

Amos

American Perspective Bible

AMOS: AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE BIBLE

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Foreword

This book is intended neither as prophecy nor commentary but as an aid to understanding, to make the terrifying warnings of the prophecy of Amos relevant and comprehensible to modern American readers.

The original text of the book of Amos (not the King James Version as given here in side-by-side format) is inspired by God. While some of the paraphrased text does relate actual fresh revelation—including all of chapter 7— the author does not pretend herein to accurately predict future events, but only to testify that Jesus Christ, the Creator of heaven and earth, does not change, and that His judgments, as understood from His holy word, are right and true. His name will be over all the earth.

Amos 1

- 1 The words of Amos, 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.

The prophecy of Amos— once the chief of sinners, but now redeemed by the shed blood of Jesus Christ—given to him by the Lord Jesus concerning America during the days of President Obama, a.k.a. Barry Sotaro, in the midst of his two terms.
- 2 And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

The Lion of Judah will roar from out of Jerusalem which is in heaven; and His voice will be heard from New York to Los Angeles, Miami to Seattle, Alaska to Hawaii, and also in the territories; all will shiver in fear.
- 3 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:

For three evils of Germany, and for four, I will not delay its punishment: because they tolerated Hitler, built ovens to kill six million Jews and many other so-called “undesirables”; but they proudly considered themselves to be the master race;
- 4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazeel, which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad.

But I will destroy the legacy of the Nazis; never again will the land be called the Reich as if it were My kingdom.

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- 5 I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD. Berlin, which sees itself as the very foremost of cities, will be flattened; the remainder of the people will flee, both pompous and paupers. Never again will it be called a haven of the arts; instead, only the refugees of other nations will camp there, says the Lord.
- 6 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom: For three evils of Russia, and for four, I will not delay their punishment; because they have oppressed the poor and stolen their goods; they have denied Me, hated My people and persecuted My church, shipping them off to camps in Siberia.
- 7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof: Moscow will be humbled; no longer will it be chief among cities, nor its architecture be considered classic:
- 8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD. And I will separate from them the nations they conquered and oppressed; instead, those nations will be more populous than Russia and make names for themselves, says the Lord who rules the nations of the world with a rod of iron.

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- 9 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant:
- For three evils of North Korea, and for four, I will not delay its punishment; because the people are poor and ill-fed but the Dear Leader deceives the people with propaganda and exalts himself above everyone else while vilifying My people in South Korea; he imprisons those who believe in Me;
- 10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof:
- But I will crush the power of Pyong-yang; its glory will be shown to be false and its pride a lie.
- 11 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:
- For three evils of Vietnam, and for four, I will not delay its punishment; because they killed the innocent, and hired Buddhist priests to curse those who died while trying to protect them; they enlisted even children to wage their warfare, and the war was not brought to an end, but went on and on;
- 12 But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.
- Therefore Hanoi will suddenly be destroyed and the common people will overthrow the communists.

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- 13 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:
- For three evils of China, and for four, I will not delay its punishment; because they have placed political prisoners in forced labor camps, where they pay them nothing for their work; they rip babies from their mothers' wombs; and they lay claim to Taiwan and Tibet as their territories;
- 14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:
- Therefore I will trample the Chinese empire; there will be triumphant shouts when the "Heavenly Kingdom" falls and its population is decimated, all those who have imprisoned My saints;
- 15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.
- And their rulers, who style themselves premiers among the people, will themselves be prisoners.

Amos 2

- 1 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:

For three evils of Iran, and for four, I will punish it, because they tout themselves as the head of the Islamic nations and promote terrorism, and they flout the nations of the world, threatening them with nuclear destruction.
- 2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kirioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet:

But Iran will be overrun by My army; the hordes of those who come against you will cover the land. Thousands will die amid the sound of gunfire and groans of men in shock, this awesome display of My might;
- 3 And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

And I will humble the mullahs; I will slay the arrogant rulers of the Islamic republic with the sword of which they boast, says the Lord.
- 4 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:

Thus says the Lord, For three evils of America, and for four, I will not delay its punishment; because they have despised the Ten Commandments, My law which I gave to My people, and have not kept them, but they have denied that I raised them up as a nation, a city upon a hill, the covenant their forefathers established with Me;

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- 5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem. But I will destroy America, and will burn its metropolises and kill its people.
- 6 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; Thus says the Lord, For three transgressions of America, and for four, I will not delay its punishment; because they have said, "It's the economy, stupid!" but ignored My laws, and have promoted business rather than righteousness, oil rather than holiness,;
- 7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name: They make it difficult for the poor to pull themselves out of the debt they incur trying to make an honest living, while they profit from pornography and gambling on the Internet, and encourage gay and lesbian "families";
- 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 of their god. They mortgage their houses to buy toys: clothes, automobiles, alcohol; entertainment is their god: they can't miss the latest game on TV, as they paint their bodies with team colors;

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- 9 Yet destroyed I 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. They forget that I ousted the nations that were here before them for similar things, who raised totems to their gods, and warred constantly with their neighbors; nor do they care to hear how the treaties with them have been broken.
- 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. I brought the oppressed of the world to the golden shores of this land, which I blessed for the sake of My covenant, making the wilderness a place of freedom, a shining light;
- 11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD. Your forefathers brought forth a nation conceived in liberty, and prophesied that it would remain as long it remembered My holy word, and honored it. Is it not so?
- 12 But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not. But you say, "No, but we have separation of church and state and we want representatives that tolerate all religions, not Christianity."
- 13 Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves. Look, this is the last straw; I can't take any more; I've had enough of your begging "God bless America."

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

Therefore your plans for a comfortable retirement will fail; the self-satisfied, whose nest egg is safely laid away against a rainy day, will not retain his investment.

15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself.

You will not protect yourself with your arms, nor flee in fast cars; your wilderness retreat will not hide you, and your emergency stash—enough for two whole years!—will not keep you from starving.

16 And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

The bravest among you will flee naked from your enemies in the day that is coming, says the Lord.

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| 1 | Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, | Hear what the Lord Jesus has to say about you, Americans, those I brought to this country from all other nations of the world, to found a republic that would be a beacon of freedom to the world, |
| 2 | You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. | Only you, among the nations of the world, were founded as a Christian nation; therefore I will punish you for all your sins. |
| 3 | Can two walk together, except they be agreed? | How shall I bless those who have broken My covenant? |
| 4 | Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing? | Is all this just cheap talk? Just random thoughts, smooth talk for cheap entertainment? Or is it important that you hear My words? |
| 5 | Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him? shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all? | Do you need another sermon so you will feel comfortable for yet another week? Or is it imperative that you heed this message and repent from your wicked ways? |
| 6 | Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? | Is this warning just noise? Or should you pay close attention to avoid sudden destruction? Don't you believe the Lord is saying this? |

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- 7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. Before bringing judgment on America, I should first warn you, don't you think? Will this do?
- 8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy? I do warn you. Shouldn't you pay attention? Do you think you should pass this message along, perhaps?
- 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 behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof. Print copies and give them to your friends; send it to your representatives and senators; insist that they distribute this warning to their constituency; leave copies on park benches; make sure people everywhere will read it. Remember that the Lord will not be patient with your sins forever but has to act.
- 10 For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. They know right from wrong but they are couch potatoes; they kick back to watch the latest movie, to learn violence and greed.
- 11 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled. Therefore the Lord says there will be enemies everywhere; terrorists who hate Americans will abound; they will rejoice to think of the calamities the Lord pours out and dance in the streets as they did when the towers fell on 9/11.

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- 12 Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch.
- 13 Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts,
- 14 That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.
- 15 And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.
- Just as a bomb leaves only a few whimpering survivors, or a plane crash only a few burn victims, so will few Americans remain, those who have made themselves servants of their invaders, who grovel and beg of those who have overrun the country.
- Admit that your punishment is well deserved, America. Agree that you have it coming, says the Lord.
- In the day I judge America for its many sins, I will also judge the churches for their sins; the “sanctuaries” you have built will be razed; the cathedrals, which separate Me from the people, will fall.
- I will raze your residence and your beach house; timeshares, luxury resorts, retreat centers and vacation spots will all be swept away, as will your RVs and automobiles, your great treasures, says the Lord.

Amos 4

- 1 Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

Hear Me, you stock investors, who tout your gains above the “common man”; you exploit others to maximize your own portfolios; showing off your luxuriously furnished houses, merited by your savvy moves on Wall Street.
- 2 The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

God has taken a holy oath to bring about the day of your enslavement, to humble you and to bring you down from your lofty towers. Your children, too, will be dragged away in chains.
- 3 And ye shall go out at the breaches, every cow at that which is before her; and ye shall cast them into the palace, saith the LORD.

You will all go out single file, following orders as you are commanded; your comforts will be forgotten, and no more will coziness be part of your vocabulary
- 4 Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years:

Go to church, pay your tithes, support the building fund, but these things will not help you in that day, though you carry them out faithfully each week, and more than anticipated;

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- 5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD. Send offerings to the orphans overseas; get your name in the bulletin; have it engraved on a brass plate telling of all your generosity. I know that you love these things, says the Lord.
- 6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have sent famine on the cities, and inability to sell your cash crops on the farmers; you have unable to get goods from overseas, but you have not repented, says the Lord.
- 7 And also I have withholden 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 whereupon it rained not withered. The weather has been very unpredictable, unseasonable, so that the trucks and trains could not deliver goods, and the price of fuel sky high one month and depressed the next, so that your investments have not panned out. The banks have failed, and bailouts have not rescued them, nor has the economy recovered.
- 8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. You have scoured the Internet looking for a good return on your money, and have not found it. Yet you have not asked Me for My help, says the Lord.

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9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

The stock bubble burst so that the wise investments about which you have boasted lost all their value; even the blue chip stocks declined. You said it was an economic downturn and cursed your bad luck, but you gave Me no credit, nor did you repent of your greed and covetousness, says the Lord.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

AIDS and H1N1 run epidemic among you, and you beg the CDC for vaccines to cure them and prevent such disasters in future. Floods and hurricanes like Katrina and Andrew do not get your attention, though you love to protest the abuses of power and relief agencies. Yet you do not associate those things with Me nor repent.

11 I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

You read about Mt. St. Helens, and how its devastation could have been so much worse if only the winds were different, yet you do not repent; you say that natural disasters should be handled with good advance planning, says the Lord.

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12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

You mock those who hold up signs to say, "The end is near." Therefore, America, I say to you: "Prepare to meet your Maker!"

13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name.

I make the sun to rise and set; only I can control the weather; natural disasters take place whenever I decide they should in accordance with My nature. What happens is up to Me, and not you. I am in charge, and no one else. The commander of the armies of heaven, that is My role.

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- 1 Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel.

Hear me out, then, America. Dread the catastrophes I have in mind to bring upon you unless you repent.
- 2 The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up.

America the Beautiful shall no longer be sung; instead, your land will be a war zone, with too few survivors to rebuild all the devastated cities.
- 3 For thus saith the Lord GOD; The city that went out by a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth by an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

I, the Lord, have resolved that from a city of a million, only a thousand will survive; rusted cars and the teetering hulks of buildings will remind those who remain of America's well-deserved judgment.
- 4 For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live:

But the Lord Jesus Christ, who died to bring salvation and not death, says this: Repent, and you will live.
- 5 But seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought.

Don't go to your pastor or to your priest, and ask them to pray for you, nor try to flee to a distant country. These too shall fall under My judgment, says the righteous Judge.
- 6 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel.

Seek Me, and you will live. Go into your secret place, and beg for mercy; call for repentance in the streets. If you do not, I will consume you in My wrath, and no one can stop Me.

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- 7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,
You brag, "Chernobyl could never happen in this country. Our technology is too good." But you won't study ethics.
- 8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:
Ask the Lord Jesus to be your Lord, and not just your savior; follow His commands, and not your own ideas and doctrines; search out the wisdom hidden in the Bible, and do not trust in your religious efforts, nor in the contributions on behalf of poor starving African orphans but instead listen to His voice.
- 9 That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress.
He is the one that can defend America, and protect her from terrorists and from nuclear missiles that rain down death from the skies.
- 10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.
You pastors and you deacons rebuke those who speak My truth if it has not been first approved by you.
- 11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant
Since you have fattened your wallets at the expense of the congregation, preaching every week on the need to bring the tithe into the storehouse, and on how the laborer deserves his wages, to pay your salary, you will be unable to spend it,

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- vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.
- 12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.
- 13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.
- 14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.
- 15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.
- 16 Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the LORD, saith thus; Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to
- but your efforts to stave off bankruptcy will be in vain.
- I know your many sins: you roll out the red carpet for the rich who give large tithes, while those who give to other worthy causes are enrolled in classes on how to support the mission of the local church.
- So if you're smart, you'll keep your mouth shut; you'll only get yourself in trouble.
- Listen to My voice and not to the soothing voices of your many counselors, nor to your horoscope. I will never leave you nor forsake you.
- Hate oppression; stand up for what is right. God is gracious; His wrath may yet be turned away from a few, those who are ready for trouble, and do not expect to be raptured out of it.
- To them the Lord says, "You will say, 'Oh, no! I have been left behind! The Lord has not delivered me like He said He would. What shall I do?'" All those who trust in My mercy but not in My judgments will wish that they had listened to

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mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.

those who had warned them that they should be prepared for tribulation.

17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing; for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.

Not just in the inner city, but also in the suburbs there will be wailing; I will pass through the whole country.

18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

Woe unto you who desire the day of the Lord! You hoped to escape the wrath to come, but did not judge yourself so that I would not have to.

19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

It will be as if you moved to the suburbs to get out of a bad neighborhood but got mugged at the mall, or got burglarized while watching television in your house.

20 Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

Shouldn't the day of the Lord be one of judgment and not of mercy? Why should this evil nation receive blessings?

21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

I hate, I despise your "worship services"; I can't stomach your "missions conferences" and "prophetic gatherings."

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- 22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. You take up offerings “for the Lord’s work,” design slick publications to promote your efforts and expect that I will bless you for your diligent work to expand the kingdom of God.
- 23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. Take away from Me the noise of your concerts, with electric guitars blaring; I won’t listen to your synthesizers.
- 24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. But let your sound be that of those being delivered of their bondage to entertainment and of sobbing in repentance.
- 25 Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? Have you really done what I have asked you? Have you spoken out against abortion, housed the homeless?
- 26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. No, you have said, ‘Who wants to read about faraway places from long ago?’ and ignore My word. Instead, you gather for “Bible studies” to discuss the pastor’s faults.
- 27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts. Therefore this is My will for you: that you be dragged away in chains as slaves to a foreign country, whose language you don’t speak, says the Lord.

Amos 6

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| 1 | Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! | Woe to them who say, "This does not apply to me; after all, this is a Christian nation," yet you do not do the things that I command you, but decide for yourself how to serve Me. |
| 2 | Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border? | Check out the Mayans and the Incas. Wasn't their civilization as great as yours? But what is left of them now? The Roman Empire lasted over a thousand years. Is the American dream superior? Do you think that democracy will dominate the world? |
| 3 | Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; | Those of you who see nothing but prosperity ahead, and see nothing wrong with watching violence on television; |
| 4 | That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; | That lounge in padded chairs, dine in up-scale restaurants, pore over the choicest cuts of meat, but send the meal back if not cooked to your perfect satisfaction yet fail to tip the waitress; |
| 5 | That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David; | That download the tunes with the coolest rhythms and sway to the beat of music from all over the world; |

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- 6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. That drink wine by the gallon, use perfumes and ointments made in Paris, and buy wide-screen TVs, but who pay no attention to the plight of those who cannot pay even the rent.
- 7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed. Therefore you will be the first taken captive. Those who feed themselves and ignore the homeless will themselves be homeless and have nothing to eat.
- 8 The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein. The Lord, the commander of all the hosts of heaven, hates it that you have palatial homes but others live under bridges; therefore I will command the angels to tear down what you have built and to destroy your cities.
- 9 And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. Ten men may huddle together in self-defense, but to no avail; despite their best efforts, they will all die.
- 10 And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he At that time, when the next-of-kin comes to pick up a man's corpse to take it to the funeral home to be readied for burial, he will ask all those who are standing around if he had other relatives, but when they say no and begin to curse and

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- shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD.
- 11 For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.
- 12 Shall horses run upon the rock? will one plow there with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock:
- 13 Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?
- 14 But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.
- swear, he will stop them, and say, "Don't you dare! Curse God, and He will make sure that we, too, get what we deserve."
- Look, the Lord is in command; He will cause your hotels to be burned for firewood, and cozy cottages to be dismantled for matchsticks.
- Yet I'm not speaking of houses made of wood but of your sins that you want to hide. Your idolatries are obvious; they will burn. Your petty thefts and petty judgments of others will be as broken matchsticks.
- You exult when your team wins, and you dance around, wildly singing, "We're Number One!" when you had nothing to do with it.
- See here! I will cause enemies to surround you that will not be playing games—they will beat you with whips—and from Key West to Nome, from the coast of Maine to Waikiki Beach, you won't escape from their entertainments.

Amos 7

- 1 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings.

The Lord God showed me all this: His plan for war, nuclear holocaust, terrorism, invasion, and destruction. Men starved and women were raped. Huge numbers of invaders overran the country. Winter overtook many and they could not cope with it all.
- 2 And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.

The vision overwhelmed me; I could not bear the thought of all the disasters to befall us, and I doubted anyone could. So I begged him to remember mercy, saying, "Who can stand against You? For there is none like You!"
- 3 The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

The Lord changed his mind about this and said, "It will not happen this way."
- 4 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

The Lord God showed me all this: His plan for earthquakes, volcanoes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and hail, for all kinds of natural disasters, to demonstrate His great power over all man's puny works.
- 5 Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.

But I begged him to remember mercy, saying, "Who can stand against You? For there is none like You!"

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- 6 The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD. The Lord changed his mind about this and said, "Nor will it happen` this way."
- 7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the LORD stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. Then He showed me a scene: He was standing by the Statue of Liberty holding the scales of justice, with a weight in each pan.
- 8 And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the LORD, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more: And the Lord asked me, Amos, what do you see? And I said, I see two weights in the scale of justice. One is labeled justice and the other Pharisaism; they exactly balance. He said, "Yes, My people have condemned the nations around them, but they are guilty.
- 9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword. Therefore the church steeples shall be silent, the sanctuaries torn down, and the cathedrals only husks. Against the clergy of America I will rise up, says the Lord, and never again will they deceive my people.
- 10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words. Surely Christian leaders of all denominations will say of this message: "It is not from God, but is the work of a mere man. Don't listen to it. After all, God is always in a good mood. He loves us, and is not angry with His people."

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- 11 For thus Amos saith,
Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.
- 12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:
- 13 But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.
- 14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit:
- 15 And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.
- But Amos says, "We have done wickedly, and we merit God's judgment. America's doom is certain and can no longer be staved off; political action will fail."
- The pastors will say, "No, but if we just preach the gospel, then the nation will be saved." To them I say, "The gospel has been preached, the nation has not repented,
- And there is no more remedy."
- "Who does Amos think he is, to tell us we're in sin?"
- A software engineer and not a prophet, I have never been to Bible school—I myself have had repent from all the sins named in this book—but the Lord has been gracious to me and forgiven me.
- And so will He also do for all those who heed this warning for America, all those whose repentance is genuine, who lie on their faces before Me.

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16 Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac.

Therefore hear this, those who criticize this message, who say that it is not for me to give this word, that I am a mere sinner: "You are proud, and think you need no repentance;

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

But your pride will be turned into humility as you see your property ransacked, your wife raped and your children killed before your eyes. At that time, repent! There will be hope for you, though not for America. God will be gracious to those who turn their hearts to Him and do not trust in Hollywood prosperity preachers."

Amos 8

- 1 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit.

The Lord showed me a vision of a basket of grapes. I knew they were the grapes of His wrath.
- 2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

And He said to me, "Amos, are these deserved?" "Yes, Lord, but please, in your judgment, remember mercy." "I will remember, said the Lord, "but only for the remnant. Those who consider themselves the bride of Christ,
- 3 And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence.

And expect rapture, who have the "prophetic timetable" all figured out, yet they condemn others while they preach on every imaginable topic except sin; these shall not escape; all such will die.
- 4 Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,

Hear Me well, you who declare My word: Have you not read that those who teach are to expect stricter judgment?
- 5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

Why then do you preach that the next prophetic event is the church's deliverance from all My wrath? Jews and Muslims, who are descended from My friend Abraham, you despise; you say their condemnation is just while excusing yourselves because of My grace?

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- 6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat? You Pharisees! You insist that salvation is not by works, nor by birth; yet you yourselves lay claim to the good deeds of your fathers!
- 7 The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has sworn never to forgive those whose eyes are lofty, who exalt themselves.
- 8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as by the flood of Egypt. The earth will quake, and you will know that I am outraged, says the Lord, and that I will no longer tolerate the haughty looks of the Americans, whose reputation is well-known for putting down those of other nations.
- 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day: Heads held high, they march down the street as if they own it, thinking to themselves that America is the greatest nation on earth, and its army and air force the world's policeman;
- 10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, But the Muslims you despise will conquer you, and you will pay taxes to those whom you thought to bring down. The least significant of them will be superior to the highest among you, says the Creator, who does not overlook the sins of any.

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- and the end thereof as a bitter day.
- 11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:
- 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.
- 13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.
- 14 They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.
- Imams will be your teachers; and mullahs your counselors.
- When that day which I have chosen comes, everyone will understand that only My word will stand, and not the words of men. Those who comfort My people with lies will be trampled.
- All will wander from place to place, seeking the word of the Lord, but He will be silent. No longer will He speak to them. But those who heed the word I give them now, they will live and be safe in My hand.
- Those who have not relied on My word for strength—even star athletes—will be faint.
- Those who trust in their own excellence and not on Me will no longer say, “Every day, in every way, I am getting better and better”; instead, they will get worse every day and will not recover.

Amos 9

- 1 I saw the LORD standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.

I see the Lord standing in the churches, and He says, "Tell them all to repent and not to justify themselves. I will have mercy on all those who do, but those who do not, though they call themselves Christians, will receive wrath. The ones who judge themselves holier than their neighbors will be judged, and they will not be able to escape from Me.
- 2 Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

They proclaim that the devil is under their feet, but they are not cleansed from their sins; they lift their eyes to heaven, saying that I am their Savior, but they do not do what I ask.
- 3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:

Though their self-justification is airtight, and they pound the Bible to say that I am on their side, their arguments will not stand up in My court. Though they boast about My mercy, calling themselves the chief of sinners, they will not humble themselves and pray.
- 4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I

Although they call themselves by My name, they do not seek My face, but rather judge right and wrong according to their own opinion; therefore I will

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- will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.
- 5 And the Lord GOD of hosts is he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.
- 6 It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name.
- 7 Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?
- not hear them from heaven, nor forgive their sins, nor heal their land.
- The Lord is the only one who will be shown to be right and true in that day, but all those who have preached salvation shall mourn, and the judgment that has been decreed will be poured out. All will see the word of the Lord prevail and His plans carried out.
- He is the one who makes plans and no one can change them; His army is unstoppable. The sea and sand and wild beasts of the earth are all under His command. Judgment, mercy, salvation and destruction are for Him to mete out according to His will.
- The empires of the world are established at My decree, and are thrown down at My whim: the Greek, the Roman, Persian, British, Russian, American. All these I have established, and I will throw them all down and establish My kingdom.

Amos 9

- 8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.
- The eyes of the Lord overlook nothing; the haughty and the sinful will be destroyed, while those who are righteous shine forth in the kingdom of their Father; the citizens will not be utterly consumed, but the remnant will remain.
- 9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.
- Though they are scattered to all the nations, I will not forget even one; those who are alive and remain will all be brought back to their own country and to their own inheritance in the land.
- 10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.
- All those who look to the Day of the Lord as a day merely to be protected from all trouble will die, and their hope will perish.
- 11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:
- At that time, all who praise Me no matter what happens will see My great deliverance; they will rejoice to see America restored to greatness, and the Republic will be saved, as it was shown to the forefathers.

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- 12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.
- And the whole continent will be one, and the republic over all; it will stand forever and ever, says the Lord. I will do this, and it will be called by My Name.
- 13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.
- The Lord makes this promise: in those days, all the land will be fertile, and abundantly so. One crop will overrun another and there will no lack. Fresh mountain streams will water the plains, and they will be beautiful from sea to shining sea.
- 14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.
- My people will return, and the desolate cities will be rebuilt. America will flourish again; its people will plant gardens and vineyards; the Liberty Bell will be reforged, and freedom will ring again. Prosperity and joy will be the lot of all My people in that day, and all will serve the Lord with gladness.
- 15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God
- I will anchor them on bedrock, and the foundations that I lay will never be moved, for I will give them the deed to the land, and never again will they be moved, says the Lord God.

