

will I regard your choice shelamim (peace offerings).
 |23| Take thou away from Me the noise of thy shirim (songs); for I will not hear the melody of thy nevalim (harps).
 |24| But let mishpat run down as mayim, and tzedakah as a never failing stream.
 |25| Did ye offer unto Me zevakhim and minchah in the midbar arba'im shanah, O Bais Yisroel?
 |26| But ye have borne the shrine of your Moloch and the pedestal of your tzelamim, your star g-d, which ye made for yourselves.
 |27| Therefore will I cause you to go into golus beyond Damascus, saith Hashem Elohei Tzva'os Shmo.

6 Hoy to them that are complacent in Tziyon, and have their bitachon in Har Shomron, the notables of the foremost Goyim, to whom Bais Yisroel comes!
 |2| Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to great Chamat; then go down to Gat of the Pelishtim (Philistines); be they better than these mamlachot? Or their territory more vast than your territory?
 |3| Ye that put far away the Yom Rah, and cause the shevet chamas to come near;
 |4| That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the tzon, and the calves from the stall;
 |5| Who prattle to the tune of the nevel (harp); like Dovid [*HaMelech*] they invent string instruments.
 |6| That drink yayin in sacrificial bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest ointments; but they are not grieved for the shever Yosef (ruin of Yosef).
 |7| Therefore now shall they go into captivity at the head of the golus, and the merry

shouting of the revellers will die.
 |8| Adonoi Hashem hath sworn by Himself, saith Hashem Elohei Tzva'os: I abhor the ga'on Ya'akov, and hate his fortresses; therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.
 |9| And it shall come to pass, if there remain asarah anashim in one bais, they shall die.
 |10| And a man's relative shall take him up, and he that burieth him, to carry out the bones out of the bais, and shall say unto him still hiding inside, Is there yet any with thee? And he shall say, Not one. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue; for the Shem Hashem is not to be invoked.
 |11| For, hinei, Hashem commandeth, and He will strike the bais hagadol into ruins, and the bais hakaton into pieces.
 |12| Do susim run upon the rock? Do men plow there with oxen? For ye have turned mishpat into poison, and the p'ri of tzedakah into wormwood;
 |13| Ye which rejoice over what is worthless, which say, Have we not taken to us horns [*i.e., symbols of military resources*] by chazekeinu (our own strength)?
 |14| But, hineni, I will raise up against you a Goy (Nation), O Bais Yisroel, saith Hashem Elohei Tzva'os; and they shall afflict you from the territory of Chamat unto the Wadi of the Aravah.
T.N. Notice in the next chapter that Amos refuses to be intimidated by an apostate religious leader who dares to war against Scripture. Amos gives a prophetic prediction that this chalatan will be defrocked by Hashem by being dragged off to an unclean heathen land.

7 Thus hath Adonoi Hashem showed unto me; and, hinei, He formed locusts in the beginning of the springing up of the second crop; and, hinei, it was the second crop after the mowing of the melech.
 |2| And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the vegetation of ha'aretz, then I said, O Adonoi Hashem, forgive, I beseech thee; how shall Ya'akov survive? For he is katon.
 |3| Hashem relented for this; It shall not be, saith Hashem.
 |4| Thus hath Adonoi Hashem showed unto me; and, hinei, Adonoi Hashem called to punish with eish, and it devoured the tehom rabbah (great deep), and did devour the chelek (portion).
 |5| Then said I, O Adonoi Hashem, cease, I beseech thee; how shall Ya'akov survive? For he is katon.
 |6| Hashem relented for this: This also shall not be, saith Adonoi Hashem.
 |7| Thus He showed me; and, hinei, Hashem stood upon a chomah (wall) made with a plumb line, and a plumb line in His hand.
 |8| And Hashem said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb line. Then said Hashem, Hineni, I will set a plumb line in the midst of My people Yisroel; I will not again pass by them [*and spare them*] anymore;
 |9| And the high places of Yitzchak shall be desolate, and the mikdeshei Yisroel (*i.e., heathen sanctuaries*) shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the Bais Yarov`am with the cherev.
 |10| Then Amatzyah the kohen of Beit-El sent to Yarov`am Melech Yisroel, saying, Amos hath