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¹ The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen from 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.

² He said,

"The LORD roars from Zion, and raises his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds are parched, and the top of Carmel withers."

³ This is what the LORD says,

	"For three crimes of Damascus,
	and for four, I will not revoke its punishment,
	because they have threshed Gilead
	with iron threshing sledges.
4	So I will send a fire on the house of Hazael,
	and fire will devour the fortresses of Ben-hadad.
5	I will break the gate bar of Damascus,
	and cut off the inhabitants from the valley of Aven [Wickedness],
	the one who holds the scepter from Beth Eden;
	the people of Aram will go into captivity to Kir,"
	says the LORD.

⁶ This what the LORD says,

"For three crimes of Gaza,

and for four, I will not revoke its punishment,

because they exiled the whole people,

to sell them to Edom.

⁷ So I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza,

and fire will devour its fortresses.

 ⁸ I will cut off the inhabitants from Ashdod, the one who holds the scepter from Ashkelon;
 I will turn my hand against Ekron; the remnant of the Philistines will perish,"

says the sovereign LORD.

⁹ This is what the LORD says:

"For three crimes of Tyre,

and for four, I will not revoke its punishment,

10	because they delivered up the whole people to Edom, and did not remember the covenant of brotherhood.So I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, and fire will devour its fortresses."	
¹¹ This is what the LORD says:		
	"For three crimes of Edom,	
	and for four, I will not revoke its punishment,	
	because he pursued his brother with the sword,	
	and cast off all pity,	
	in his anger he continually tore them apart,	
12	and he kept his wrath forever.	
¹² So 1	will send a fire on Teman,	
	and fire will devour the fortresses of Bozrah."	
¹³ This is what the LORD says:		
	"For three crimes of the children of Ammon,	
	and for four, I will not revoke its punishment,	
	because they have ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead,	
14	in order to enlarge their border.	
14	But I will set fire to the wall of Rabbah,	
	and fire will devour its palaces,	
	with shouting on the day of battle,	
15	with a wind storm in the day of the whirlwind;	
	and their king will go into exile;	
	he and his princes together," says the LORD.	
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¹ This is what the LORD says: "For three crimes of Moab, and for four, I will not revoke its punishment, because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to ashes. ² So I will send fire on Moab, and fire will devour the palaces of Kerioth. Moab will die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of a trumpet. ³ I will cut off its ruler from its midst, and will slay all their princes with him," says the LORD. ⁴ This is what the LORD says: "For three crimes of Judah, and for four, I will not revoke its punishment, because they have rejected the law of the LORD, and have not kept his statutes. They were led astray by the lies, after which their forefathers walked. 5 So I will send a fire on Judah, and fire will devour the fortresses of Jerusalem." ⁶ This is what the LORD says: "For three crimes of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke its punishment, because they have sold the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. 7 They trample the heads of the poor into the dust of the earth, and push the oppressed out of the way; a man and his father go in to the same girl, in this way profaning my holy name. ⁸ They lay down beside every altar upon clothes acquired from debt collateral. and drink wine in the house of their God funded by unjust fines. ⁹ Yet I myself destroyed the Amorite before them, who were as tall as cedars, and as strong as oaks. Yet I destroyed his fruit above, and his roots beneath. ¹⁰ I myself 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 I raised up some of your sons to be prophets, and some of your young men to be Nazirites. Isn't this true, O people of Israel?" says the LORD. ¹² "But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, 'Do not prophesy.' ¹³ Look, I will squash you down, like a cart squashed under a load of grain. ¹⁴ Even the swift will not be able to escape, and the strong will not retain his strength, nor will the mighty be able to save himself. ¹⁵ Archers will not be able to hold their ground; he who is swift of foot will not be able to escape; nor will he who rides a horse be able to escape. ¹⁶ Even the bravest among the mighty will flee away naked in that day," says the LORD.

¹ Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family I brought up out of the land of Egypt: ² "You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your sins." ³ Do two walk together, without having agreed to it? ⁴ Does a lion roar in the forest, when it has no prey? Does a young lion roar from its den, if it has caught nothing? ⁵ Does a bird dive into a snare on the ground, where there is no bait? Does a trap spring up from the ground, when there is nothing in it? ⁶ If the trumpet alarm is blown in a city, do the people not fear? Will disaster happen to a city, when the LORD has not been involved? ⁷ Surely the sovereign LORD does not do anything without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. ⁸ The lion has roared, who will not fear? The sovereign LORD has spoken. who will not prophesy? ⁹ Proclaim to the fortresses at Ashdod, and in the fortresses in the land of Egypt: "Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samaria, and see what great chaos is happening there, and what oppression is in its midst." ¹⁰ "For they do not know how to do right," says the LORD, "they store up violence and plunder in their fortresses." ¹¹ Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: "An enemy will surround the land; he will pull down your strong defenses, and your fortresses will be looted." ¹² This is what the LORD says: "As the shepherd rescues out of the mouth of the lion just a couple legs or a piece of an ear, so the people of Israel will be rescued who sit in Samaria

on just a corner of a bed or couch from Damascus."

¹³ "Listen and testify against the house of Jacob," says the sovereign LORD, the God of hosts.
¹⁴ "For in the day I punish the crimes of Israel, I will also punish the altars of Bethel. The horns of the altar will be cut off, and fall to the ground.
¹⁵ I will demolish the winter house, along with the summer house; and the houses of ivory will perish, and the great houses will be swept away," says the LORD.

¹ Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on Mount Samaria, who oppress the poor and crush the needy, who say to their husbands, "Bring us something to drink." ² The Sovereign LORD has sworn by his holiness, "Surely the time will come on you, that they will take you away with hooks, and every last one of you with fishhooks. ³ You will go out through the breaks in the wall, every one straight before her, and you will be cast out into Harmon," says the LORD. ⁴ "Come to Bethel and sin; to Gilgal and multiply sins. Bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes every three days. ⁵ Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leavened bread, and ostentatiously proclaim freewill offerings; for this is what you love to do, O people of Israel," says the sovereign LORD. ⁶ "But I have given you clean teeth from hunger in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places, yet you have not returned to me," says the LORD. ⁷ "I also withheld the rain from you, when there was still three months to the harvest. I caused it to rain on one city, and not to rain on another city. One field was rained on, and the field where it did not rain withered. ⁸ So two or three towns wandered over to one town to drink water, but were not satisfied. Yet you have not returned to me," says the LORD. ⁹ "I have struck your many gardens and vineyards with blight and mildew; the locust devoured your fig trees and olive trees. yet you have not returned to me,"

says the LORD.

¹⁰ "I sent against you plagues like those of Egypt: your young men I have slain with the sword, and have carried away your horses.
I have made the stench of your camp rise into your nostrils, yet you have not returned to me," says the LORD.

 ¹¹ "I have overthrown some of you, just like when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a charred stick pulled from the fire, yet you have not returned to me," says the LORD.
 ¹² "Therefore this is what I will do to you, O Israel, and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel."

¹³ For, look here, he who forms the mountains, and creates the wind, and reveals his thoughts to humans; who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the high places of the earth -- the LORD, the God of hosts, is his name.

¹ Hear this word of lament which I take up about you, O house of Israel: 2 "The virgin of Israel is fallen, she will not rise again. She lies abandoned on her land, there is no one to raise her up." ³ For this is what the sovereign LORD says: "The city that marched out a thousand will have a hundred left, and the town that marched out a hundred will have ten left for the house of Israel." ⁴ For this is what the LORD says to the house of Israel, "Seek me and live. 5 But do not seek Bethel. or enter into Gilgal, or travel down to Beersheba, for Gilgal will surely go into captivity, and Bethel will be brought to nothing." ⁶ Seek the LORD and you will live, or else he will break out against the house of Joseph like a fire, and it devour, and there will be no one in Bethel to extinguish it. ⁷ You who turn justice to bitterness, and throw down righteousness to the ground. ⁸ It is he who made the constellations of Pleiades and Orion, and turns the darkness into the morning, and turns the day into the dark of night; who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth. the LORD is his name. ⁹ He flashes destruction down on the strong, so that destruction comes upon the fortress. ¹⁰ They hate the one who reproves in the city gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor, and exact taxes of grain from him; while you may have built houses of carefully cut stone. you will not live in them. Although you have planted fine vineyards,

you will not drink their wine. ¹² For I know your crimes are many, and your sins are great -you who oppress the just, who take a bribe, and turn away the needy from receiving justice in the city gate. ¹³ Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, that you may live; so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have claimed. ¹⁵ Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the city gate. It may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. ¹⁶ Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of hosts, the sovereign ruler says: "In all the public squares there will be wailing; they will mourn in all the streets, 'Alas! Alas!' They will call the farmers to mourning, and those skilful in lament to wailing. 17 In all the vineyards there will be wailing, for I will pass through your midst," says the LORD. ¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light. ¹⁹ It will be as if a man fled from a lion, only to meet a bear; then escaping into a house, rests his hand on the wall, only to be bitten by a snake. ²⁰ Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light, total darkness, without a glimmer of light in it? ²¹ "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²² Even though you offer me burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

I will not look favorably on your fattened peace offerings.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;

for I cannot stand to listen to the music of your harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like a deluge,

and righteousness like an unfailing stream.

²⁵ Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

²⁶ Now you must carry Sikkuth, your king

and Kiyyun, your star god,

which you made for yourselves.

²⁷ Therefore I will send you into exile beyond Damascus,"

says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

¹ Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, to those who are secure on Mount Samaria, the notable men of the top nation, to whom the house of Israel comes for help! ² Go over to Calneh, and see; from there go to the great Hamath; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you any better than these kingdoms? Is their territory any greater than your territory? ³ You who put off thinking about the evil day, and you bring the reign of violence near. ⁴ Those lying on beds of ivory, and lounging on their couches, eating the lambs from the flock, and calves out of the midst of the stall. ⁵ They sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, improvising music on instruments like David. ⁶ They drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest lotions, but they are not grieved at all over the ruin of Joseph. ⁷ Therefore they will now be the first to go into exile; the partying of those loungers will pass away. ⁸ The sovereign LORD has sworn by himself, says the LORD, the God of hosts: "I abhor the arrogance of Jacob, and hate his fortresses. Therefore I will hand this city and everything in it over to their enemies."

⁹ If ten people remain in single house, they too will die.

¹⁰ When a person's relative comes to carry the dead out of the houses, and calls to a survivor in the inside of the house, "Is there any in there with you?" and he will say, "No." then will he say, "Be quiet, for we must not mention the name of the LORD." ¹¹ For look, the LORD commands,

and the great house will be smashed to pieces,

and the little house turned into rubble.

¹² Can horses run on rocks?

Can one plow the sea with oxen?

But you have turned justice into poison,

and the fruit of righteousness into bitterness.

¹³ You rejoice that you conquered Lo-debar [Nothing]

claiming, "Have we not captured Karnaim by our own strength?"
¹⁴ "For look, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel," says the LORD, the God of hosts;
"and they will afflict you from the Lebo-Hamath to Wadi Arabah."

¹ This is what the sovereign LORD showed me: look, he formed locusts just as the latter planting was beginning to sprout. This was the latter growth after the king's harvest. ² When they had finished eating the grass of the land, I said, "O sovereign LORD forgive, I beg you. How can Jacob survive? For he is so small."

³ The LORD changed his mind about doing this. "It will not be," says the LORD.

⁴ So the sovereign LORD showed me: look, the sovereign LORD called for a punishment by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and was devouring the land.

⁵ Then I said, "O sovereign LORD stop, I beg you. How can Jacob survive? For he is so small."

⁶ The LORD changed his mind about doing this. "This also will not be," says the sovereign LORD.

⁷ So he showed me: look, the Lord stood beside a wall built straight by a plumb line, he too was using a plumb line in his hand.

⁸ The LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" I replied, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Look, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;

I will not longer spare them.

The high places of Isaac will be desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel will be laid waste;

I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land cannot tolerate all his words.

¹¹ For Amos is saying, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely be led away into exile out of his land.'"

¹² Amaziah also told Amos, "O seer, go, flee to the land of Judah. Earn your bread and prophesy there.

prophesy there. ¹³ Do not prophesy any more at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a royal house."

¹⁴ Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I am not a professional prophet, nor was I trained as a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman, who took care of sycamore trees.

¹⁵ The LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

¹⁶ Now therefore hear the word of the LORD: You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

¹⁷ Therefore this is what the LORD says: 'Your wife will be a harlot in the city, and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword, and your land will be split up by a measuring

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line. You yourself will die in an unclean land, and Israel will surely be led away into exile out of its land."

¹ This is what the sovereign LORD showed me: look, a basket of summer fruit. ² He said, "Amos, what do you see?" I replied, "A basket of ripe fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will no longer be lenient with them. ³ The songs in the temple will turn to wailing in that day," says the sovereign LORD. "Many dead bodies will be strewn everywhere. Be silent."

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and destroy the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over, so that we can sell grain? and the Sabbath, so that we can put the wheat for sale, making the amount small, and cost high, and cheating by means of dishonest scales. ⁶ We want to buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell chaff mixed in with the wheat?" ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob, "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. ⁸ Will the land not tremble for this, and every one mourn who lives in it? The whole land will rise up like the Nile River; it will swirl around then subside, just like the River of Egypt." ⁹ "In that day," says the sovereign LORD, "I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into funeral laments. I will make everyone wear sackcloth around their waists, and every head will be shaved bald. I will make them mourn as for an only son, and it will end like a bitter day."

 ¹¹ "Look, the days are coming," says the sovereign LORD,
 "when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, or thirst for water,
 but of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹² They will wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east. They will run around searching for the word of the LORD, and will not find it.
¹³ In that day beautiful young women and the young men will faint from thirst.
¹⁴ They who swear by the sin of Samaria, and take an oath, 'As your god lives, O Dan;' and, 'As the god of Beersheba lives;' they will fall, and never rise up again."

¹ I saw the Lord standing beside the altar. He said, "Strike the tops of the pillars, so that the thresholds shake; shatter them on the heads of all the people. Those left I will kill with the sword, not one of them will get away, not one of them will escape. 2 Though they dig down into Sheol, my hand will pull them up out of there; though they climb up to heaven. from there will I bring them down. 3 Though they hide themselves on the top of Mount Carmel, I will search and capture them from there; though they attempt to hide from my sight in the bottom of the sea, I will command the serpent and it will bite them. ⁴ Though they go into exile before their enemies, there I will command the sword, and it will kill them; I will fix my eyes on them for disaster and not for good." ⁵ The sovereign LORD of hosts, he who touches the earth and it melts, and all who dwell in it will mourn; all the land rises up like the Nile River, and then it sinks again, like the River of Egypt. ⁶ He builds his upper chambers in the heavens, and has founded its foundation on the earth; he calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth; the LORD is his name. ⁷ "Are you not just like the Ethiopians to me, O Israelites?" says the LORD. "Have I not brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Crete, and the Arameans from Kir? ⁸ Look, the eyes of the sovereign LORD are on the sinful kingdom, I will destroy it from the face of the earth; except I will not totally destroy the house of Jacob," says the LORD. ⁹ "For look, I will command,