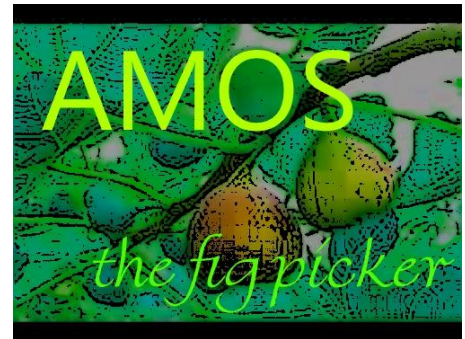


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¹ **Woe to them at ease in Zion** / Jerusalem, the City of David, where the flock of God gather; a place nearly mythical to their minds; sort of like America, today.

ZION, where is it? What is it? It is first mentioned when King David originally took the Jebusite stronghold at the junction of the Tyropoean and Kidron valleys, and it was renamed: the city of David. Through centuries of use, the precise definition of ZION and its location has been obscured. Much like the epic name America, land of the free, home of the brave; more so ZION is the poetic designation of the prophetic New Jerusalem. ZION appears 153 times in the OT, never in the NT.



Woe to them at ease in Zion / curse, how terrible it will be... to the careless, incautious, terribly incorrect thinking people; so this curse is to the **House of Judah**,

and to those who trust in the mountain of Samaria, who are named chief of the nations to whom the house of Israel came! / the political center of the 10 northern tribes. So this curse is also directed to Joseph's two half-Egyptian sons: **Ephraim** and his brother **Manasseh**; apparently their help comes from the high places on earth; they look no higher, certainly not to trust the One who made heaven and earth; so is this a curse on those 2500 years ago? Or their progeny in the 21st century? Or both? The distinguished, highly educated in math and science, direct descendants to and inheritors of the blessings God promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,

² **Go to Calneh, and see; from there go to the great Hamath** / 2 cities on the northern border: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: **are you any better than these kingdoms?**

was their border greater than your border? / check out the towns; they thought they were invincible.

³ **Do you put off the evil day** / they thought they could dismiss the day of reckoning; a day of calamity,

and cause the seat of hamas to come near / of violence to approach, Jesus said, as in the days of Noah -- twice we read, **the world was filled with hamas**, so will it be when the Son of Man returns... so those days were like the days we see in the national and international NEWS today;

⁴ **Those who recline upon beds of inlaid ivory, and sprawl out upon their couches, who lunch on the lambs from the flock, and the calves from among the stall;**

⁵ **who chant to the sound of the viol, and like David, compose their songs** / yeah right! overly inflated egos, those who think they are a star, though they are terribly out of tune, and need to go, sit down; and shut up;

⁶ **who drink wine in bowls** / that is EXTRA large; larger than 16 or 32-ounce, **and anoint themselves with the chief ointments** / the finest colognes and fragrances: **but they are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph** / not in the slightest saddened; their faithless disregard of God and His word; their presumptuous boast about their genius... are really all that matters. Eat, drink...and of course, be merry.

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⁷ So now, you will go with the first who are taken captive, and your feasting and lounging will be removed.

⁸ The Lord GOD himself has sworn, says the LORD the God of hosts,

I loathe the arrogance of Jacob and hate his strongholds / his name means: the scoundrel, the scheming cheat; but I thought no weapon formed against him would prosper: but I guess not when his armory no longer waved the faithful banner: IN GOD WE TRUST:

so, I will deliver up the city with all who are in it.

⁹ And it will happen, if 10 men remain in one house, they will die / many would die in the battle; those who were severely injured would be abandoned with no help, and fall prey to pestilence.

¹⁰ An undertaker who brings the bones out of the house, will call any still inside the house, Is there anyone with you?

and an old man will say, No.

Then he says, Keep quiet: for the name of the LORD is **not to be mentioned** / it seems that they feared further retribution from the Lord; and so thought it was prudent to keep silent.

¹¹ Behold, the LORD commands the great house will be broken in pieces, and the little house will be rubble / and is the great house **Israel** – the 10 tribes; and the little house **Judah** – the 2 tribes.

¹² Will horses run upon the rock? Not normally; will one plow there with oxen? Not normally; Yet you have turned justice to bitterness, and the fruit of rightness to poison:

¹³ You who rejoice over Lodebar / a name that means: **a nothing**, who say, **Did we not capture Karnaim with our own strength?** / proud boasters over nothing.

¹⁴ Behold, O **house of Israel,**

I will raise up against you a nation / Assyria was on their way to completely destroy you,

declares the LORD the God of hosts;

and they will afflict you from the entrance of Hamath to the Brook of the Arabah.

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