

Amos 4

New King James Version (NKJV)

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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,[a] “Bring wine, let us drink!”

2 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 the LORD.

4 “ Come to Bethel and transgress,

At Gilgal multiply transgression;

Bring your sacrifices every morning,

Your tithes every three days.[b]

5 Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven,

Proclaim and announce the freewill offerings;

For this you love,

You children of Israel!”

Says the Lord GOD.

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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 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 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 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 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 the LORD.

12 “ Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel;
Because I will do this to you,
Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!”

13 For behold,
He who forms mountains,
And creates the wind,
Who declares to man what his[c] thought is,
And makes the morning darkness,
Who treads the high places of the earth—
The LORD God of hosts is His name.