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Chapter 1

(1) The words of Amos {burdensome},^a who was among the herdsmen of 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.^b

(2) And he said, The LORD {Jehovah} will roar from Zion, and speak His voice from Jerusalem; and the homes of the shepherds will mourn, and the top of Carmel will wither.

(3) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:

(4) But I will send a fire into the house of Hazeal, which will devour the palaces of Benhadad.

(5) I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off those who live in the plain of Aven, and he who holds the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria will go into captivity to Kir, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(6) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to Edom:

(7) But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which will devour its palaces:

(8) And I will cut off those who live in Ashdod, and he who holds the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn My hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines will perish, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(9) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and did not remember the brotherly covenant:

(10) But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which will devour its palaces.

1:1a - Amos {עמוס} - burdensome

1:1b - in the days of Uzziah king of the southern kingdom of Judah, 2 years before the earthquake - Uzziah was 16 when he began his reign in the 27th year of Jeroboam#2's reign over Israel 3319 A.H./C-723 B.C. - he reigned for 52 years to 3371 A.H./C-671 B.C. - Jeroboam's reign lasted 41 years -we have no record as to when the earthquake itself took place. The northern kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians in 3406 A.H. - 35 years after Uzziah's death. The southern kingdom of Judah would be conquered by Babylon 114 years after the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel. See [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(11) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because he pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pity, and his anger tore continually, and he kept his wrath {anger} forever:

(12) But I will send a fire upon Teman, which will devour the palaces of Bozrah.

(13) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:

(14) But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it will devour its palaces, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:

(15) And their king will go into captivity, he and his princes together, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 2

(1) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:

(2) But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it will devour the palaces of Kerioth: and Moab will die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet:

(3) And I will cut off the judge from its midst, and will kill all its princes with him, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(4) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because they have despised the law of the LORD {Jehovah}, and have not kept His commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the manner their forefathers have walked:

(5) But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

(6) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; For three sins of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;

(7) Who pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the humble: and a man and his father will go in to the *same* maid, to profane My holy Name:

(8) And they lay *themselves* down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned *in* the house {temple} of their god.

(9) Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height *was* like the height of the cedars, and he *was* strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

(10) Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

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(11) And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. *Is this not so*, O you children of Israel? says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(12) But you gave the Nazarites wine to drink;^a and commanded the prophets, saying, Do not prophesy.

(13) Indeed, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed *that is* full of sheaves.

(14) Therefore the flight will perish from the swift, and the strong will not strengthen his force, neither will the mighty deliver himself:

(15) Neither will he stand who handles the bow; and *he who is* swift of foot will not deliver *himself*: neither will he who rides the horse deliver himself.

(16) And *he who is* courageous among the mighty will flee away naked in that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 3

(1) Hear this word that the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

(2) You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your sins.

(3) Can two walk together, except they are in agreement?

(4) Will a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he has taken nothing?

(5) Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no bait *is set* for him? will *one* take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

(6) Will a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? will there be evil in a city, and the LORD {Jehovah} has not done *it*?

(7) Surely the Lord GOD {Jehovah} will do nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

(8) The lion has roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD {Jehovah} has spoken, who can but prophesy?

(9) Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and see the great tumults in its midst, and the oppressed in its midst.

(10) Because they do not know to do right, says the LORD {Jehovah}, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.

(11) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; *There will be* an adversary even all around the land; and he will bring down your strength from you, and your palaces will be spoiled.

(12) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; As the shepherd takes out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so the children of Israel will be taken out who live in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus *in* a couch.

2:12a - the Nazarites were not allowed to drink wine or strong drink. Num. 6:1-3