the LORD your God, and he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.”⁴⁰ However, they would not listen, but they did according to their former manner.

⁴¹ So these nations feared the LORD and also served their carved images. Their children did likewise, and their children’s children—as their fathers did, so they do to this day.

Amos’ Visions - God’s Coming Judgment on Israel (Chapters 7-9)

Amos 7:1–3 (ESV)

¹ This is what the Lord GOD showed me: behold, he was forming locusts when the latter growth was just beginning to sprout, and behold, it was the latter growth after the king’s mowings.² When they had finished eating the grass of the land, I said,

“O Lord GOD, please forgive!
How can Jacob stand?
He is so small!”

³ The LORD relented concerning this:
“It shall not be,” said the LORD.

Amos 7:4–6 (ESV)

⁴ This is what the Lord GOD showed me: behold, the Lord GOD was calling for a judgment by fire, and it devoured the great deep and was eating up the land.⁵ Then I said,

“O Lord GOD, please cease!
How can Jacob stand?
He is so small!”

⁶ The LORD relented concerning this:
“This also shall not be,” said the Lord GOD.

Amos 7:7–9 (ESV)

⁷ This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;
⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Amos 8:1–14 (ESV)

¹ This is what the Lord GOD showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit. ² And he said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the LORD said to me,

“The end has come upon my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them.
³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,”
declares the Lord GOD.
“So many dead bodies!”
“They are thrown everywhere!”
“Silence!”

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
⁶ that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who dwells in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?”

⁹ “And on that day,” declares the Lord GOD,

“I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.
¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning
and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on every waist
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only son
and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹ “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD,
“when I will send a famine on the land—
not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the LORD.

¹² They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD,
but they shall not find it.

¹³ “In that day the lovely virgins and the young men
shall faint for thirst.

¹⁴ Those who swear by the Guilt of Samaria,
and say, ‘As your god lives, O Dan,’
and, ‘As the Way of Beersheba lives,’
they shall fall, and never rise again.”

Amos 9:1–10 (ESV)

¹ I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and he said:

“Strike the capitals until the thresholds shake,
and shatter them on the heads of all the people;
and those who are left of them I will kill with the sword;
not one of them shall flee away;
not one of them shall escape.

² “If they dig into Sheol,
from there shall my hand take them;
if they climb up to heaven,
from there I will bring them down.

³ If they hide themselves on the top of Carmel,
from there I will search them out and take them;
and if they hide from my sight at the bottom of the sea,
there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them.

⁴ And if they go into captivity before their enemies,
there I will command the sword, and it shall kill them;

and I will fix my eyes upon them
for evil and not for good.”

⁵ The Lord GOD of hosts,
he who touches the earth and it melts,
and all who dwell in it mourn,
and all of it rises like the Nile,
and sinks again, like the Nile of Egypt;
⁶ who builds his upper chambers in the heavens
and founds his vault upon the earth;
who calls for the waters of the sea
and pours them out upon the surface of the earth—
the LORD is his name.

⁷ “Are you not like the Cushites to me,
O people of Israel?” declares the LORD.
“Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt,
and the Philistines from Caphtor and the Syrians from Kir?
⁸ Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom,
and I will destroy it from the surface of the ground,
except that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,”
declares the LORD.

⁹ “For behold, I will command,
and shake the house of Israel among all the nations
as one shakes with a sieve,
but no pebble shall fall to the earth.
¹⁰ All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword,
who say, ‘Disaster shall not overtake or meet us.’

Amos 9:11–15 (ESV)

¹¹ “In that day I will raise up
the booth of David that is fallen
and repair its breaches,
and raise up its ruins
and rebuild it as in the days of old,
¹² that they may possess the remnant of Edom
and all the nations who are called by my name,”
declares the LORD who does this.

¹³ “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when the plowman shall overtake the reaper
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,

and all the hills shall flow with it.

¹⁴ I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

¹⁵ I will plant them on their land,
and they shall never again be uprooted
out of the land that I have given them,”
says the LORD your God.