

**CAN TWO WALK TOGETHER,
UNLESS THEY ARE AGREED?**

AMOS 3:3

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At ease in Zion

Amos 6

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“Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I keep your word”
Psalm 119:67

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“Dear friends, let us shake off the intoxication of compromise. Too many of us are entertained by things we should weep over.” C. S. Lewis

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Amos in 3 steps -

- Amos 1,2 LOOKS AROUND – 8 nations
- Amos 3-6 LOOKS WITHIN – many sins of Israel
- Amos 7-9 LOOKS AHEAD – promises of Jehovah

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Israel - Northern Kingdom Amos

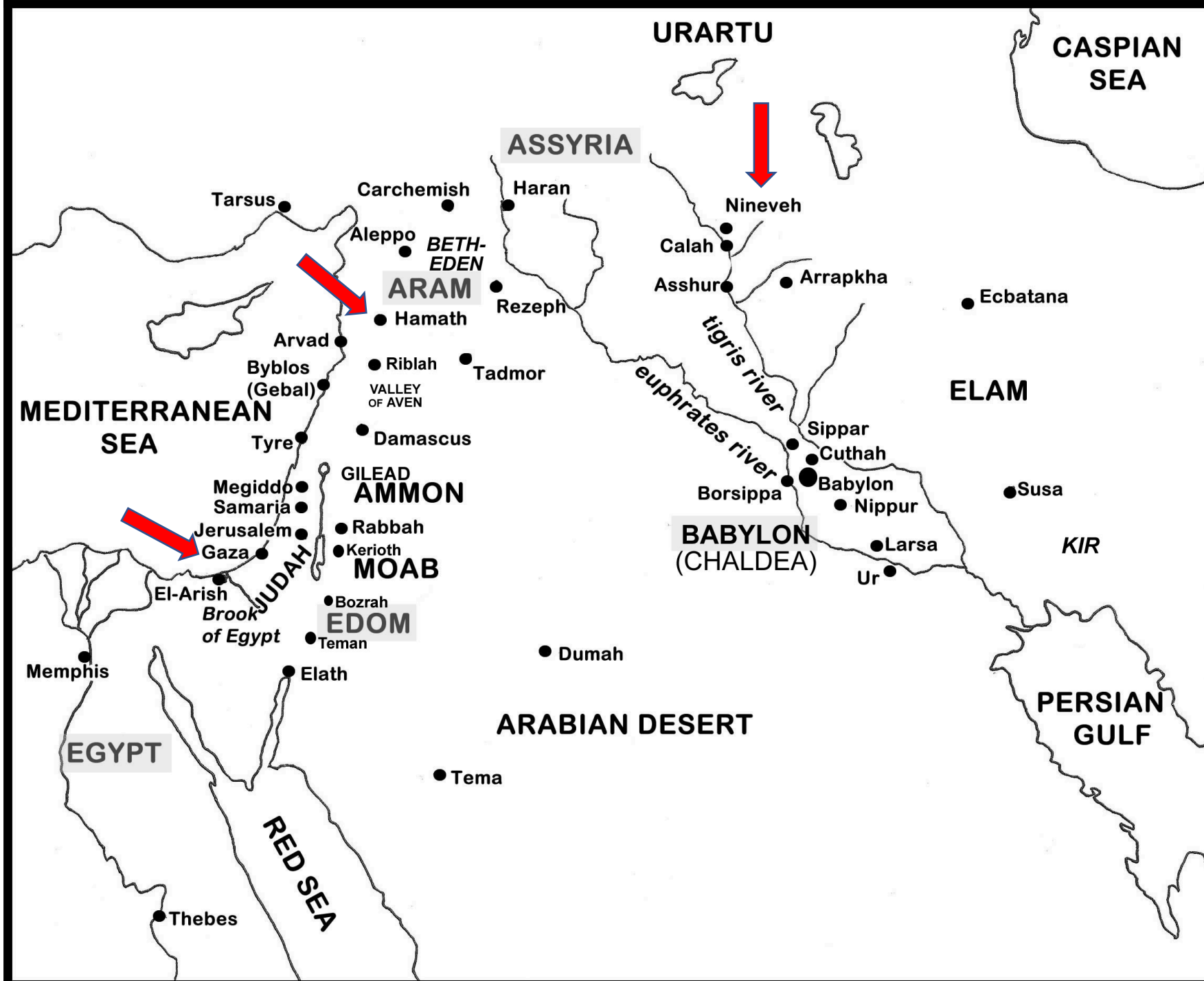


1 Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
And to those who feel secure in the
mountain of Samaria,
The distinguished men of the foremost of
nations,
To whom the house of Israel comes.

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2 Go over to Calneh and look,
And go from there to Hamath the great,
Then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are they better than these kingdoms,
Or is their territory greater than yours?

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3 Do you put off the day of calamity,
And would you bring near the seat of
violence?

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4 Those who recline on beds of ivory
And sprawl on their couches,
And eat lambs from the flock
And calves from the midst of the stall,

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5 Who improvise to the sound of the harp,
And like David have composed songs for
themselves,

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6 Who drink wine from sacrificial bowls
While they anoint themselves with the
finest of oils,
Yet they have not grieved over the ruin
of Joseph.

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7 Therefore, they will now go into exile at
the head of the exiles,
And the sprawlers' banqueting will pass
away.

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Comforted 1-7

- Don't be fooled – 'you are not better than...'
- Don't be comfortable – 'ivory, couches, lambs, calves...'
- Ruin of Joseph
 - Captives
 - Foreign Land
 - Dependent
- Zech 10:6

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*“As it is written in the law of Moses,
all this calamity has come on us; yet
we have not sought the favor of the
Lord our God by turning from our
iniquity and giving attention to Your
truth.” Daniel 9:13*

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8 The Lord GOD has sworn by Himself,
the LORD God of hosts has declared:
“I loathe the arrogance of Jacob,
And detest his citadels;
Therefore I will deliver up the city and all
it contains.”

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Confronted 8

- LORD God – Lord GOD
- “Jacob”
- Citadels of Samaria –
- Assyria – 722BC invaded and captured

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“Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted. Too bad that with many of us He waits so long, so very long, in vain.” A.W. Tozer

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9 And it will be, if ten men are left in one house, they will die.

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10 Then one's uncle, or his undertaker, will lift him up to carry out his bones from the house, and he will say to the one who is in the innermost part of the house, "Is anyone else with you?" And that one will say, "No one." Then he will answer, "Keep quiet. For the name of the LORD is not to be mentioned."

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11 For behold, the LORD is going to
command that the great house be
smashed to pieces and the small house to
fragments.

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12 Do horses run on rocks?
Or does one plow them with oxen?
Yet you have turned justice into poison
And the fruit of righteousness into
wormwood,

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13 You who rejoice in Lodebar,
And say, “Have we not by our own
strength taken Karnaim for ourselves?”

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14 “For behold, I am going to raise up a nation against you, O house of Israel,” declares the LORD God of hosts,
“And they will afflict you from the entrance of Hamath To the brook of the Arabah.”

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Captured 9-14

- Losses from 10 to 1
- 'uncle' – family responsible
- 'undertaker' = one who burns – only cremated with disease
- 'anyone else' – contagion - "I swear..." – DO NOT SWEAR!
- 'smashed' – Assyrians
- Rhetorical Questions – horses, oxen, poison, wormwood
- Lo-debar & Karnaim – nothing & power
- Hamath to Arabah – Assyrians are coming!

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“We need Saints who will not be complacent about complacency!”

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**“And they will afflict
you from the
entrance of Hamath
to the Valley of the
Arabah.” (Amos 6:14)**



*Obvious signs
of complacency.*

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Are we at ease?

- What does God want us to do?
 - Accept the law of the LORD
 - Keep the law of the LORD
 - Teach the law of the LORD

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As you leave – please mask up!

