

“Yet You Have Not Returned to Me”

- 4:1 **H**EAR this word, you cows of <sup>a</sup>Bashan who are on the <sup>b</sup>mountain of Samaria,  
Who <sup>c</sup>oppress the poor, who crush the needy,  
Who say to <sup>1</sup>your husbands, “Bring now, that we may <sup>d</sup>drink!”  
2 The Lord <sup>1</sup>GOD has <sup>a</sup>sworn by His <sup>b</sup>holiness, “Behold, the days are coming  
upon you  
When <sup>2</sup>they will take you away with <sup>c</sup>meat hooks,  
And the last of you with <sup>d</sup>fish hooks.  
3 “You will <sup>a</sup>go out *through breaches in the walls*,  
Each one straight before her,  
And you <sup>1</sup>will be cast to Harmon,” declares the LORD.
- 4 “Enter Bethel and transgress;  
In Gilgal multiply transgression!  
<sup>a</sup>Bring your sacrifices every morning,  
Your tithes every three days.  
5 “<sup>1</sup>Offer a <sup>a</sup>thank offering also from that which is leavened,  
And proclaim <sup>b</sup>freewill offerings, make them known.  
For so you <sup>c</sup>love to do, you sons of Israel,”  
Declares the Lord GOD.
- 6 “But I gave you also <sup>a</sup>cleanness of teeth in all your cities  
And lack of bread in all your places,  
Yet you have <sup>b</sup>not returned to Me,” declares the LORD.  
7 “And furthermore, I <sup>a</sup>withheld the rain from you  
While *there were* still three months until harvest.  
Then I would send rain on one city  
And on <sup>b</sup>another city I would not send rain;  
One part would be rained on,  
While the part not rained on would dry up.  
8 “So two or three cities would stagger to another city to drink <sup>a</sup>water,  
But would <sup>b</sup>not be satisfied;  
Yet you have <sup>c</sup>not returned to Me,” declares the LORD.  
9 “I <sup>a</sup>smote you with scorching *wind* and mildew;  
And the <sup>b</sup>caterpillar was devouring  
Your many gardens and vineyards, fig trees and olive trees;  
Yet you have <sup>c</sup>not returned to Me,” declares the LORD.  
10 “I sent a <sup>a</sup>plague among you after the manner of Egypt;  
I <sup>b</sup>slew your young men by the sword along with your <sup>c</sup>captured horses,  
And I made the <sup>d</sup>stench of your camp rise up in your nostrils;  
Yet you have <sup>e</sup>not returned to Me,” declares the LORD.  
11 “I overthrew you as <sup>a</sup>God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,  
And you were like a <sup>b</sup>firebrand snatched from a blaze;  
Yet you have <sup>c</sup>not returned to Me,” declares the LORD.  
12 “Therefore, thus I will do to you, O Israel;  
Because I shall do this to you,

Prepare to <sup>a</sup>meet your God, O Israel.”  
13 For behold, He who <sup>a</sup>forms mountains and <sup>b</sup>creates the wind  
And <sup>c</sup>declares to man what are His thoughts,  
He who <sup>d</sup>makes dawn into darkness  
And <sup>e</sup>treads on the high places of the earth,  
<sup>f</sup>The LORD God of hosts is His name.  
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<sup>a</sup> Ps. 22:12; Ezek. 39:18

<sup>b</sup> Amos 3:9; 6:1

<sup>c</sup> Amos 5:11; 8:6

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *their lords*

<sup>d</sup> Amos 2:8; 6:6

<sup>1</sup> Heb., *YHWH*, usually rendered *LĪĪD*, and so throughout the ch.

<sup>a</sup> Amos 6:8; 8:7

<sup>b</sup> Ps. 89:35

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *he*

<sup>c</sup> Is. 37:29; Ezek. 38:4

<sup>d</sup> Jer. 16:16; Ezek. 29:4; Hab. 1:15

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 52:7

<sup>1</sup> So Gr.; M.T. reads *will cast*

<sup>a</sup> Num. 28:3; Amos 5:21, 22

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *Offer up in smoke*

<sup>a</sup> Lev. 7:13

<sup>b</sup> Lev. 22:18-21

<sup>c</sup> Jer. 7:9, 10; Hos. 9:1, 10

<sup>a</sup> Is. 3:1; Jer. 14:18

<sup>b</sup> Is. 9:13; Jer. 5:3; Hag. 2:17

<sup>a</sup> Deut. 11:17; 2 Chr. 7:13; Is. 5:6

<sup>b</sup> Ex. 9:4, 26; 10:22, 23

<sup>a</sup> 1 Kin. 18:5; Jer. 14:4

<sup>b</sup> Ezek. 4:16, 17; Hag. 1:6

<sup>c</sup> Jer. 3:7

<sup>a</sup> Deut. 28:22; Hag. 2:17

<sup>b</sup> Joel 1:4, 7; Amos 7:1, 2

<sup>c</sup> Jer. 3:10

<sup>a</sup> Ex. 9:3; Lev. 26:25; Deut. 28:27, 60; Ps. 78:50

<sup>b</sup> Jer. 11:22; 18:21; 48:15

<sup>c</sup> 2 Kin. 13:3, 7

<sup>d</sup> Joel 2:20

<sup>e</sup> Is. 9:13

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 19:24, 25; Deut. 29:23; Is. 13:19

<sup>b</sup> Zech. 3:2

<sup>c</sup> Jer. 23:14

<sup>a</sup> Is. 32:11; 64:2; Jer. 5:22

<sup>a</sup> Job 38:4-7; Ps. 65:6; Is. 40:12

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<sup>b</sup> Ps. 135:7; Jer. 10:13

<sup>c</sup> Dan. 2:28, 30

<sup>d</sup> Jer. 13:16; Joel 2:2; Amos 5:8

<sup>e</sup> Mic. 1:3

<sup>f</sup> Is. 47:4; Jer. 10:16; Amos 5:8, 27; 9:6

<sup>i</sup> *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.