### Amos

## Chapter 3

1‘O house of IsraEl,  
  
 ‘Listen to these words of Jehovah  
 That He’s pronouncing against you…  
 To those tribes that He led out of Egypt.  
 For, this is what He’s declared:  
  
 2‘I’ve known only you  
 Among all the tribes of earth;  
 And because of this (because of your sins),  
 I’ll take vengeance upon you!’  
  
 3‘Can two walk together unless they’ve agreed? No!  
  
 4‘Will a lion roar from the woods  
 If he hasn’t [caught] any game? No!  
  
 ‘Will a cub call out from his lair  
 If he hasn’t captured his prey? No!  
  
 5‘Will a bird fall to the ground  
 If it hasn’t [been shot by] a hunter? No!  
  
 ‘Will a snare snap shut without catching? No!  
  
 6‘Will the sound of the trumpet be heard in a town  
 Without terrorizing its people? No!  
  
 ‘Will harm ever come to a city  
 Unless it’s been sent by Jehovah? No!  
  
 7‘There’s nothing that God Jehovah will do,  
 Unless it’s revealed to His servants, the Prophets.  
 8So as when a lion lets out a roar  
 And all that hear it are fearful;  
 When Jehovah God has something to say,  
 What [Prophet] won’t prophesy?  
  
 9‘So, you must make this pronouncement  
 To To <span class="placename">AssyriaTo <span class="placename">Assyria</span> and those down in To <span class="placename">Assyria</span> and those down in <span class="placename">EgyptTo <span class="placename">Assyria</span> and those down in <span class="placename">Egypt</span>!  
 Tell them to gather on Tell them to gather on <span class="placename">SamariaTell them to gather on <span class="placename">Samaria</span>’s hills,  
 And as they gaze at her wonders,  
 They should notice the tyranny within her.  
 10Then, those who so treasure misery and injustice  
 Will never see what’s coming,’ said Jehovah.  
  
 11‘So Jehovah, The God, sends them this message:  
  
 ‘‘<span class="placename">Tyre‘<span class="placename">Tyre</span> and all that’s around it  
 Will soon become desolation.  
 For, I’ll remove all their strength,  
 And then rip their regions to pieces!  
  
 12‘Jehovah says:  
  
 ‘As a shepherd will pull from the mouth of a lion  
 Two legs or part of an ear;  
 That’s how IsraEl’s sons will be ripped  
 (Those dwelling in (Those dwelling in <span class="placename">Samaria(Those dwelling in <span class="placename">Samaria</span> and (Those dwelling in <span class="placename">Samaria</span> and <span class="placename">Damascus(Those dwelling in <span class="placename">Samaria</span> and <span class="placename">Damascus</span>)  
 By a tribe that they haven’t known.  
  
 13‘And listen to this, O you Priests…  
 Then to the house of Jacob, you must proclaim it,’  
 Says Jehovah, the Almighty God!  
  
 14‘In the day of My vengeance upon ‘In the day of My vengeance upon <span class="placename">IsraEl‘In the day of My vengeance upon <span class="placename">IsraEl</span>,  
 I’ll destroy your altar at I’ll destroy your altar at <span class="placename">BethElI’ll destroy your altar at <span class="placename">BethEl</span>.  
 And because of the godless things that you’ve done,  
 They’ll cut off the horns of your altar  
 Then knock it down to the ground!  
  
 15‘I’ll also send you confusion,  
 And I’ll strike the bins in your barns  
 Where [the fruits of] your harvests are stored.  
 Your ivory houses, I’ll also destroy,  
 As well as the homes roundabout them,’ says Jehovah.