

Chapter 4

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- (1) Hear this word, you cattle of Bashan, who *are* in the mountains of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.
- (2) The Lord GOD {Jehovah} has sworn by His holiness, that, indeed, the days will come upon you, that He will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.
- (3) And you will go out at the breaches, every *cow at that which is* before her; and you will cast *them* into the palace, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (4) Come to Bethel, and commit sin; at Gilgal multiply sin; and bring your sacrifices every morning, *and* your tithes after three years:
- (5) And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim *and* publish the free offerings: because this pleases you, O you children of Israel, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.
- (6) And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (7) And also I have withheld the rain from you, when *there were* yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece upon which it did not rain withered.
- (8) So two *or* three cities wandered to one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (9) I have stricken you with blasting {hot wind; judgment} and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmer worm devoured *them*: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (10) I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men I have killed with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stench of your camps to come up to your nostrils: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (11) I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,^a and you were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

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4:11a – Sodom and Gomorrah – Gen. 19:24

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(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) Because, indeed, He Who formed the mountains, and created the wind, and declared to man His thoughts, Who made the morning darkness, and treads upon the high places of the earth, The LORD {Jehovah}, The God of hosts {armies}, is His Name.

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