Amos 5

1. Hear ye this word which I take up against you, [even] a lamentation, O house of Israel.

The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; [there is] none to raise her up.

2. For thus saith the Lord GOD; The city that went [by] a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth [by] an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

3. Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

4. [Seek him] that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with devour [it], and [there be] none to quench [it] in Bethel.

5. That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress.
Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, saith thus; Wailing shall be for you; as ye have spoken.

Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it [is] an evil time.

And in all vineyards [shall be] waiting: for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.

Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end [is] it for you? the day of the LORD [is] darkness, and not light.

As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.
[20] Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

[21] I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

[22] Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

[23] Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

[24] But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

[25] Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

[26] But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chion your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.

[27] Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name [is] The God of hosts.