

AMOS.

THE ARGUMENT.

Among many other Prophetes that God raised vp to admonish the Israelites of his plagues for their wickednes and idolatrie, he stirred vp Amós, who was an herdman or shepherd of a poore towne, and gaue him bothe knowledge and constancie to reprove all estates and degrees, and to denounce Gods horrible iudgements against them, except they did in time repent: shewing them, that if God spare not the other nations about them, who had liued as it were in ignorance of God in respect of them, but for their sinnes wil punish them, that they coulde loke for nothing, but an horrible destructiõ, except they turned to the Lord by vnfeined repentance. And finally, he comforteth the godlie with hope of the comming of the *Messiah*, by whome they shoulde haue perfite deliuerance and saluacion.

CHAP. I.

The time of the prophetic of Amós 3 The words of the Lord against Damascus 6 The Philistims, Tyrus, Idumea and Ammon.

a Which was a towne six miles from Ierusalém in Iudea, but ne prophetic in Irael.

b In his daies the kingdome of Irael did mooste flourish.

c Which, as Iosephus writeth, was when Vzriah wolde haue vsurped the Priests office, and therefore was smitten with the leprosie.

d Whatsoeuer is fruitful and pleasant in Irael, shal shortly perish.

e He sheweth first that all the people rounde about shoulde be destroyed for their manifold sinnes: which are ment by thre and foure which make seuen, because the Israelites shoulde the more depely consider Gods iudgements toward them.

f If the Syrians shal not be spared for committing this crueltie against one citie, it is not possible for Irael shoulde escape punishment which hath committed so many & grievous sinnes against God & man.

g The antiquitie of their buyldings shal not auoide my iudgements.

h Tiglath Pileser led the Syrians captiue, and broght them to Cyrene, which he call:eth here Kir.

i They joy ned them selues with the Edomites their enemies, which carryed them away captiues.



THe wordes of Amós, who was among the herdmen at Tecóa, which he sawe vpon Irael, in the daies of Vzriah King of Iudáh, and in the daies of Ieroboám the sonne of Ioásh King of Irael, two yere before the earth quake.

2 And he said, The Lord shal roare from Ziõ, and vtter his voyce from Ierusalém, and the dwelling places of the shepherds shal perish, and the top of Carmél shal wither.

3 Thus saith the Lord, For thre transgressions of Damascus, and for foure I wil not turne to it, because they haue threshed Gileád with threshing instrumēt of yro.

4 Therefore wil I send a fyre into the house of Hazaél, and it shal deuoure the palaces of Ben-hadád.

5 I wil breake also the barres of Damascus, and cut of the inhabitant of Bikeath-áuen: and him that holdeth the scepter out of Beth-éden, & the people of Aíám shal go into captiuitie vnto Kir, saith the Lord.

6 Thus saith the Lord, For thre transgressions of Azzáh, and for foure, I wil not turne to it, because they carried away prisoners the whole captiuitie to shut them vp in Edóm.

7 Therefore wil I send a fyre vpon the walles of Azzáh, and it shal deuoure the palaces thereof.

8 And I wil cut of the inhabitant from Ashdód, and him that holdeth the scepter from Ashkelón, and turne mine hand to Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistims shal perish, saith the Lord God.

9 Thus saith the Lord, For thre transgressions of Tyrus, and for foure, I wil not turne to it, because they shut the whole captiuitie in Edóm, and haue not remem-

bered the brotherlie couenant.

10 Therefore wil I send a fyre vpon the walles of Tyrus, and it shal deuoure the palaces thereof.

11 Thus saith the Lord, For thre transgressions of Edóm, and for foure I wil not turne to it, because he did pursue his brother with the sworde, and did cast of all pitie, and his anger spoiled him euermore, and his wrath warched him alway.

12 Therefore wil I send a fyre vpon Témán, and it shal deuoure the palaces of Bozráh.

13 Thus saith the Lord, For thre transgressions of the children of Ammón, and for foure, I wil not turne to it, because they haue ript vp the women with childe of Gileád, & they might enlarge their border.

14 Therefore wil I kindle a fyre in the wall of Rabbáh, and it shal deuoure the palaces thereof, with shouting in the daie of battel, & with a tempest in the day of the whitewinde.

15 And their King shal go into captiuitie, he and his princes together, saith the Lord.

CHAP. II.

Against Moáb, Iudáh, and Irael.

1 Thus saith the Lord, For thre transgressions of Moáb, and for foure, I wil not turne to it, because it burnt the bones of the King of Edóm into lime.

2 Therefore wil I send a fyre vpon Moáb, and it shal deuoure the palaces of Kerioth, & Moáb shal dye with tumult, with shouting, & with the founde of a trumpeter.

3 And I wil cut of the Iudge out of the middes thereof, & wil slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the Lord.

4 Thus saith the Lord, For thre transgressions of Iudáh, & for foure, I wil not turne to it, because they haue cast away the Law of the Lord, & haue not kept his commandments, & their lies caused them to erre after the which their fathers haue walked.

5 Therefore wil I send a fyre vpon Iudáh, & it shal deuoure the palaces of Ierusalém.

6 Thus saith the Lord, For thre transgressions of Irael, & for foure, I wil not turne to it, because they solde the righteous for

k For Esau (of whom came the Edomites) and Iaakóbb were brethren: therefore they ought to haue admonished them of their brotherlie friendship, & not to haue prouoked them to hatred.

l He was a continual enemy vnto him.

m He noteth the great crueltie of the Ammonites that spared not the women, but muste tyrannously tormēted them, and yet the Ammonites came of Lot who was of the household of Abraham.

a For the Moabites were so cruel against the King of Edóm that they burnt his bones after that he was dead. He declared their barbarous rage, seeing they wolde reuenge them selues of the dead.

b Seeing the Gentiles that had not so farre knowledge were thus punished, Iudáh which was so fully instructed of the Lordes wil, might not thinke to escape.

c If he spare not Iudáh vnto whom his promises were made, much more he wil not spare this degenerate kingdome.

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e Whē thei ha-
ue ſpoiled him
& thruō ē him
to ſ grounde,
they gape for
his life
f Thanking by
theſe ceremo-
nies, that is, by
ſacrificing, and
being nere mi-
ne altar, they
may excuſe
all their other
wickednes
g They ſpoile
le others and
offer thereof
vnto God, thin-
king that he
wil diſpenſe
with them,
when he is
made partaker
of their iniqui-
tie
h The deſtru-
cion of their
carnis & his
mercie toward
them ſhulde
haue cauſed
their hearres
to melt for
loue toward
him
i Ye contem-
ned my benefi-
tes & abuſed
my graces &
craftily went
about to ſtop
ſ monthes of
my Propheſes.
k You haue
wearyed me
with your ſu-
nes, ſa I 14.
l None ſhalbe
deliuered by
any meanes
Chap II
a I haue onely
choſen you to
be mine amōg
all other peo-
ple, & yet you
haue ſortaken
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b Hereby the
Prophet ſign-
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keth not of
him ſelfe, but
as God gui-
deſh and mo-
ueth him, & is
called ſ agree-
ment betwene
God and his
Propheſes
c Wil God
threaten by
his Prophe-
ſes, except the-
re be ſome
great occaſion?
d Can any
thing come
without Gods
providence?
e ſhal his
threatnings be
in vayne?
f ſhal the Pro-
phets threatē
Gods iudge-
ments and the
people not be
afrayed?
g Doeth a-
ny aduerſarie
come without
Gods appoint-
ment? ſa I 45
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ſiluer and the poore for ^d ſhoes.
7 Thei gape ouer the head of the poore, in
the ^e duſt of the earth, and peruerſe ^f waies
of the meke: and a man and his father will
go in to a maid to diſhonour mine holie
Name.
8 And thei lie downe vpon clothes laid to
pledge ^f by euerie altar: and thei ^g drinke
the wine of the condemned in the Houſe
of their God.
9 Yet deſtroied I the ^h Amorite before thē,
whoſe height was like the height of the
cedres, and he was ſtrong as the okes: not-
withſtanding I deſtroied his frute from
about, and his roote from beneath.
10 Alſo I broght you vp frō the land of E-
gypt, and led you fourtie yeeres thorow the
wildernes, to poſſeſſe the land of the A-
morite.
11 And I raiſed vp of your ſonnes for Pro-
phetes, and ⁱ of your yong men for Na-
zarites Is it not euen thus, ^j ye childre of
Iſraēl, ſaith the Lord?
12 But ye gaue the Nazarites wine to drin-
ke, and commāded the Propheſes, ſaying,
Prophecie not.
13 Beholde, I ^k am preſſed vnder you as a
cart is preſſed that is ful of ſheaves.
14 Therefore the flight ſhal periſh frō the
^l ſwift, and the ſtrong ſhal not ſtrengthen
his force, nether ſhal the mightie ſaue his
life.
15 Nor he that handleth the bowe, ſhal
ſtand, and he that is ſwift of foote, ſhal not
eſcape, nether ſhal he that rideth the hor-
ſe, ſaue his life.
16 And he that is of mightie courage amōg
the ſtrōg men, ſhal flee away naked in that
day, ſaith the Lord.

CHAP. III.

*He reproseth the houſe of Iſraēl of ingratitude 11 For
the which God wil puniſh them.*

HEARE ^a theſe wordes that the Lord pro-
nounceth againſt you, ^b ye childre of
Iſraēl, ^c enē againſt the whole familie which
I broght vp frō the land of Egypt, ſaying,
2 You ^d onely haue I knowen of all the fa-
milies of the earth: therefore I wil viſite
you for all your iniquities.
3 Can two walke together except thei be
^e agreed?
4 Wil a ^f lion roare in the foreſt, when he
hathe no pray? or wil a lions whelpe crye
out of his denne, if he haue taken nothing?
5 ^g Can a birde fall in a ſnare vpon ^h earth,
where no ſouler is? or wil he take vp the
ⁱ ſnare from the earth, and haue taken no-
thing at all?
6 Or ^j ſhal a trumpet be blowen in the ci-
tie, and the people be not afraied? or ſhal
there ^k be euil in a citie, and the Lord ha-
the not done it?
7 Surely the Lord God wil do nothing,

but he ^{reueileth} his ſecret vnto his ſeruāts
the Propheſes.
8 The lion hathe roared: who wil not be
afrayed? the Lord God hathe ſpoken: who
can but ^l prophecie?
9 Proclame in the palaces at ^m Aſhdōd, & in
the palaces in the land of Egypt, and ſay,
Aſſemble your ſelues vp ⁿ the mountaines
of Samaria: ſo beholde the great tumultes
in the middes thereof, and the oppreſſed in
the middes thereof.
10 For thei knowe not to do right, ſaith the
Lord: thei ^o ſtore vp violence, and robbery
^p in their palaces.
11 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, An
aduerſarie ^q ſhal come euen rounde about the
countrie, and ſhal bring downe thy ſtrēgth
from thee, and thy palaces ſhalbe ſpoiled.
12 Thus ſaith the Lord, As the ſhepherd ta-
keth ^r out of the mouth of the lion two
legges, or a piece of an eare: ſo ſhal the
childre of Iſraēl be taken out that dwell
in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in
^s Damafcus, *as in a couche.*
13 Heare, and teſtifie in the houſe of Iaa-
kōb, ſaith the Lord God, the God of ho-
ſtes.
14 Surely in the day that I ſhal viſite the
transgreſſions of Iſraēl vpon him, I wil
alſo viſite the altars of Beth-él, & the hor-
nes of the altar ſhal be broken of, and fall
to the grounde.
15 And I wil ſmite the winter houſe with
the ſommer houſe, and the houſes of yuo-
rie ſhal periſh, and the great houſes ſhal be
conſumed, ſaith the Lord

CHAP. IIII.

Against the gouernours of Samaria.

HEARE ^a theſe wordes, ye ^b kinge of Baſhān
that are in the mountaine ^c of Samaria:
which oppreſſe the poore, ^d and diſtroy the
necie, & thei ſay to their matters, ^e Bring,
and let vs drinke.
2 The Lord God hathe ſworne by his ho-
lines, that lo, the daies ſhal come vpō you,
that he wil take you away with ^f thornes, &
your poſteritie with fiſh hokes.
3 And ye ſhal go out at the breaches euerie
^g *to we* forward: and ye ſhal caſt your ſelues
out of the palace, ſaith the Lord.
4 Come to ^h Beth-él, and tranſgreſſe: to Gil-
gāl, and multiplie tranſgreſſion, & bring
your ſacrifices in the morning, & your ti-
thes after thre ⁱ yeres.
5 And after a ^j thākes giuing ^k of leauē, pub-
liſh and proclame the fre offerings: for
thiſs liketh you, ^l ye childre of Iſraēl,
ſaith the Lord God.
6 Therefore haue I giuen you ^m elennes
of teeth in all your cities, and ſcarcenes of

^h God dealeth
not with the
Iſraelites as
he dooth with
other peoples
for he ſee: war-
neth them be-
fore of his
plagues by
his Propheſes
ⁱ Because the
people euer
murmured a-
gainſt the Pro-
phetes, he
ſheweth that
Gods Spirit
moued the ſo
to ſpeake as
thei did
^k He calleth
the ſtrangers,
as the Philis-
tines & Egly-
ptians to wit-
neſſes of Gods
iudgements a-
gainſt the Iſ-
raelites for
their crueltie
& oppreſſion
^l The frute of
their crueltie
and thei ap-
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their great ri-
ches which
they haue in
their houſes
^m When the
lion hathe ſa-
cificed his hun-
gre, the ſhepherd
ſhudgeth legges
or a tip of an
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ⁿ Where they
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holde, and to
haue bene in
ſaſetie.

denociō and good intencion had bene ſufficient to haue bounde God vnto the.
e Read Deut 14, 28 f As Leu 7, 13 g You onely deſire in theſe outwarde
ceremonies & haue none other reſpect. h That is, lacke of bread and meat

bread in all your places, yet haue ye not returned vnto me, saith the Lord.

7 And also I haue withholden the raine fro you, when there were yet thre moneths to the haruest, and I caused it to raine vpon one citie, and haue not caused it to raine vpon another citie: one piece was rained vpon, and the piece whereupon it rained not, withered.

8 So two or thre cities wandered vnto one citie to drinke water, but they were not satisfied: yet haue ye not returned vnto me, saith the Lord.

9 I haue smitten you with blasting, & mildewe: your great gardens & your vineyardes, & your fig trees, and your oliue trees did the palmer worme deuoure: yet haue ye not returned vnto me, saith the Lord.

10 Perillence haue I sent among you, after the maner of Egypt: your yong men haue I slayne with the sworde, and haue taken away your horses: and I haue made the stinke of your tents to come vp euen into your nostrils: yet haue ye not returned vnto me, saith the Lord.

11 I haue ouerthrowen you, as God ouerthrowe Sodóm and Gomoráh: & ye were as a fyre brande pluckt out of the burnig: yet haue ye not returned vnto me, saith the Lord.

12 Therefore, thus wil I do vnto thee, ó Israél: and because I wil do this vnto thee, prepare to meete thy God, ó Israél.

13 For lo, he that formerth the mountaines, & createth the winde, and declaieth vnto má what is his thought: which maketh the morning darknes, and walketh vpon the hie pieces of the earth, the Lord God of hostes is his Name.

CHAP. V.

A lamentacion for the captiuitie of Israél.

1 **H**EARE ye this worde, which I lift vp vpon you, euen a lamentacion of the house of Israél.

2 The virgine Israél is fallen, and shal no more rise: she is left vpon her land, & there is none to raise her vp.

3 For thus saith the Lord God, The citie which went out by a thousand, shal leaue an hundredth: and that which went forth by an hundredth, shal leaue ten to the house of Israél.

4 For thus saith the Lord vnto the house of Israél, Seke ye me, and ye shal liue.

5 But seke not Beth-él, nor enter into Gilgál, and go not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgál shal go into captiuitie, and Beth-él shal come to naught.

6 Seke the Lord, and ye shal liue, lest he breake out like fyre in the house of Ioséph and deuoure it, & there be none to quenche it in Beth-él.

7 They turne iudgemēt to wormewood,

and leaue of righteousnes in the earth.

8 He maketh Pleiades, and Orion, and he turneth the shadowe of death into the morning, and he maketh the day darcke as night: he calleth the waters of the sea, and powreth them out vpon the open earth: the Lord is his Name.

9 He strengtheneth the destroyer against the mightie: and the destroyer shal come against the fortresse.

10 They haue hated him, that rebuked in the gate: and they abhorre him that speaketh vprightly.

11 For asmuch then as your treading is vpon the poore, and ye take from him burdens of wheat, ye haue buylt houses of hewen stone, but ye shal not dwell in them: ye haue planted pleasant vineyardes, but ye shal not drinke wine of them.

12 For I knowe your manifolde transgressions, and your mightie sinnes: they afflict the iust, they take rewardes, & they oppresse the poore in the gate.

13 Therefore the prudent shal kepe silence in that time, for it is an euil time.

14 Seke good and not euil, that ye may liue: and the Lord God of hostes shalbe with you, as you haue spoken.

15 Hate the euil, and loue the good, and establish iudgement in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hostes wil be merciful vnto the remnant of Ioséph.

16 Therefore the Lord God of hostes, the Lord saith thus, Mournig shalbe in all stretes: and they shal say in all the hie waies, Alas, alas: and they shal call the housbádmán to lamentacion, & suche as can mourne, to mourning.

17 And in all the vines shalbe lamentacion: for I wil passe through thee, saith the Lord.

18 Wo vnto you, that desire the day of the Lord: what haue you to do with it? the day of the Lord is darkenes and not light.

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

20 Shal not the day of the Lord be darkenes, and not light? euen darkenes and no light in it?

21 I hate & abhorre your feast daies, and I wil not smel in your solemne assemblies.

22 Thogh ye offer me burnt offings and meat offings, I wil not accept them: neither wil I regaude the peace offering of your fat beasts.

23 Take thou away from me the multitude of thy songs (for I wil not heare the melodie of thy viols)

24 And let iudgemēt runne downe as waters, and righteousnes as a mightie riuer.

25 Haue ye offered vnto me sacrifices & of-

i I rained the raine til the fruites of the earth were destroyed with drought & yet you wolde not consider it to returne to me by repentance

k They wolde not finde water ynough where they had heard say it had rained.

l As I plagued the Egyptians, Exod 9, 10

m You were almost all consumed, and a few of you wonderfully preserved, 2 King 14, 26

n I came to him by repentance

a He so calleth them because they so boasted of the felices, or because they were giuen to wantonnes & deuities

b Meaning, y the tenth parte shulde scarsely be saved

c In these places they worshipped new idoles, which afore time served for y true honour of God: therefore he saith y these shal not sue them.

d In stead of iudgement & equitie they execute crueltie & oppression.

e He deserveth y power of God, Job. 9, 9.

f They hate y Prophetes, & reprove them in the open assemblies.

g Ye take both his money & also his fode where with he shulde liue

h God wil so plague them, that they shal not suffer the godlie once to open their mouthes to admonish them of their fautes

i So that all degrees shal haue matter of lamentacion for the great plagues.

k Thus he speaketh because the wicked & hypocrites said they were content to abide Gods iudgements, where as the godlie tremble & feare, Iere. 30, 7 1061 2, 110 zeph 1, 15.

l Because ye haue corrupt my true seruice & remaine obdurate in your ices, I sa 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

None lamenteth Ioséph.

Amós. The priests practise.

frings in the wildernes fortie yeres, o house of Israël?

n That idole which you esteemed as your King, & carryed about, as you did Chiuu, in the which images you thought y^e there was a certeine diuinitie

26 But you haue borne Siccúth your King and Chiun your images, and the starre of your gods, which ye made to your felues. 27 Therefore wil I cause you to go into captiuitie beyonde Damascus, saith the Lord, whose Name is the God of hostes.

CHAP. VI.

Against the princes of Israël living in pleasures.

W O to them that are at ease in Zion and trust in the mountaine of Samaria, which were famous at the beginning of the nations: and the house of Israël came to them.

Go you vnto Calneh, & se: & from thence go you to Hamáth the great: the go downe to Gath of the Philistims: be thei better then these king domes? or the border of their land greater then your border,

Ye that put farre away the euil day, and approche to the seat of iniquitie?

Thei lie vpō beddes of yuorie, & stretch them felues vpon their beddes, and eat the lambes of the stocke, and the calves out of the stall.

They sing to the sounde of the viole: thei inuent to them felues instruments of musick like Dauid.

They drinke wine in bowls, and anoint them felues with the chief ointments, but no man is sory for the affliction of Ioséph.

Therefore now shal thei go captiue with the first that go captiue, and the sorowe of them that sterched them felues, is at hád.

The Lord God hathe sworne by him self, saith the Lord God of hostes, I abhorre: the excellencie of Iakób, and hate his palaces: therefore wil I deliucr vp the citie with all that is therein.

And if there remaine ten men in one house, thei shal dye.

And his vnckle shal take him vp & burne him to cary out the bones out of the house, and shal say vnto him, that is by y^e sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? And he shal say, None. Then shal he say, Holde thy tongue: for we may not remembre the Name of the Lord.

For beholde, the Lord commandeth, and he wil smite y^e great house with breaches, and the litle houses with clefts.

Shal holde runne vpon the rocke? or

Chap. VI. The Prophet threateth the wealthy, & regarded not Gods plagues nor menaces by his Prophets.

These two cities were famous by their first inhabitants the Canaanites: seeing before time they did nothing auaille them that were there borne, why shulde you loke y^e thei shulde saue you, which were brought in to dwell in other mens possessions?

If God haue destroyed these excellent cities in thre diuers kingdomes, as in Babylon, Syria, & of the Philistims, & hath broght their wide borders into a greater straitnes, thei yours yet are, thinke you to be better or to scape?

Ye that continue still in your wickednes & thinke, that Gods plagues are not at hand, but give your felues to all iniquities, warrenes and riot.

As he caused diuers kindes of instruments to be made to serue Gods glorie, these did need to inuene as manie sense their affliction and lū-

pitied their bre-

How manie sayne and carryed away captiue: thei shal departe. That is, the riches and pompe none shal almost be left to burie the dead: and therefore they shal carye them at home, to carye out the burnt almes with more ease. That is, to some neighbour, that dwelleth rounde about. They shal be so astonished at this destruction, that they shal boast no more of the Name of God, and that they are his people: but they shal be quicke when they heare Gods Name, and shal say, As they that are desperate or reprobate, they will carye them to bare rockes, whereupō it is in vaine to bestowe labour: shewing that Gods benefites can come to place among them.

wil one plowe there with oxen: for ye haue turned iudgement into gall, and the frute of righteousness into wormewood.

Yereioyce in a thing of nocht: ye say, Haue not we gottē vs? hoines by our owne strength?

But beholde, I wil raise vp against you a nacion, o house of Israël, saith the Lord God of hostes: and thei shal afflict you, fiō the entring in of Hamáth vnto the riuer of the wildernes.

CHAP. VII.

God sheweth certeine visions, whereby he signifieth the destruction of the people of Israël. In the false accusation of Amasiah 12 His crafty counsel

Thus hathe y^e Lord God shewed vnto me, and beholde, he formed a greshoppers in the beginning of the shutting vp of the latter groeth: and lo, it was in the latter groeth after the Kings mowing.

And whē they had made an end of eating the grasse of the land, then I said, O Lord God, spare, I beseeche thee: who shal raise vp Iakób? for he is smale.

So the Lord repented for this. It shal not be, saith the Lord.

¶ Thus also hathe the Lord God shewed vnto me, and beholde, the Lord God called to iudgement by fyre, and it deuoured the great depe, and did eat vp a parte.

Then said I, O Lord God, cease, I beseeche thee: who shal raise vp Iakób? for he is smale.

So the Lord repented for this. This also shal not be, saith the Lord God.

¶ Thus againe he shewed me, and beholde, the Lord stode vpon a wall made by line with a line in his hand.

And the Lord said vnto me, Amós, what seeest thou? And I said, A line. Then said the Lord, Beholde, I wil set a line in the middes of my people Israël, and wil passe by them no more.

And the hie places of Ishák shalbe desolate, and the temples of Israël shalbe destroyed: and I wil rise against the house of Ieroboám with the sworde.

¶ Then Amaziáh the Priest of Beth-él sent to Ieroboám King of Israël, saying, Amós hathe conspired against thee in the middes of the house of Israël: the land is not able to beare all his wordes.

For thus Amós saith, Ieroboám shal dye by the sworde, and Israël shalbe led away captiue out of their owne land.

Also Amaziáh said vnto Amós, O thou the Seer, go, flee thou away into the land of Iudáh, and there eat thy bread and prophecie there.

But prophecie no more at Beth-él: for it is the Kings chappel, and it is the Kings court.

14 Then

o Read Chap. 57

p That is, power & glorie.

q From one corner of the cuntry to another.

a To deuoure the land: and he alludeth to the inuading of the enemies.

b After the publicke commandment for mowing was giuen: or as some read, when y^e Kings shepe were thorne.

c That is, raised this plague at my prayer.

d Meaning Gods indignation was inflamed against y^e stubbornnes of this people.

e Signifying y^e this shulde be the last measuring of the people, and y^e he wolde deferre his iudgement no longer.

f That is, whē Amós had prophesied that y^e King shulde be destroyed: for this wicked Priest more for hatred he bare to the Prophet then for loue toward the King, thought this accusation sufficient to condemn him, whereas none other coulde take place.

g When this instrument of Satan was not able to copasse his purpose by

the King, he assayed by another practise: that was, to feare the Prophet, that he might departe, and not reprove their idolatrie there openly, and so hinder his profite.

h Thus he sheweth by his extraordinarie vocation, y God had giue him a charge which he must needs execute.

14 Then answered Amós, and said to Amaziah, I was no Prophet, nether was I a Prophetes sonne, but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of wilde figges.

15 And the Lord toke me as I followed the flocke, and the Lord said vnto me, Go, prophetic vnto my people Israél.

16 Now therefore heare thou the worde of the Lord. Thou saist, Prophecic not against Israél, and speake nothing against the house of Ishak.

17 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Thy wife shal be an harlot in the citie, and thy sonnes and thy daughters shal fall by the sworde, and thy land shal be deuided by line: and thou shalt dye in a polluted land, and Israél shal surely go into captiuitie forthe of his land.

i Thus God vsed to approve the autoritie of his Prophetes by his plagues & iudgements against them, w were malicious enemies. Jer 28 12 & 29, 21 & 25 as this day he doeth against them y persecute the ministers of his Gospel

CHAP. VIII.

Against the rulers of Israél & The Lord sweareth. The famins of the worde of God.

1 Thus hathe the Lord God shewed vnto me, & beholde, a basket of somer frute.

2 And he said, Amós, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of somer frute. Then said the Lord vnto me, The end is come vpon my people of Israél, I wil passe by them no more.

3 And the songs of the Temple shal be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: many dead bodies shalbe in euerie place: thei shal cast them forthe with silence.

4 Heare this, o ye that swallow vp the poore, that ye may make the nedie of the land to faile,

5 Saying, When wil the new moneth be gone, that we may sell corne? & the Sabbath, that we may set forthe wheat, & make the Epháh smale, and the shekel great, and falsifie the weights by deceit?

6 That we may bye the poore for siluer, and the nedie for shoes: yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat.

7 The Lord hathe sworne by the excellencie of Iaakób, Surely I wil neuer forget any of their workes.

8 Shal not the land tremble for this, and euerie one mourne, that dwelleth therein? and it shal rise vp wholly as a flood, and it shalbe cast out, & drowned as by y flood of Egypt.

9 And in that day, saith the Lord God, I wil euen cause the sunne to go downe at noone: and I wil darken the earth in the cleare day.

10 And I wil turne your feastes into mourning, and all your songs into lamentacion: and I wil bring sackcloth vpon all loines, and baldnes vpon euerie head: and I wil make it as the mourning of an onelie sonne, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

a Which figured the ripenes of their finnes and the readines of Gods iudgements

b There shalbe none leit to mourne for them

c By staying the sale of sode and necesserie things w you haue gotten into your owne hands, & so cause the poore to spend quickly that litle that they haue, and at length for necessity to become your slaues.

d When the death was on ce come, they were so greedy of gaine, that they thought y holy day to be an hinderance vnto them e That is, the measure smale & the price great

f That is, the inhabitants of the land shal be drowned, as Nilus drowneth many when it ouerfloweth g In the middes of their prosperitie I wil send great affliction.

11 Beholde, the daies come, saith the Lord God, that I wil send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the worde of the Lord.

12 And they shal wander from sea to sea, and from the North euen vnto the East shal thei runne to & fro to seke the worde of the Lord, and shal not finde it.

13 In that day shal the fayre virgines and the yong men perissh for thirst.

14 They that sweare by the sinne of Samaria, and that say, Thy God, o Dan, liueth, & the maner of Beer-sheba liueth, euen thei shal fall, and neuer rise vp againe.

their sinne, as the papistes yet do by theirs k That is, the of worshiping and the seruice or religion there vsed.

h Whereby he sheweth y they shal not onely perissh in bodie, but also in soule for lacke of Gods worde, w is y sode thereof i For the idolaters did vse to sweare by their idoles: which here he calleth the comane maner

CHAP. IX.

Threatnings against the Tēple. And against Israél. The restoring of the Church

1 I sawe the Lord standing vpon the altar, and he said, Smitte the lintel of the dore, that the postes may shake: and curthe in piēces, euen the heads of them all, & I wil slay the last of the with the sworde: he y fleeth of them, shal not flee away: & he that escapeth of them, shal not be deliuered.

2 Thogh thei digge into the hel, thence shal mine hand take the: thogh thei clime vp to heauen, thence wil I bring them downe.

3 And thogh thei hide them selues in the toppes of Carmel, I wil searche and take them out thence: and thogh thei be hid from my sight in the bottome of the sea, thence wil I commande the serpent, and he shal byte them.

4 And thogh thei go into captiuitie before their enemies, thence wil I commande the sworde, and it shal slaye them: and I wil set mine eyes vpon them for euil, and not for good.

5 And the Lord God of hostes shal touche the land, and it shal melt away, and all that dwell therein, shal mourne, and it shal rise vp wholly like a flood, and shalbe drowned as by the flood of Egypt.

6 He buyldeth his sphares in the heauen, and hathe laid the fundacion of his globe of elements in the earth: he calleth the waters of the sea, & powieth them out vpon the open earth: the Lord is his Name.

7 Are ye not as the Ethiopians vnto me, o children of Israél, saith the Lord? haue not I broght vp Israél out of the lād of Egypt: and the Philistims from Caphtór, and Arám from Kir?

8 Beholde, the eyes of the Lord God are vpon the sinful kingdome, and I wil destroy it cleane out of the earth. Neuertheless I wil not vterly destroy the house of Iaakób, saith the Lord.

a Which was at Ierusalem: for he appeared not in the idolatrous places of Israél b Bothe the chief of them & also the comune people.

c He sheweth that God wil declare him selfe enemy vnto them in all places, and that his elements and all creatures shalbe enemies to destroy them

d He declareth by y wonderful power of God, by the making of the heauens and elements that it is not possible for man to escape his iudgements when he punisheth.

e Am I more beside to you than the Ethiopians, or blackmores? yet I bestowed vpon you greater benefites

f Read Ierem. 47:4

g Thogh he destroye the rebellions multitude, yet he wil euer reserue the remnant his Church to call vpon his Name.

9 For lo, I wil commande and I wil fiste the house of Iſraél among all nacions, like as corne is ſifted in a ſiue: yet ſhal not y^h leaſt ſtone fall vpon the earth.

10 But all the ſinners of my people ſhal dye by y^h ſworde, which ſay, The euil ſhal not come, nor haſten for vs.

11 In that day wil I riſe vp the tabernacle of Dauid, that is fallen downe, and cloſe vp the breaches thereof, and I wil riſe vp his ruines, and I wil buyld it, as in the daies of olde,

12 That they may poſſeſſe the remnant of Edóm, and of all the heathé, becauſe my Name is called vpon them, ſaith y^h Lord, that doeth this.

13 Beholde, the daies come, ſaith the Lord, that the plowman ſhal touche the mower, & the treader of grapes him that ſoweth ſede: and the mountaines ſhal droppe ſwete wine, and all the hilles ſhal melt.

14 And I wil bring againe the captiuitie of my people of Iſraél: and they ſhal buyld the waſte cities, and inhabit them, and they ſhal plant vineyardes, and drinke the wine thereof: they ſhal alſo make gardés, & eat the frutes of them.

15 And I wil plant them vpon their land, and they ſhal no more be pulled vp againe out of their land, which I haue giuen them, ſaith the Lord thy God.

1 Signifying that there ſhall be great plenty of all things ſo that when one kinde of frute is ripe, another ſhall followe & euerie one in courſe. Leu 26 5

m Read Iocł, 3:18 n The accompliſhment hereof is vnder Chriſt, when they are planted in his Church, out of y^h which they can neuer be pulled, after they are once graſted therein

h Meaning, y none of his ſhulde periſh in his wrath.

i I wil ſend y^h Meſſiáh promiſed and reſtore by him the ſpiritual Iſraél, Act 15, 16.

k Meaning y the very enemies, as were the Edomites & others, ſhulde be ioyned wth the Iewes in one ſocietie and body, whereof Chriſt ſhulde be the head.

O B A D I A H.

THE ARGUMENT.

The Idumeans, which came of Eſáu, were mortal enemies alway to the Iſraelites, which came of Iakób, & therefore did not onely vexe them continually with ſondry kindes of crueltie, but alſo ſtirred vp others to fight againſt them. Therefore when they were now in their greateſt proſperitie, and did moſte triumphe againſt Iſraél, which was in great affliction and miſerie, God raiſed vp his Prophet to comfort the Iſraelites, for aſmuch as God had now determined to deſtroy their aduerſaries, which did ſo ſore vexe them, and to ſend them ſuche as ſhulde deliuer them, and ſet vp the kingdome of Meſſiáh, which he had promiſed.



The viſion of Obadiáh.

Thus ſaith y^h Lord God againſt Edóm, We haue heard a rumor ſiô the Lord, and an ambafadour is ſent amôg the heathen: ariſe, and let vs riſe vp againſt her to battel.

Beholde, I haue made thee ſmale among the heathen: thou art vtterly deſpised.

The pride of thine heart hath deceiued thee: thou that dwelleſt in the cleftes of the rockes, whoſe habitacion is hie, that faith in his heart, Who ſhal bring me downe to the grounde?

Yea though thou exalt thy ſelf as the eagle, & make thy neſt among the ſtarres, thence wil I bring thee downe, ſaith the Lord.

Came theeues to thee or robbers by night? how waſt thou brought to ſilence? wolde they not haue ſtollen, til they had ynough? if the grapegatherers came to thee, wolde they not leaue ſome grapes?

How are the things of Eſáu ſoght vp, & his treaſures ſearched?

All the men of thy confederacie haue driuen thee to the borders: the men that were at peace with thee, haue deceiued thee, and preuailed againſt thee: they that eat

thy bread, haue laid a woude vnder thee: there is none vnderſtanding in him.

Shal not I in that day, ſaith the Lord, eue deſtroy the wiſe men out of Edóm, and vnderſtanding from the mount of Eſáu.

And thy ſtrong men, ô Temán, ſhal be afrated, becauſe euerie one of the mount of Eſáu ſhal be cut of by ſlaughter.

For thy crueltie againſt thy brother Iakób, ſhame ſhal couer thee, and thou ſhalt be cut of for euer.

When thou ſtoodeſt on the other ſide, in the day y^h the ſtrangers caryed away his ſubſtance, and ſtrangers entred into his gates, and caſt lottes vpon Ieruſalém, euen thou waſt as one of them.

But thou ſhuldeſt not haue beholden the day of thy brother, in the day that he was made a ſtranger, nether ſhuldeſt thou haue reioyced ouer the children of Iudáh, in the day of their deſtruction: thou ſhuldeſt not haue spoké proudly in the day of affliction.

Thou ſhuldeſt not haue entred into the gate of my people in the day of their deſtruction, nether ſhuldeſt thou haue looked on their affliction in the day of their deſtruction, nor haue laid hands on their ſubſtance in the day of their deſtruction.

Nether ſhuldeſt thou haue ſtand in the croſſe waies to cut of them, that ſhulde eſcape, nether ſhuldeſt thou haue ſhut vp

f That is, thy familiar friends and gheſtes haue by ſecret practiſes deſtroyed thee.

g He ſheweth the cauſe why the Edomites were ſo ſharply puniſhed: to wit, becauſe they were enemies to his Church, whoſe now he comforteth by puniſhing their enemies

h Whé Nebuchad-nezzár came againſt Ieruſalém, y^h ioyned it with him & had it part of y^h ſpoile, & ſo did it reioyce when my people, y^h 15, thy brother were afflicted, where as thou ſhuldeſt haue pitied & holpé thy brother.

i When the Lord deprived them of their former dignitie and gaue them to be carryed into captiuitie.

a God hath certainly reueiled to his Prophetes y^h he wil riſe vp the heathé to deſtroy the Edomites, whereof y^h rumour is now publiſhed, Ierem. 49:14

b Thus y^h heathé incourage them ſelues to riſe againſt Edóm.

c Which deſpiſeth all others in reſpect of thyſelf & yet are but an handſul in compariſon of others, and are ſhut vp among the hilles as ſeparate from the reſt of the worlde.

d God wil ſo deſtroy them y^h he wil leaue none, though theeues when they come, take but til they haue ynough, and they that gather grapes, euer leaue ſome behinde them, Ierem. 49:9.

e They in whom thou didſt truſt, for to haue helpe and friendſhip of them ſhal be thine enemies and deſtroy thee.