

The background of the image is a landscape with rolling hills and a body of water. The sky is dark and cloudy, suggesting an approaching storm. The hills are covered in dry, golden-brown grass. The water in the foreground is calm and reflects the light from the sky. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.

# *BEWARE OF FALSE SECURITIES*

AMOS 6



**“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes!**

**AMOS 6:1**

**It is always dangerous when we trust our favorable circumstances more than the Lord who graciously provided them.**



**Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?**

**AMOS 6:2-3**

**God's patience and goodness should lead us to repentance, not deeper presumption.**



**“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!**

**AMOS 6:4-6**

**One of the clearest signs of spiritual decline is not simply that we do wrong, but that wrongdoing no longer troubles us.**



**The Lord GOD has sworn by himself, declares the LORD, the God of hosts: “I abhor the pride of Jacob and hate his strongholds, and I will deliver up the city and all that is in it.”**

**AMOS 6:8**

**Anything we trust, love, or fear more than God is functioning as an idol—even when that thing is otherwise useful, respectable or good.**



**And if ten men remain in one house, they shall die. And when one's relative, the one who anoints him for burial, shall take him up to bring the bones out of the house, and shall say to him who is in the innermost parts of the house, "Is there still anyone with you?" he shall say, "No"; and he shall say, "Silence! We must not mention the name of the LORD." For behold, the LORD commands, and the great house shall be struck down into fragments, and the little house into bits.**

**AMOS 6:9-11**

**A blessing becomes a false security whenever we begin trusting the gift instead of its Giver.**



**Do horses run on rocks? Does one plow there with oxen? But you have turned justice into poison and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood—you who rejoice in Lo-debar, who say, “Have we not by our own strength captured Karnaim for ourselves?”**

**AMOS 6:12-13**



**For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”**

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13**



**We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13**







**Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.**

**PSALM 20:7**