### Amos

## Chapter 2

1‘And Jehovah said:  
  
 ‘Because of ‘Because of <span class="placename">MoAb‘Because of <span class="placename">MoAb</span>’s three godless deeds (and even four),  
 I won’t turn [my] attention from them.  
 For, the king of For, the king of <span class="placename">EdomFor, the king of <span class="placename">Edom</span>’s bones, they burned into dust.  
  
 2‘So, I’ll send fire upon ‘So, I’ll send fire upon <span class="placename">MoAb‘So, I’ll send fire upon <span class="placename">MoAb</span>,  
 And it’ll devour their cities’ foundations.  
 Then Then <span class="placename">MoAbThen <span class="placename">MoAb</span> will be left without strength…  
 She’ll hear cries and the blowing of trumpets.  
 3I’ll destroy all her judges and rulers…  
 Yes, I’ll kill them all,’ says Jehovah.  
  
 4‘And Jehovah said:  
  
 ‘Because of the three [lawless] deeds  
 Of the sons of Of the sons of <span class="placename">JudahOf the sons of <span class="placename">Judah</span> (and even four),  
 I won’t turn [my] attention from them.  
 For they pushed [aside all My] Laws,  
 And refused to follow My orders.  
  
 ‘So, I’ll cause them to wander  
 And follow the foolish idols they’ve made,  
 Which they’ve followed [since the time of] their fathers.  
 5Then, I’ll send fire upon Then, I’ll send fire upon <span class="placename">JudahThen, I’ll send fire upon <span class="placename">Judah</span>,  
 And wipe And wipe <span class="placename">JeruSalemAnd wipe <span class="placename">JeruSalem</span> to her foundations.’  
  
 6‘And Jehovah said:  
  
 ‘Because of ‘Because of <span class="placename">IsraEl‘Because of <span class="placename">IsraEl</span>’s three godless deeds (and even four),  
 I won’t turn [My] attention from them.  
 For, from the righteous and needy  
 They demanded silver for sandals…  
 7[Things they need] to walk on the dust of the ground.  
  
 ‘They also trampled the heads of the poor,  
 And turned the humble away.  
 Then, with the very same slaves,  
 Fathers and sons both had sex,  
 So that they could profane the Name of their God.  
  
 8‘Then, with their old clothes and rough cords,  
 They erected booths next to My Altar,  
 Where they drank the wine that they’d extorted  
 There at the There at the <span class="placename">[Temple] of GodThere at the <span class="placename">[Temple] of God</span>!  
  
 9‘Yet for them, I had wiped out the ‘Yet for them, I had wiped out the <span class="placename">Amorites‘Yet for them, I had wiped out the <span class="placename">Amorites</span>,  
 Even though they’d become as strong as the oaks  
 And as tall as the cedars…  
 I removed all the fruit from their boughs,  
 As well as the roots underneath them.  
  
 10‘Then from the land of ‘Then from the land of <span class="placename">Egypt‘Then from the land of <span class="placename">Egypt</span>, I took them,  
 And through the desert I led them  
 During the next 40 years,  
 So they could inherit the So they could inherit the <span class="placename">AmoritesSo they could inherit the <span class="placename">Amorites</span>’ land.  
  
 11‘I also took their sons as [My] Prophets,  
 And their young men to serve as My [Nazarites].  
 O Sons of O Sons of <span class="placename">IsraElO Sons of <span class="placename">IsraEl</span>;  
 Aren’t these the things that I did,’ asks Jehovah?  
  
 12‘But to those [Nazarites], you then offered wine,  
 And you told the Prophets not to foretell!  
 13So, because of this, I’ll roll over you  
 Like a wagon loaded with stubble.  
  
 14‘Then all hope of flight into exile  
 By those who can run, will be lost;  
 For the strong won’t be able to maintain their strength,  
 And no way will the soldiers save their own lives.  
  
 15‘Then you’ll find your bowmen unable to stand;  
 Those fleet of foot won’t escape;  
 Horseman won’t save their own lives;  
 16The strong won’t have mighty hearts;  
 And in that day, they’ll flee naked,’ says Jehovah.