

# The Beuk o Amos

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## Chapter 1

### Forewurd

<sup>1</sup> Thir is the wurds o Amos that wis amang the hirds frae Tekoa, here's whit he saw ament Israel i the days o Uzziah king o Judah, an i the days o Jeroboam the son o Joash the king o Israel, twa year afore the yird-din. <sup>2</sup>He said, 'Frae Zion the LORD wull rair an wull gie out his vyce frae Jerusalem. An the shielings o the hirds sall murn, an the tap o Carmel sall dry up.'

### Deemins agin Israel's Neibours

<sup>3</sup>Sae says the LORD, 'For thrie wrangs o Damascus - an for fower- I sanna haud serrin back; for they hae threshed Gilead wi airn threshin-dregs. <sup>4</sup>But I s' send fire agin the Hous o Hazael, an it sall slight the pailices o Ben-hadad. <sup>5</sup>I wull break the baur o Damascus an aw, an sned aff the indwaller o the Glen o Aven, an him that hauds the scepter frae Beth-eden. An the fowk o Syria sall gae captive tae Kir,' says the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>Sae says the LORD: 'For thrie wrangs o Gaza -an for fower- I sanna haud serrin back; for they cuist out as exiles the hail population o Edom. <sup>7</sup>But I wull send a fire agin the waw o Gaza, an it sall slight its pailices. <sup>8</sup>An I s' sned aff Ashdod's indwellers an him that hauds the scepter frae Ashkelon; an I wull turn ma haun agin Ekron; an the shaird o the Philistines sall dee,' says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> Sae says the LORD: 'For thrie wrangs o Tyre - an for fower- I sanna haud serrin back; for they gied up as exiles the hail o Edom, an forleitit the covenant o brithirs. <sup>10</sup>But I wull send fire agin the waw o Tyre, an it sall slight its pailices.'

<sup>11</sup>Sae says the LORD: 'For thrie wrangs o Edom - an for fower- I sanna haud serrin back; for he hundit efter his brithir wi the swuird, an smuired his peity, an his anger reived aw the time, for aye. <sup>12</sup>But I wull send a fire agin Teman, an it sall slight the pailaces o Bozrah.'

<sup>13</sup>Sae says the LORD: 'For thrie wrangs o Ammon - an for fower, I sanna haud serrin back; for they rived apen the weimen o Gilead that wis wi bairn, for tae rax their marches.

<sup>14</sup>But I wull kinnle a fire agin the waw o Rabbah, an it sall slight its pailices; wi a war-cry i the day o the fecht, wi a blouster i the day o the wund-stour. <sup>15</sup>An their king sall gang intil capteivity, him an his counsellors thegithir,' says the LORD.

## Chapter 2

<sup>1</sup>Sae says the LORD: 'For thrie wrangs o Moab - an for fower - I sanna haud serrin back, for he brunt the banes o the king o Edom intae lime. <sup>2</sup>But I wull send a fire agin Moab, an it sall slight the palices o Kerioth. An Moab sall dee wi dirdum, wi a war-caw, wi the soun o the tup's touter. <sup>3</sup>An I wull sned aff him that judges frae its mids, an I s' slay aw his rulers wi him,' says the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>Sae says the LORD: 'For thrie wrangs o Judah - an for fower- I sanna haud serrin back, for they rejectit the law o the LORD, an they didna keip his statutes. Their lees that their faithers gaed efter haes gart thaim gang agley. <sup>5</sup>But I s' send a fire agin Judah, an it sall slight the pailices o Jerusalem.'

### Deemin agin Israel

<sup>6</sup>Sae says the LORD: 'For thrie wrangs o Israel - an for fower - I sanna haud serrin back, for they selt the richteous for siller, an the ill-aff for a pair o sandles,<sup>7</sup> gantin for the stour on the

heids o the helpless<sup>a</sup>, an pushin the afflict out the wey. An a cheil an his faither wull lig wi the samen limmer, for tae fulyie the name o ma halyness.<sup>b</sup>

<sup>8</sup>An they wull stretch out aside ilk altar, an on claes taen i tryst. An they wull drink wine o thaim that's been fined i the Hous o God. <sup>9</sup>Yit I dinged doun the Amorite frae afore thaim, that wis as taw's cedars, an as strang's the great trees. An I wrackit his fruit frae abuin an his ruits frae ablo. <sup>10</sup>Forbye thon I brocht ye frae the land o Egypt an led ye i the wilderness for fowerty year sae ye could tak for yer ain the land o the Amorite.

<sup>11</sup>An I raised up a wheen o yer sons for prophets, an sum frae yer yung cheils for Nazarites. Is this no sae, O sons o Israel?' declares the LORD. <sup>12</sup>But ye gied the Nazarites wine tae drink<sup>c</sup> an ye maundit the prophets, sayin "Haud yer wheisht!" '<sup>13</sup>Behaud, I am birsed doun unner ye, as a wain fou o shaifs is birsed.

<sup>14</sup>An the swift'll no be beildit; an the strang sanna eik til his pouer; an the mighty sanna sauf his life; <sup>15</sup>an him that haunles the bow sanna staun; an the fleet-fittit callan sanna hain hissel; an him that rides the horse sanna sauf his life. <sup>16</sup>An the stout-

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<sup>a</sup> This probably means sumthing alang the lines o "tramplin the richts o the helpless intae the stour."

<sup>b</sup> This could be a slave-lass that wis keipt as a concubine an uisset by baith faither an son (agin the Jewish law) or aiblins mair likely a cultic huir sic as Canaanite releighions often haed for ferteility rites.

<sup>c</sup> The Nazarites wis specially devotit cheils that teuk aiths o consecration upo thaimsels, among thaim voun tae haud awa frae wine an strang drink.

hairtit amang the mighty sall flee scuddie-naukit i that day," says the LORD.

## Chapter 3

### Oracles agin Israel

<sup>1</sup>Hear this wurd that the LORD haes spoken agin ye, sons o Israel; agin aw the faimily that I brocht up frae the land o Egypt, sayin, <sup>2</sup>'Ye ainlie hae I kent o aw the familiies o the yird. Sae I s' gie ye serrin for aw yer wrangs.'

<sup>3</sup>Wull twa gang thegithir binna they be greed on the gate?

<sup>4</sup>Wull a lion rair i the forest whan the'r nae grab for him? Wull a yung lion cry out frae his den binna he haes claucht sumthing? <sup>5</sup>Wull a burd faw ontae a girn on the grun gin the'r nae bait for't? Wull a girn lowp up frae the grun an naething be cleikit ava?

<sup>6</sup>Gin a tup's touter is blawed i a ceity, wull the fowk no tremmle? Gin there is a mishanter i a ceity, haes the LORD no duin't? <sup>7</sup>For the LORD Awmighty sanna dae a thing binna he haes gied his saicret rede tae his servands the prophets.

<sup>8</sup>A lion haes raired, wha'll no dreid? The LORD Awmighty haes spoken, wha'll no prophesie? <sup>9</sup>Mak it heard at the pailaces i Ashdod an at the pailaces i the land o Egypt, an say 'Gaither yersels on the bens o Samaria, an see monie wuddrums an oppressions in its mids.'

<sup>10</sup>For they kenna whit wey tae dae richt,' delcares the LORD; thae that pit by birr an reivery i their pailaces.

<sup>11</sup>Sae the LORD Awmighty says this: 'A fae! An he soll be aw around the land; an he soll ding ye doun frae yer fortress, an yer pailaces soll be spulyed.'

<sup>12</sup>Sae says the LORD: 'As the hird that ettles at lowsin the

sheep frae the mou o a lion taks out twa shanks or a wee bit lug - sae sall be loswed the sons o Israel, thaim i Samaria liggin on a bed, or thaim i Damascus layin by on a couch.

<sup>13</sup>Hear an testifie i the Hous o Jaucob,' declares the LORD Awmighty, the God o Heiven's Micht.

<sup>14</sup>For i the day I veisit the transgressions o Israel upo him, I wull veisit the altars o Bethel an aw. An the horns o the altar sall be sned aff an sall faw tae the grun. <sup>15</sup>An I s' ding doun the wunter hous wi the simmer hous, an the housses o ivory sall faw. An the great housses sall be soupit awa, ' declares the LORD.

## Chaipter 4

### *Israel's haes refused tae retour tae God*

<sup>1</sup>Hear this wurd, ye kye o Bashan that's i the ben o Samaria - thaim dounhaudin the helpless, thaim duntin the puir, thaim that says tae their guidmen, 'Breing us a drink.' <sup>2</sup>The LORD Awmighty haes swieriend by His halyness the days is comin upo ye that he sall heize ye up wi meat-heuks an the hinmaist o ye wi fish-heuks.

<sup>3</sup>An ye sall gang out at the braks, ilka wumman afore her. 'An ye sall ding doun the heich place,' declares the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>Come intae Bethel an sin - sin sum mair at Gilgal. An breing yer sacrifices for the morn, yer teinds for thrie day; <sup>5</sup>an offer a sacrifice o thanksgiein for breid that's barmed, an caw out the voluntar offerins! For sae ye luve tae dae, sons o Israel!' declares the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> 'An I hae gied ye tuim wames<sup>d</sup> i aw yer ceities forbye, an

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<sup>d</sup> lit. "cleanness o teeth".

want o breid i aw yer steids; an ye haena retoured tae me,' declares the LORD. <sup>7</sup>An forbye than I hae haudit back the rain, whan it wis yit thrie month tae the hairst. An I gart it rain on ae ceity an no anithir, ae blaud wis rained upo, an the blaud whaur it dinna rain wis dried up. <sup>8</sup>An the fowk o twa-thrie ceities staucherit tae ae ceity for a drink o watter, but they wisna sert; yit ye haena retoured tae me,' declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> I hae duntit ye wi scowtherin an wi foust. The feil thrang o yer gairdens an yer vinyairds, an yer figs an olives is devoured by the creepin locust; yit ye haena retoured tae me,' declares the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>I hae sent a plague amang ye i the wey o Egypt, I hae killt yer yung callans wi the swuird an aw yer horse wi capteivity, an I hae gart the fume o yer camps come up e'en tae yer nebs; yit ye haena retoured tae me,' declares the LORD. <sup>11</sup>I hae dinged ye doun, as God dinged doun Sodom an Gomorrah, an ye wis like a firebrand poued out the ingle; yit ye haena retoured tae me,' declares the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>Sae acause o aw this, O Israel, this is whit I'll dae tae ye - sae redd yersels tae meet wi yer God, O Israel!' <sup>13</sup>For, behaud, him that shapes bens an creates the wund, an declares tae man whit his thocht is; him that maks the daw mirk, an gangs upo the heich places o the yird; the LORD, the God o Heiven's Micht is his name.

## Chaipter 5

### *A caw for Israel tae repent*

<sup>1</sup>Hear this wurd that I'm raisin up agin ye: a dredgie, O Hous o Israel.

<sup>2</sup>The maiden o Israel haes fawn an sanna raise again; she liggs untentit on the land, the'r naebody raisin her up. <sup>3</sup>For sae says the LORD Awmighty: 'The ceity that gangs out a thousan

strang sall hae a hunner left. An thaim that gangs out a hunner strang sall hae ten left tae the Hous o Israel.'

<sup>4</sup>For sae says the LORD tae the Hous o Israel: 'Reinge for me, an leive. <sup>5</sup>But dinna reinge for Bethel, an dinna gae intae Gilgal, an dinna cross ower tae Beer-sheba; for Gilgal soll shairly gae intil exile, an Bethel soll be aw for naething.'

<sup>6</sup>Reinge for the LORD an leive, that he may no skelp i like a fire on the Hous o Joseph an slicht it; an the'r naebody stochenin it for Bethel. <sup>7</sup>He forleitit thaim that's turned justice an richteousness intae gall-widd on the yird. <sup>8</sup>Him that creatit the Pleiades an Orion, an turns the deep mirk intae morn, an daurkened the day intae nicht; that caws the watters o the sea, an pours thaim out on the face o the yird; the LORD is his name; <sup>9</sup>that causes destruction tae flist out agin the strang, an destruction comes agin the fortress.

<sup>10</sup>They ill-will him that tairgs thaim i the yett; an they lichtlie him that speaks aefauldly. <sup>11</sup>Sae, acause o yer dirdin on the puir, an yer takkin stents o corn frae him - ye hae bigged stane housses; but ye sanna byde i thaim, ye hae plantit desirable vinyairds, but ye sanna drink wine frae thaim.

<sup>12</sup>For I ken yer monie transgressions, an yer monie sins: dingin the richteous, takkin a cuddiech, an turnin aside the puir i the yett. <sup>13</sup>Sae the canny cheil soll haud his wheisht i thon time - for it's an ill time.

<sup>14</sup>Reinge for guid, an no ill, that ye may leive, an sae the LORD, the God o Heiven's Micht soll be wi ye - jist as ye say he is. <sup>15</sup>Hate ill an luve guid, an establish justice i the yett. Aiblins the LORD, the God o Heiven's Micht wull be couthy tae the shaird o Joseph..

<sup>16</sup>Sae the LORD, the God o Heiven's Micht says this: 'There wull be greitin i the gates; an they soll say i aw the heichgates

"Ochone! Ochone!" An they soll caw the fermer tae the murnin, an saulies<sup>e</sup> tae lamentation. <sup>17</sup>An there soll be greitin i the vinyairds, for I wull pass amang ye,' qo the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>Dule tae thaim greinin efter the day o the LORD! Whit is this for ye? The day o the LORD is mirk an no licht, <sup>19</sup>as tho a cheil fled frae a lion an the bear met wi him, or he gangs inbye the hous an stends his haun agin the waw an the serpon bites him!

<sup>20</sup>Sall the day o the LORD be no mirk an no licht; e'en gey mirksome an no onie brichtness in't?

<sup>21</sup>I ill-will, lichtlie yer feast days, an I'll no delyte i yer dour assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Tho ye offer me burnt offerins, an yer corn offerins, I'll no be blythe, nor wull I tak tent o yer peace offerins o yer fat beiss. <sup>23</sup>Tak the clash o yer sangs awa frae me, an I'll no be hearin the tuin o yer hairps.

<sup>24</sup>But lat justice row doun like the watters, an richteousness like an e'er flawin burn. <sup>25</sup>Hae ye brocht near sacrifices an fuid offerins tae me fowerty year i the wilderness, O Hous o Israel?

<sup>26</sup>Aye! - ye buir the crame o yer king an Kaiyun, yer eimages, the starn o yer gods that ye shapit for yersels!<sup>f</sup> <sup>27</sup>Therefor I s' tak ye intil exile ayont Damascus,' says the LORD, the God o Heiven's Micht.

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e lit. "thaim that ken greitin"

f This verse is a tait obscure. Amos micht could be accusin the Israelites o idolatry (Kaiyun is anithir name for Ninib, an Assyrian haithen god) or he could be sayin that syne their wurship o the LORD is sae faur remuivit frae moral practice an the richt wey o livin that suld gang wi that wurship, they micht as weil be haithens.

## Chappter 6

<sup>1</sup>Wae tae thaim sittin coshie i Zion, an thaim lippenin tae the ben o Samaria, thaim notit as the heid o the naitions! An the Hous o Israel cam tae thaim. <sup>2</sup>Cross tae Calnek an see; an frae there gae tae the great Hamath; syne gae doun tae Gath o the Philistines. Ar they better nor thir kinriks, or their mairch better nor yer mairch?

<sup>3</sup>Ye that pit aff the ill day, an gar the seat o birr come near,  
<sup>4</sup>that ligg on beds o ivory, an rax thaimsels out on sunks, an thaim eatin the lambs frae the hirsel, an stot-caufs frae the mids o the buiss; <sup>5</sup>thaim improvisin on the hairp - like Dauvit they invent instruments o sang for thaimsels. <sup>6</sup>Thaim drinkin mazers o wine, an they smaig thaimsels wi the best o iles; but they dinna greit for the breakin o Joseph<sup>9</sup>!

<sup>7</sup>Sae nou they soll gae intil exile wi the first o the exiles, an the feast o the sprauchlers soll stap!

<sup>8</sup>The LORD Awmichty haes sweired by hissel,' declares the LORD, the God o Heiven's Micht, 'I lichtlie the pride o Jaucob, an I lichtlie his pailaces; an I s' shut tae the ceity an its rowthiness. <sup>9</sup>An it soll be, gin ten cheils is left i ae hous, than they soll dee. <sup>10</sup>An his emye soll heize him up, an him that burns him, tae breing the banes out frae the hous; an he soll say tae ane left i the neuk o the hous "Is onie still wi ye?" an he soll' say "Nane," syne he soll say "Wheisht, for nane maun mention the name o the LORD!" '

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<sup>9</sup> i.e. Israel. It wis common i auntient times tae caw a naition efter ane o its eirly faithers

<sup>11</sup>For behaud, the LORD maunds, an he soll ding the great hous intae shairds, an the wee hous intae cracks. <sup>12</sup>Sall cuddies rin on the rock? Or wad ye pleuch there<sup>h</sup> wi nowt? For ye hae turned justice intae pizzen, an the fruit o richteousness intae gall-widd; <sup>13</sup>thaim rejycin ower naething, thaim sayin, 'Hae we no taen horns tae wirsels by wir ain strength?'

<sup>14</sup>For behaud, I wull raise up a naition agin ye, O Hous o Israel,' declares the LORD, the God o Heiven's Micht. 'An they soll dounhaud ye frae the ingang tae Hamath tae the spate o Arabah.'

## Chappter 7

### Twa Veisions o the Faw o Israel

<sup>1</sup>The LORD Awmichty gart me see this: an behaud, He is bringin locusts at the stairt o the comin up o the late gress: aye, e'en the late gress efter the mawins o the king<sup>k</sup>. <sup>2</sup>An it

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<sup>h</sup> This could be overset "pleuch the ocean wi nowt", wi a wee textual chynge. Either wey the sense is that Israel's moral perversions gang richt agin ordinar mense, as wad racin cuddies on rock raither nor guid flat grun, or pleuchin the rock (or ocean) raither nor fertile eirth.

<sup>i</sup> The wurds "naething" an "horns" is puns based on the names o twa ceities that Jeroboam II defeatit (see II Kings 14:25).

<sup>j</sup> i.e. frae the north o the kintra tae the south; the hail kintra.

<sup>k</sup> The first mawin seems tae hae been taen as a tax, the seicond wad be keipt by the fermers tae uise thaimsels or sell.

haippened that whan it haed finissed aff eatin the greens o the land, syne said I, 'LORD Awmichty, I beg ye, forgie. Whit wey can Jaucob<sup>1</sup> staun? For he's wee.'

<sup>3</sup>The LORD repentit anent this: 'It sanna be,' says the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>The LORD Awmichty gart me see this: an behaud, the LORD Awmichty wis cawin tae contend by fire. An it wis consumin the great deep, an devourin pairt o it.

<sup>5</sup>Syne I said, 'LORD Awmichty, I beg Ye, stап! Whit wey can Jaucob staun? For he's wee.'

<sup>6</sup>The LORD repentit anent this: 'This also sanna be,' says the LORD Awmichty.

#### A Veision o the Juidgement o Israel

<sup>7</sup>He gart me see this: an behaud, the Lord wis staunin by the plumbline-biggit waw, an a plumbline i his haun. <sup>8</sup>An the LORD said tae me, 'Whit dae ye see, Amos?' An qo I, 'A plumbline.' An qo the Lord, 'Behaud, I s' set a plumbline i the mids o ma fowk, Israel. I'll no be passin ower him onie mair.

<sup>9</sup>An the heich places o Isaac<sup>m</sup> sall be forleitit, an the haly places o Israel sall be wastered; syne I wull raise agin the Hous o Jeroboam wi the swuird.'

#### Amos an Amaziah

<sup>10</sup>Syne Amaziah the priest o Bethel sent wittins tae Jeroboam, the king o Israel, sayin 'Amos haes plottit agin ye i the mids o the Hous o Israel. The land's no able tae thole aw his wurds.

<sup>11</sup>For sae says Amos, "By the swuird Jeroboam sall dee, an Israel wull shairly gae intil exile frae his land.'

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<sup>1</sup> i.e. Israel, i verse 5 forbye. See jottin on 6:6

<sup>m</sup> i.e. Israel, i verse 16 forbye. Isaac wis Jaucob's faither; Amos is the ainlie Biblical screiver tae uise his name tae staun for the naition.

<sup>12</sup>An qo Amaziah tae Amos, "Spaeman, gae, flee for yersel intae the land o Judah, an eat breid there, an spae awa there.

<sup>13</sup>But dinne spae at Bethel onie mair, for it's the haly place o the king, an it's the Ryall Hous.<sup>14</sup> Syne Amos answert an said tae Amaziah, 'I wisna a prophet, nor wis I a prophet's son. For I wis a hird, an a gaitherer frae sycamore trees.<sup>15</sup> An the LORD teuk me frae ahint the hirsel, an the LORD said tae me, "Gae, spae tae ma fowk, Israel."

<sup>16</sup>Nou, than, hear the wurd o the LORD: "Ye'r sayin, 'prophesie-na agin Israel, an dinna drap wurds agin the Hous o Isaac.'<sup>17</sup> Sae the LORD says this: "Yer guidwife sall be a hure i the ceity, an yer sons an dochters sall faw by the swuird; an yer land sall be skailed by a line. An ye sall dee i a clarlit land. An Israel sall shairly gae intil exile frae his land."<sup>18</sup>

## Chapter 8

#### A Veision o the Faw o Israel

<sup>1</sup>The LORD Awmichty gart me see this: an behaud, a creel o simmer fruit!

<sup>2</sup>An he said, 'Whit dae ye see, Amos?' an I said, 'A creel o simmer fruit.' an the LORD said tae me, 'The end haes came tae ma fowk, Israel. I'll no be passin ower him onie mair.<sup>3</sup> An they wull skraich the sangs o the temple i that day,' declares the LORD Awmichty. 'The deid corps sall be monie; i ilka place they'll thraw thaim out, sayin "Wheisht!"'

<sup>4</sup>Tak tent, ye that dird on the puir, e'en tae gar the hummle o the kintra tae cease,<sup>5</sup> sayin, "Whan wull the muin hae passed, that we micht buy corn? Or the Sabbath, that we micht apen

the wheat, makkin the ephah wee an the shekel muckle<sup>n</sup>, an tae mak the deceitfou ballances fauss, <sup>6</sup>that we might buy the helpless wi siller an the puir for a pair o sandles, an sell the caff o the wheat?"'

<sup>7</sup>The LORD haes sweired by the pride o Jaucob, 'Shairly, I'll no forleit aw their warks for aye. <sup>8</sup>Sall the yird no tremmle acause o this, an aw that byde there murn? An aw o it sall raise up like the licht, an it overflaws an lairs doun like Nile o Egypt. <sup>9</sup>An it sall be i that day,' declares the LORD Awmighty, 'that I s' breing doun the sun at nuin, an I wull gar the yird gloam i the day o licht. <sup>10</sup>An I wull chyne yer belly-rives tae murnin, an aw yer sangs intae a dredgie. An I wull breing seckclaih on aw loins, an bawdness on ilka heid<sup>o</sup>. An I'll gar it be like the murnin for an ainlie son, an the hinend o it like a wairsh day.

### Scant an Want

<sup>11</sup>'Behaud, the days is comin,' declares the LORD Awmighty, 'that I s' send scant an want intae the land - no a wantin for breid, an a drouth for watter; but raither tae hear the wruds o the LORD. <sup>12</sup>An they sall staucher frae sea tae sea, an frae the north e'en tae the eist wull they stravaig tae reinge for the wurd o the LORD, an they'll no fin it. <sup>13</sup>In thon day the bonnie maidens an the yung callans wull dwaum wi drouth. <sup>14</sup>Thaim that sweirs by the sak o Samaria, an say "As yer God leives, O Dan!" an, "As they wey o Beer-sheba leives!" E'en they sall faw, an no raise again.'

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<sup>n</sup> The ephah wis a unit o measurement, about 21 litres. The shekel wis a weight o siller. The sense is that vailues o guidis an siller wis pochled by the deceitfou traders.

<sup>o</sup> It wis an ordinar wey tae shaw murnin i auntient times tae wear rouch seckclaih for claes an tae shave heids bawd.

## Chappter 9

### Israel Juidged an Dinged Doun

<sup>1</sup>I saw the Lord staunnin by the altar. An he said, 'Ding the caipital o the door an doorcheeks wull tremble; an brak aw their heids. An I wull kill the last o thaim wi the swuird. No ane o thaim that flees wull flee, an no a fugie o thaim wull jouk. <sup>2</sup>An gin they dig throu intae Sheol<sup>p</sup>, e'en frae there ma haun'll tak thaim. An gin they gae up tae the hevens, frae there I wull breing thaim doun. <sup>3</sup>An gin they dern thaimsels i the tap o Carmel, I wull reinge an tak thaim out frae there. An gin they hide frae afore ma ee i the boddom o the sea, frae there I wull maund the serpon an he wull bite thaim. <sup>4</sup>An gin they gae intil exile afore their faes, frae there I wull maund the swuird, an kill thaim wi it. An I wull set ma ee on thaim for ill, an no for guid.

<sup>5</sup>An the LORD Awmighty o Heiven's Micht is him that touches the yird sae that it melts, an aw wonnin in't sall murn. An aw o it wull raise up like the Nile, an lair doun like the Nile o Egypt.'

<sup>6</sup>It's him that biggs his stair i the heivens an he foundit his firmament on the yird; him that caws for the sea-watters, an pours thaim out on the face o the yird - the LORD is his name.

<sup>7</sup>'Ar ye no like the sons o the Ethiopians tae me, O sons o Israel?' declares the LORD. 'Hae I no brocht Israel up out o the land o Egypt, an the Philistines frae Captor, an Aram frae Kir?

<sup>8</sup>'Behaud, the een o the LORD Awmighty is on the sinfou Kinrick, an I wull wrack it frae the face o the yird; but I'll no be

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<sup>p</sup> Sheol wis the cauld Jewish idea o the bydin place o the deid. We might say "gin they dern thaimsels awa i the Ill Place"; this wad cairry the sense o it, tho Sheol wisna the Ill Place as we think o it the nou.

hailly wrackin the Hous o Jaucob. <sup>9</sup>For, behaud, I wull maund, an I wull shak the Hous o Israel amang the naitions, as ye shak wi a sye; yit no ae grain sall faw tae the grun. <sup>10</sup>Aw the sinners o ma fowk sall dee by the swuird, thaim that say, "The ill'll no come near, or faw upo us."

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<sup>11</sup>I that day I wull raise up the buith o Dauvit that's fawed, an wull waw up its slaps. An I wull raise up its rauchles, an wull rebigg it as i days o auld; <sup>12</sup>sae that they may hae the remnant o Edom, an aw the naitions on wham my name is cawed,' declares the LORD, he that's daein this.

<sup>13</sup> 'Behaud, the days is comin,' declares the LORD, 'that the pleuchman sall overtak the cutter, an the trader o grapes him that saws seeds. An the bens sall drap new must, an aw the braes wull be dissolvit.

<sup>14</sup> An I wull turn again the capteivity o ma fowk, Israel. An they sall bigg the forleitit ceities, an byde i thaim. An they sall plant vinyairds an drink their wines. An they sall mak gairdens an eat their fruit.

<sup>15</sup> An I wull plant theim on their land, an they'll no be upruitit again frae the land that I hae gied tae thaim,' says the LORD, yer God.