

## ***Study Guide on Amos 2:4-16***

### **English Standard Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.  
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

### **Amos 2:4-16**

(Amos 2:4) Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have rejected the law of the LORD, and have not kept his statutes, but their lies have led them astray, those after which their fathers walked.

(Amos 2:5) So I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.”

(Amos 2:6) Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals--

(Amos 2:7) those who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth and turn aside the way of the afflicted; a man and his father go in to the same girl, so that my holy name is profaned;

(Amos 2:8) they lay themselves down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined.”

(Amos 2:9) “Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars and who was as strong as the oaks; I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath.

(Amos 2:10) Also it was I who brought you up out of the land of Egypt and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

(Amos 2:11) And I raised up some of your sons for prophets, and some of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not indeed so, O people of Israel?” declares the LORD.

(Amos 2:12) “But you made the Nazirites drink wine, and commanded the prophets, saying, ‘You shall not prophesy.’

(Amos 2:13) “Behold, I will press you down in your place, as a cart full of sheaves presses down.

(Amos 2:14) Flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not retain his strength, nor shall the mighty save his life;

(Amos 2:15) he who handles the bow shall not stand, and he who is swift of foot shall not save himself, nor shall he who rides the horse save his life;

(Amos 2:16) and he who is stout of heart among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day," declares the LORD.

**Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:**

**Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study**

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?