

Study Guide on Amos 6:1-14

New American Standard Bible

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 6:1-14

(Amos 6:1) 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.

(Amos 6:2) 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?

(Amos 6:3) Do you put off the day of calamity, And would you bring near the seat of violence?

(Amos 6:4) 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,

(Amos 6:5) Who improvise to the sound of the harp, And like David have composed songs for themselves,

(Amos 6:6) 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.

(Amos 6:7) Therefore, they will now go into exile at the head of the exiles, And the sprawlers' banqueting will pass away.

(Amos 6:8) 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."

(Amos 6:9) And it will be, if ten men are left in one house, they will die.

(Amos 6:10) 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."

(Amos 6:11) For behold, the LORD is going to command that the great house be smashed to pieces and the small house to fragments.

(Amos 6:12) 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,

(Amos 6:13) You who rejoice in Lodebar, And say, “Have we not by our own strength taken Karnaim for ourselves?”

(Amos 6:14) “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.”

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?