

# THE BOOK OF AMOS

## Part VI :

**Judgment on God's people**

**Chapter 4, 5 & 6**

*"But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing stream!"*



<sup>1</sup>Hear this word, you cows of Bashan on  
Mount Samaria,  
you women who oppress the poor and  
crush the needy  
and say to your husbands, “Bring us  
some drinks!”





## Cows of Bashan



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## Amos 4: 2-3 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> The Sovereign LORD has sworn by his holiness:

“The time will surely come when you will be taken away with hooks, the last of you with fishhooks.  
<sup>3</sup> You will each go straight out through breaches in the wall, and you will be cast out toward Harmon,”





## Amos 4: 4-5 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> “Go to Bethel and sin;  
go to Gilgal and sin yet more.  
Bring your sacrifices every morning,  
your tithes every three years.  
<sup>5</sup> Burn leavened bread as a thank offering  
and brag about your freewill offerings—  
boast about them, you Israelites,  
for this is what you love to do,”  
declares the Sovereign LORD.





## Amos 4: 6-8 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> “I gave you empty stomachs in every city  
and lack of bread in every town,  
yet you have not returned to me,”  
declares the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> “I also withheld rain from you  
when the harvest was still three months  
away.

I sent rain on one town,  
but withheld it from another.  
One field had rain;  
another had none and dried up.

<sup>8</sup> People staggered from town to town for  
water

but did not get enough to drink,  
yet you have not returned to me,”  
declares the LORD.

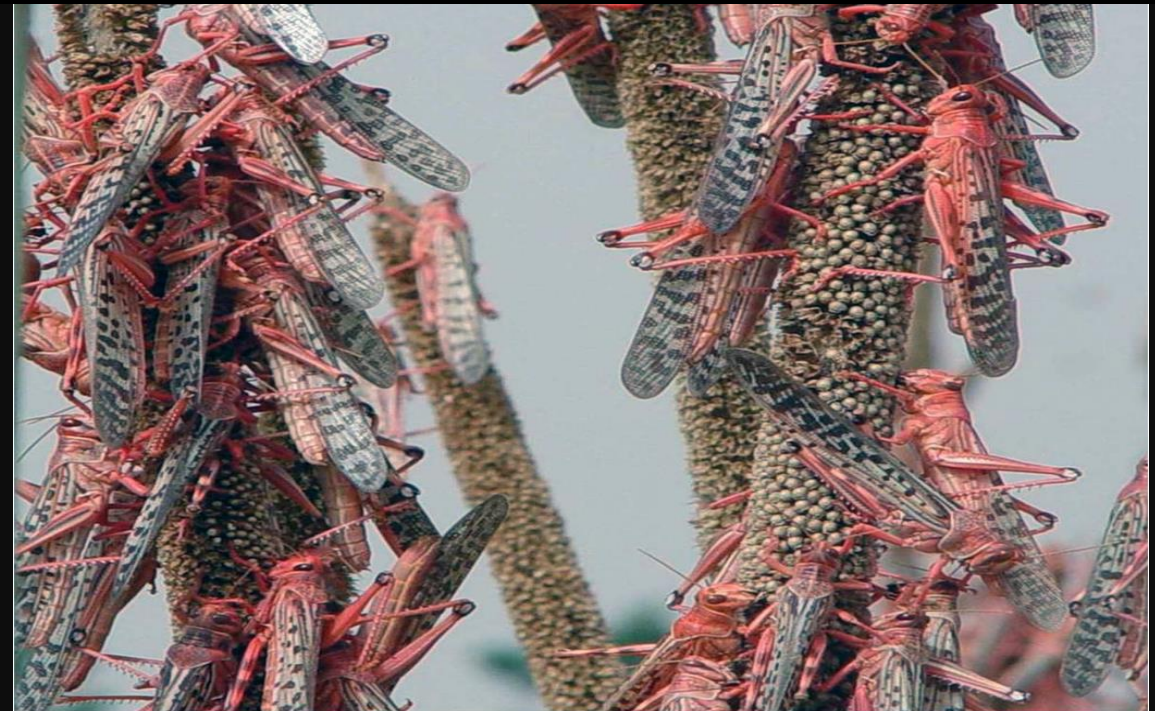




## Amos 4: 9-10 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> “Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards,  
destroying them with blight and mildew.  
Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees,  
yet you have not returned to me,”  
declares the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> “I sent plagues among you  
as I did to Egypt.  
I killed your young men with the sword,  
along with your captured horses.  
I filled your nostrils with the stench of your  
camps,  
yet you have not returned to me,”  
declares the LORD.









## Amos 4: 11-12 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> “I overthrew some of you  
as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.  
You were like a burning stick snatched from  
the fire,  
yet you have not returned to me,”  
declares the LORD.  
<sup>12</sup> “Therefore this is what I will do to you,  
Israel,  
and because I will do this to you, Israel,  
prepare to meet your God.”



## Amos 4: 13 (NIV)

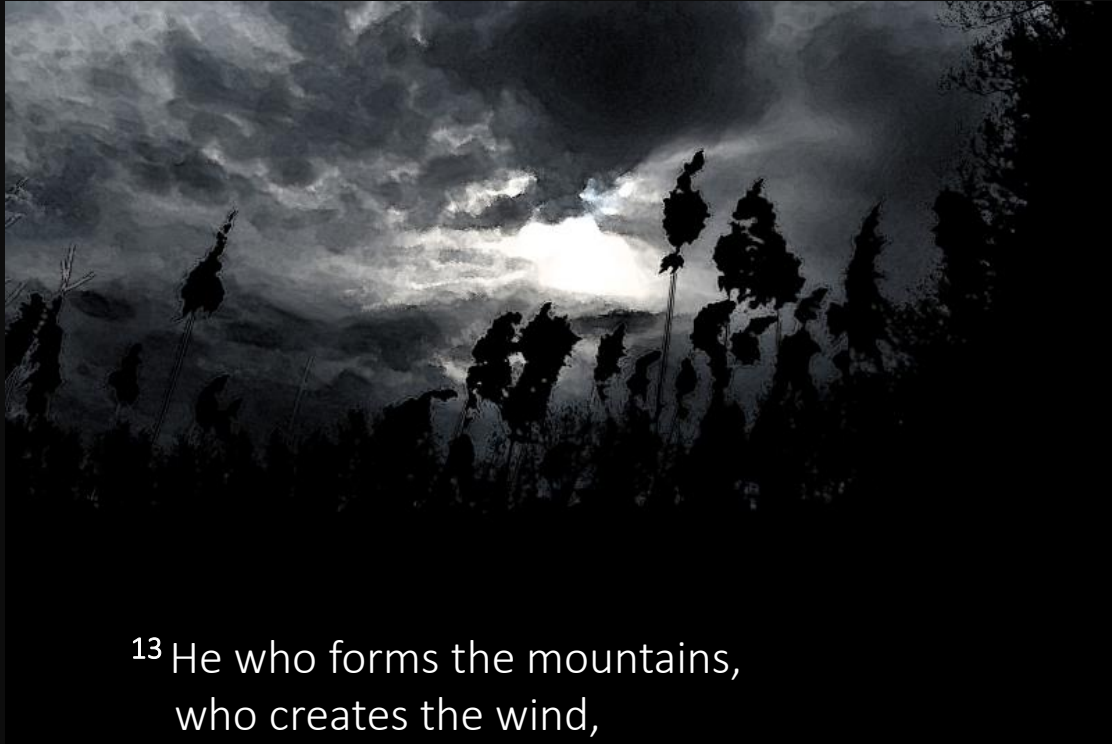


<sup>13</sup> He who forms the mountains,  
who creates the wind,  
and who reveals his thoughts to mankind,  
who turns dawn to darkness,  
and treads on the heights of the earth—  
the LORD God Almighty is his name.





## Amos 4: 13 (NIV)



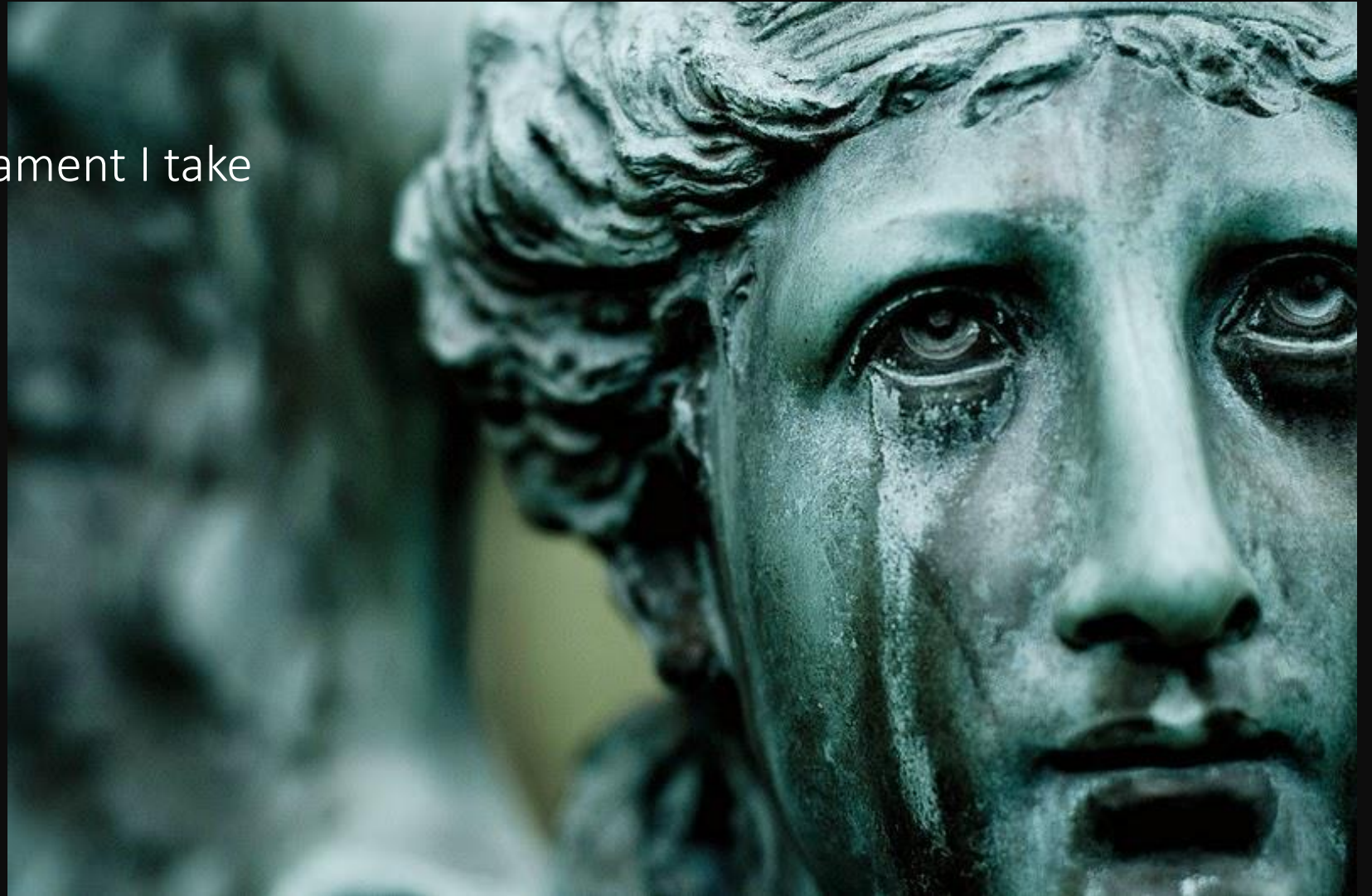
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## Amos 5: 1-2

<sup>1</sup> Hear this word, Israel, this lament I take up concerning you:

<sup>2</sup> “Fallen is Virgin Israel,  
never to rise again,  
deserted in her own land,  
with no one to lift her up.”





<sup>3</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says to Israel:  
“Your city that marches out a thousand strong  
will have only a hundred left;  
your town that marches out a hundred strong  
will have only ten left.”



<sup>4</sup> This is what the LORD says to Israel:  
“Seek me and live;  
<sup>5</sup> do not seek Bethel,  
do not go to Gilgal,  
do not journey to Beersheba.  
For Gilgal will surely go into exile,  
and Bethel will be reduced to nothing.”  
<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will sweep through the tribes of  
Joseph like a fire;  
it will devour them,  
and Bethel will have no one to quench it.







<sup>7</sup> There are those who turn justice into  
bitterness  
and cast righteousness to the ground.

<sup>8</sup> He who made the Pleiades and Orion,  
who turns midnight into dawn  
and darkens day into night,  
who calls for the waters of the sea  
and pours them out over the face of the  
land—  
the LORD is his name.

<sup>9</sup> With a blinding flash he destroys the  
stronghold  
and brings the fortified city to ruin.









<sup>10</sup> There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court  
and detest the one who tells the truth.

<sup>11</sup> You levy a straw tax on the poor  
and impose a tax on their grain.  
Therefore, though you have built stone  
mansions,

you will not live in them;  
though you have planted lush vineyards,  
you will not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your offenses  
and how great your sins. There are those  
who oppress the innocent and take bribes  
and deprive the poor of justice in the  
courts.









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<sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times,

for the times are evil.

<sup>14</sup> Seek good, not evil,  
that you may live.


Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you,

just as you say he is.

<sup>15</sup> Hate evil, love good;  
maintain justice in the courts.

Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy

on the remnant of Joseph.



Woe to those who call  
evil good,  
and good evil...

(Isaiah 5:20)



<sup>16</sup> Therefore this is what the Lord,  
the LORD God Almighty, says:  
“There will be wailing in all the streets  
and cries of anguish in every public  
square.

The farmers will be summoned to  
weep

and the mourners to wail.

<sup>17</sup> There will be wailing in all the  
vineyards,  
for I will pass through your midst,”  
says the LORD.





<sup>18</sup> Woe to you who long  
for the day of the LORD!  
Why do you long for the day of  
the LORD?

That day will be darkness, not light.

<sup>19</sup> It will be as though a man fled from a  
lion

only to meet a bear,  
as though he entered his house  
and rested his hand on the wall  
only to have a snake bite him.





## Amos 5: 20-23

<sup>20</sup> Will not the day of the LORD be  
darkness, not light—

pitch-dark, without a ray of  
brightness?

<sup>21</sup> “I hate, I despise your religious  
festivals;

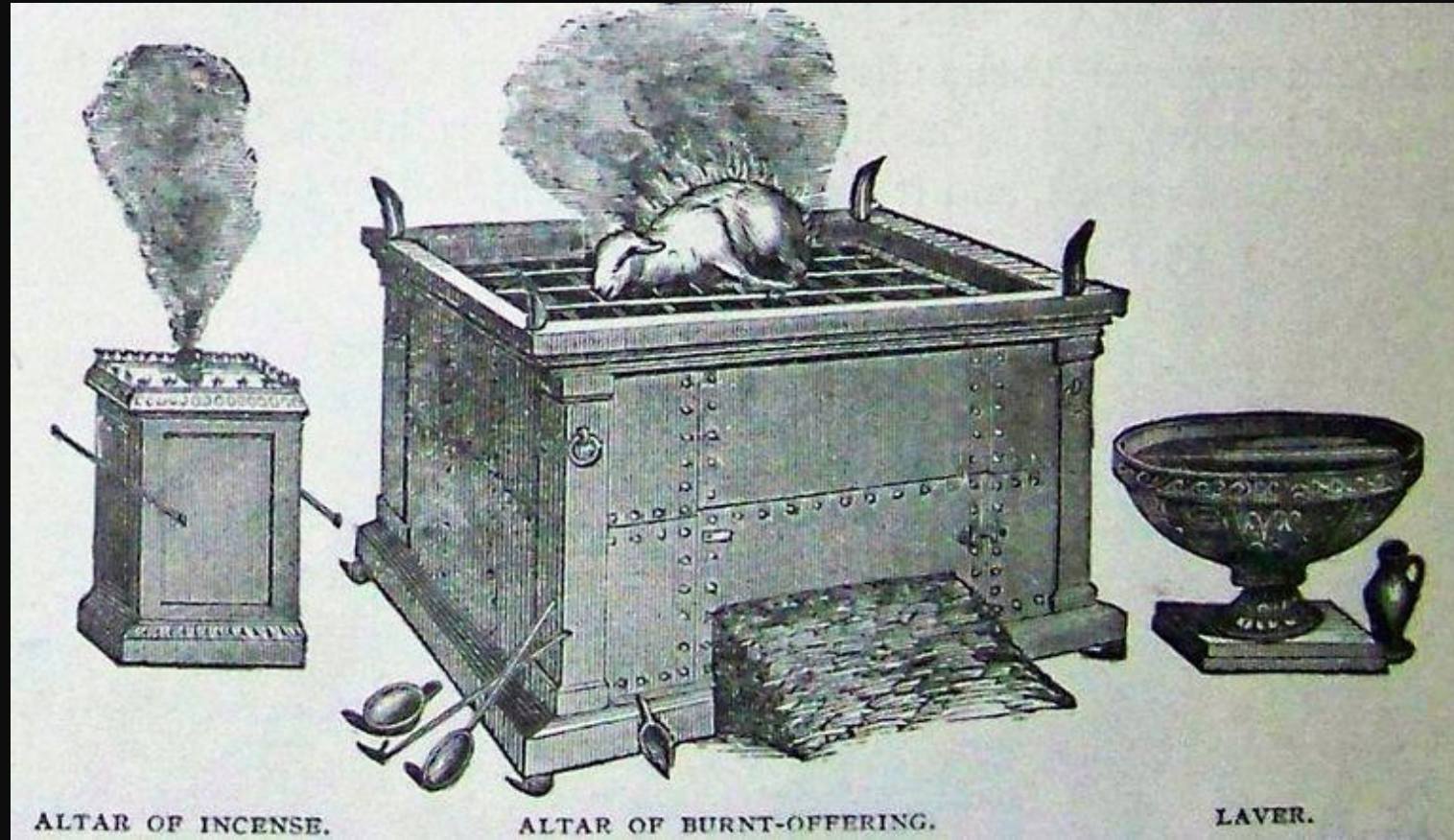
your assemblies are a stench to me.

<sup>22</sup> Even though you bring me burnt  
offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them.

Though you bring choice fellowship  
offerings,

I will have no regard for them.

<sup>23</sup> Away with the noise of your songs!  
I will not listen to the music of your  
harps.



**24 But let justice roll on like a  
river,  
    righteousness like a never-  
failing stream!**





<sup>25</sup> “Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings  
forty years in the wilderness, people  
of Israel?

<sup>26</sup> You have lifted up the shrine of your  
king,  
the pedestal of your idols,  
the star of your god—  
which you made for yourselves.

<sup>27</sup> Therefore I will send you into  
exile beyond Damascus,”  
says the LORD, whose name is God  
Almighty.



# Amos 6: 1-2

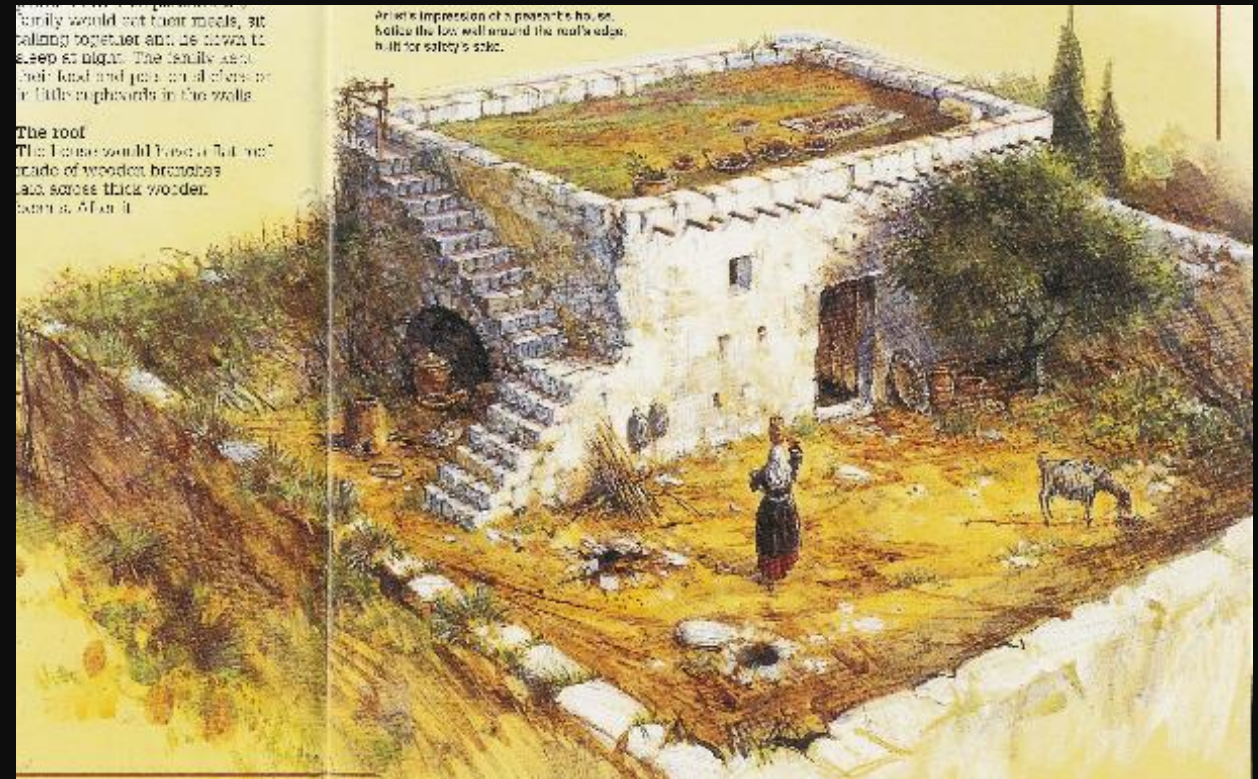
<sup>1</sup>Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,  
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
you notable men of the foremost nation,  
to whom the people of Israel come!  
<sup>2</sup>Go to Kalneh and look at it;  
go from there to great Hamath,  
and then go down to Gath in Philistia.  
Are they better off than your two kingdoms?  
Is their land larger than yours?





## Amos 6: 3-7

- <sup>3</sup> You put off the day of disaster  
and bring near a reign of terror.
- <sup>4</sup> You lie on beds adorned with ivory  
and lounge on your couches.  
You dine on choice lambs  
and fattened calves.
- <sup>5</sup> You strum away on your harps like David  
and improvise on musical instruments.
- <sup>6</sup> You drink wine by the bowlful  
and use the finest lotions,  
but you do not grieve over the ruin of  
Joseph.
- <sup>7</sup> Therefore you will be among the first to  
go into exile;  
your feasting and lounging will end.



## Amos 6: 8-10

<sup>8</sup> The Sovereign LORD has sworn by himself—the LORD God Almighty declares: “I abhor the pride of Jacob and detest his fortresses; I will deliver up the city and everything in it.”

<sup>9</sup> If ten people are left in one house, they too will die. <sup>10</sup> And if the relative who comes to carry the bodies out of the house to burn them asks anyone who might be hiding there, “Is anyone else with you?” and he says, “No,” then he will go on to say, “Hush! We must not mention the name of the LORD.”





<sup>11</sup> For the LORD has given the command,  
and he will smash the great house into  
pieces

and the small house into bits.

<sup>12</sup> Do horses run on the rocky crags?  
Does one plow the sea with oxen?  
But you have turned justice into poison  
and the fruit of righteousness into  
bitterness—



## Amos 6: 13-14

<sup>13</sup> you who rejoice in the conquest of Lo Debar and say, “Did we not take Karnaim by our own strength?” <sup>14</sup> For the LORD God Almighty declares,

“I will stir up a nation against you, Israel, that will oppress you all the way from Lebo Hamath to the valley of the Arabah.”







WHEN  
**EVIL**  
BECOMES AND BECOMES  
**GOOD** **GOOD**  
**EVIL**

Heaven and earth will pass away, but  
my words will never pass away.

Matthew 24:35