

Amos 4:1-13 **Israel refused to accept correction**

Yahweh knows Israel's oppression of the poor and needy – JUDGMENT COMING

1 Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, Who oppress the poor, Who crush the needy, Who say to your husbands, "Bring wine, let us drink!"

2 Adoney Yahweh (The Lord God) has sworn by His holiness:" Behold, the days shall come upon you When He will take you away with fishhooks, And your posterity with fishhooks.

3 You will go out through broken walls, Each one straight ahead of her, And you will be cast into Harmon," Says Yahweh (the Lord).

4 "Come to Bethel and transgress, At Gilgal multiply transgression; Bring your sacrifices every morning, Your tithes every three days.

5 Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, Proclaim and announce the freewill offerings; For this you love, You children of Israel!" Says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God).

Israel Did Not Accept Correction

6 "Also I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities. And lack of bread in all your places; Yet you have not returned to Me," Says Yahweh (the Lord).

7 "I also withheld rain from you, When there were still three months to the harvest. I made it rain on one city, I withheld rain from another city. One part was rained upon, And where it did not rain the part withered.

8 So two or three cities wandered to another city to drink water, But they were not satisfied; Yet you have not returned to Me," Says Yahweh (the Lord).

9 "I blasted you with blight and mildew. When your gardens increased, Your vineyards, Your fig trees, And your olive trees, The locust devoured them; Yet you have not returned to Me," Says Yahweh (the Lord).

10 "I sent among you a plague after the manner of Egypt; Your young men I killed with a sword, Along with your captive horses; I made the stench of your camps come up into your nostrils; Yet you have not returned to Me," Says Yahweh (the Lord).

11 "I overthrew some of you, As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, And you were like a firebrand plucked from the burning; Yet you have not returned to Me," Says Yahweh (the Lord).

12 "Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, Prepare to meet Eloheyka (your God), O Israel!"

13 For behold, He who forms mountains, And creates the wind, Who declares to man what his thought is, And makes the morning darkness, Who treads the high places of the earth — Yahweh Elohey Tsebaovt (The Lord God of hosts) is His name.

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Facts Revealed:

Yahweh knows Israel's oppression of the poor and needy – JUDGMENT COMING [Amos 4:1-5]

- ☆ Hear this word, you **cows of Bashan**, who are on the mountain of Samaria, Who oppress the poor, Who crush the needy, Who say to your husbands, "Bring wine, let us drink!" [Amos 4:1]
 - ◇ **Bashon** is a reference to the land east of the Sea of Galilee now known as the Golan Heights originally captured by Moses as he was caused to fight with Og king of Bashan and the race of giants of the area and the land was given to the half tribe of Manasseh before they crossed the Jordan River to take the land of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua. [Numbers 21:33-35, Deuteronomy 3:1-20, 29:1-9, Joshua 12:1-6]
 - ◇ The land of Og king of Bashan and Sihon kings of the Amorites became known as the land of Gilead from Mount Herman to the River Arnon. [Numbers 32:1-42, Deuteronomy 1:1-8, 29:1-9, Joshua 12:1-6]
 - ◇ It was considered a lush land for pasturing cattle. [Numbers 32:1]
 - ◇ So when Yahweh calls Israel "**cows of Bashan**" He is referring to His words of warning through the song Moses taught Israel when He said:

"Now therefore, write down this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel. **When I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them; and they will provoke Me and break My covenant.** Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify against them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today, even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore to give them." [Deuteronomy 31:19-21, Jeremiah 5:18-29]
- ☆ Adoney Yahweh (The Lord God) has sworn by His holiness:" Behold, the days shall come upon you When He will take you away with fishhooks, And your posterity with fishhooks. You will go out through broken walls, Each one straight ahead of her, And you will be cast into Harmon," Says Yahweh (the Lord).

"Come to **Bethel** and transgress, At **Gilgal** multiply transgression; Bring your sacrifices every morning, Your tithes every three days.

Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, Proclaim and announce the freewill offerings; For this you love, You children of Israel!" Says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God). [Amos 4:2-5]

- ◇ Yahweh pronounced the punishment He would bring upon the rebellious people of Israel when He removes them from their land.
- ◇ The reference to **Bethel** and **Gilgal** is a reference to the hypocritical worship they have been practicing with their altars to idols in places that Yahweh's Name had previously been worshipped in their history. **Bethel** where Jacob had set up a pillar to Yahweh. [Genesis 35:9-15] **Gilgal** where Israel first camped and set up a monument of their crossing of the Jordan River to enter the Promised Land. [Joshua 4:19-24]

Israel Did Not Accept Correction [Amos 4:6-13]

- ◇ In these verses, Yahweh described the things He had done to get their attention and call them to repentance and return to Him with their whole heart.
 - ▣ He had brought famine,
 - lack of rain,
 - rain one place and drought in other places,
 - blight and mildew,
 - locust,
 - plagues like in the land of Egypt,

death by the sword and stench of the decaying bodies of both man and their horses, some plagued like Sodom and Gomorrah leaving only a remnant.

- ✧ "I overthrew some of you, As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, And you were like a firebrand plucked from the burning; **Yet you have not returned to Me,**" Says Yahweh (the Lord). [[Amos 4:11](#)]
- ✧ "Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, **Prepare to meet Eloheyka (your God), O Israel!**" [[Amos 4:12](#)]
- ✧ Because Israel did not repent in the acceptable time, they face the Wrath of God and the accompanying punishment it brings.
- ✧ For behold, He who forms mountains, And creates the wind, Who declares to man what his thought is, And makes the morning darkness, Who treads the high places of the earth — Yahweh Elohey Tsebaovt (The Lord God of hosts) is His name. [[Amos 4:13](#)]
- ✧ Creator God Himself continues to seek repentance in His erring people because it is not His desire that any should perish, He desires all to come to repentance and be saved. [[2 Peter 3:9](#), [Ezekiel 18:30-32](#), [33:11](#)]
- ✧ Judgment Day is sure to come for everyone. The call to repentance and return to Yahweh is valid for all. Yahweh continues to hold out His hand to receive all who will turn to Him in sincerity and truth.