

Amos 6:1-14 **Warning to the complacent in Zion and Samaria**

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1 Woe to you who are at ease in Zion, And trust in Mount Samaria, Notable persons in the chief nation, To whom the house of Israel comes!

2 Go over to Calneh and see; And from there go to Hamath the great; Then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory?

3 Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, Who cause the seat of violence to come near;

4 Who lie on beds of ivory, Stretch out on your couches, Eat lambs from the flock And calves from the midst of the stall;

5 Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, And invent for yourselves musical instruments like David;

6 Who drink wine from bowls, And anoint yourselves with the best ointments, But are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

Judgment is Coming

7 Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, And those who recline at banquets shall be removed.

8 Adoney Yahweh (The Lord God) has sworn by Himself, Yahweh Elohey Tsebaovt (The Lord God of hosts) says:

"I abhor the pride of Jacob, And hate his palaces; Therefore I will deliver up the city And all that is in it."

9 Then it shall come to pass, that if ten men remain in one house, they shall die.

10 And when a relative of the dead, with one who will burn the bodies, picks up the bodies to take them out of the house, he will say to one inside the house, "Are there any more with you?"

Then someone will say, "None."

And he will say, "Hold your tongue! For we dare not mention the name of Yahweh (the Lord)."

11 For behold, Yahweh (the Lord) gives a command: He will break the great house into bits, And the little house into pieces.

Both Israel and Judah have perverted minds and changed righteousness to abominations

12 Do horses run on rocks? Does one plow there with oxen? Yet you have turned justice into gall, And the fruit of righteousness into wormwood,

13 You who rejoice over Lo Debar, Who say, "Have we not taken Karnaim for ourselves By our own strength?"

Yahweh is raising a nation to punish Israel

14 "But, behold, I will raise up a nation against you, O house of Israel," Says Yahweh Elohey Tsebaovt (the Lord God of hosts);" And they will afflict you from the entrance of Hamathite the Valley of the Arabah."

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Facts Revealed:

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Who drink wine from bowls, And anoint yourselves with the best ointments, But are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. [Amos 6:1-6]

- ✧ The whole house of Israel is included in this message, Zion is the capital city of the southern kingdom of Judah, Samaria is the capital city of the Northern kingdom of Israel, especially to the rulers of the ten tribes of the Northern Kingdom.

- ✧ Yahweh called them to compare themselves with the nations which Yahweh will use to punish Israel for her sins of pride, arrogance, and rebellion against God.

Calneh is the Babylonian empire.

- ✧ **Hamath** the great is located in upper Syria the chief royal city of the Hittites.

- ✧ **Gath** is one of the five royal cities of the Philistines, home town of Goliath the giant David slew with a stone from his sling and beheaded with his own sword. [1 Samuel 17:1-51]

- ✧ **Five woes** are pronounced to demonstrate the reason for judgment:

- ✧ **Complacency**, They trust in their own leaders instead of trusting God.

- ✧ They **scoff at coming judgment**, which allows violence to increase in the land.

- ✧ They **indulge themselves in luxury** without considering the latter end of their behavior.

- ✧ Their **modern music** focuses on pleasure instead of holiness.

- ✧ They **drink wine and anoint themselves with the best ointments**, instead of considering the affliction of Joseph (The troubles Yahweh has sent their way to call them to repentance). [Amos 4:6-13]

Judgment is Coming [Amos 6:7-11]

- ✧ Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, And those who recline at banquets shall be removed.

- ✧ Yahweh abhors their casual luxurious living with banquets and pride.

- ✧ Yahweh will deliver up the city and all in it to their enemies.

- ✧ They will fear to mention the Name of Yahweh.

- ✧ Their judgment is from the Lord.

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You who rejoice over Lo Debar, Who say, "Have we not taken Karnaim for ourselves By our own strength?" [Amos 6:12-13]

- ✧ In the folly of their prideful minds they have turned the Laws of Yahweh upside down and destroyed true justice and righteousness, by saying, what God said is evil to be acceptable and what God said is right to be evil.

(This is what the present government of America is doing today).

✧ Their confidence is in their own ability and technology they see no need for Yahweh.

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✧ At that time, Yahweh was raising up Assyrians to come against them.

✧ They carried away captive the northern kingdom of Israel, and did much damage to the southern kingdom of Judah.

✧ The valley of the Arabah is the low land from below Mount Herman to the Red Sea at Elat and Aqaba.