### Amos

## Chapter 6

1[‘And God continued, saying:]  
  
 ‘Woe to those who are treating ‘Woe to those who are treating <span class="placename">Zion‘Woe to those who are treating <span class="placename">Zion</span> with contempt,  
 And those putting trust in And those putting trust in <span class="placename">SamariaAnd those putting trust in <span class="placename">Samaria</span>’s hills…  
 Those who’ve harvested heads from the nations,  
 And to whom the house of IsraEl has turned.  
  
 2‘Now, pass through them all and take a good look;  
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 And to And to <span class="placename">GathAnd to <span class="placename">Gath</span> of the And to <span class="placename">Gath</span> of the <span class="placename">PhilistinesAnd to <span class="placename">Gath</span> of the <span class="placename">Philistines</span>.  
 Is yours any better than these kingdoms?  
 Are your borders any larger than theirs?  
  
 3‘So an evil day will soon come,  
 To those hanging onto false Sabbaths…  
 4Those who sleep in ivory beds  
 And waste their lives on divans.  
  
 ‘They eat the kids of the flocks  
 And the suckling young calves from the midst of the herds.  
 5They clap along as [music] is played,  
 And think of themselves as [eternal]  
 (Not as something that’s passing away).  
  
 6‘They drink [the best] filtered wine;  
 They wear the best of colognes;  
 And about the destruction of JoSeph,  
 They still remain unconcerned.  
 7But soon, they’ll be led into exile,  
 And their feasting and lounging will end.’  
  
  
 8‘Then Jehovah swore this oath by Himself:  
  
 ‘Because I abhor the insults of Jacob  
 And detest their fortified cities;  
 I’ll now lift them away  
 Along with all those who live there.  
  
 9‘So if 10 should survive in a house,  
 They’ll all die after that.  
 10Yes, they’ll walk away from their [loved ones],  
 And not retrieve their bones from their homes.  
  
 ‘They’ll just ask those in charge of their homes  
 If any are still left within them;  
 And these will answer, ‘No longer.’  
 Then another will say:  
  
 ‘Just be quiet…  
 Don’t mention the Name of the Lord.  
 11For, {Look!) He’s the One who gave them the order  
 To strike our mansions with fractures,  
 And to shred our small homes!’  
  
 12‘Will horses run in the rocks? No!  
 Will stallions stay silent near mares? No!  
 But, you’ve replaced true justice with rage  
 And turned righteous fruit into bitter.  
 13You’re also glad to hear bad reports,  
 And you say:  
  
 ‘We’re so mighty that we’ve grown horns!’  
  
 14‘So, O house of IsraEl, Be careful!  
 For I’m arousing a nation against you  
 That will [surround you] and then hem you in  
 To keep you from running to To keep you from running to <span class="placename">HamAthTo keep you from running to <span class="placename">HamAth</span>  
 And to the western ravine.’