



Amos

A Prophet
for Today

Yep- Nothing In Amos 6 About Mother's Day

We need to repent of the haughty way in which we sometimes stand in judgment upon Scripture and must learn to sit humbly under its judgments instead.

If we come to Scripture with our minds made up, expecting to hear from it only an echo of our own thoughts and never the thunderclap of God's, then indeed he will not speak to us and we shall only be confirmed in our own prejudices. We must allow the Word of God to confront us, to disturb our security, to undermine our complacency and to overthrow our patterns of thought and behavior.”

– John Stott



Amos 6:1-14

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the
mountain of Samaria, the notable men
of the first of the nations, to whom the
house of Israel comes! Pass over to
Calneh, and see, and from there go to
Hamath the great; then go down to
Gath of the Philistines. Are you better
than these kingdoms? Or is their
territory greater than your territory,

Oh you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away." The Lord GOD has sworn by himself, declares the LORD, the God of hosts: "I abhor the pride of Jacob and hate his strongholds, and I will deliver up the city and all that is in it." And if ten men remain in one house, they shall die. And when one's relative, the one who anoints him for burial, shall take him up

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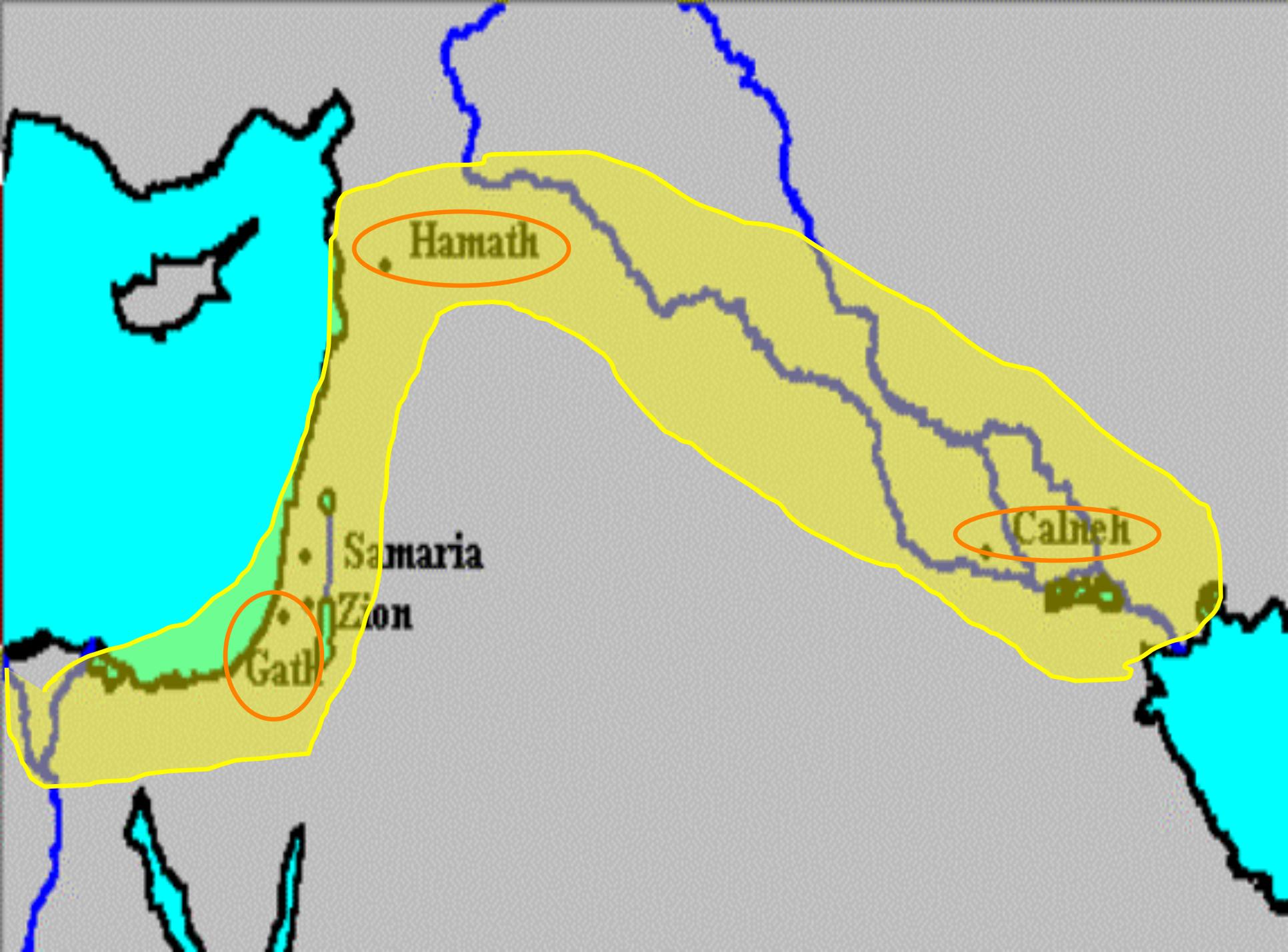
Isaiah 32:9

Rise up, you women who are at ease,
hear my voice; you complacent
daughters, give ear to my speech.

Jeremiah 48:11

Moab has been at ease from his youth
and has settled on his dregs; he has not
been emptied from vessel to vessel, nor
has he gone into exile; so his taste
remains in him, and his scent is not
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Romans 2:4-5

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

God's wrath, though it come not on you yet, is like a stream that is dammed up. Every moment it gathers force. It bursts not the dike, yet every hour it is swelling it. Each moment of each day in which you remain an unbeliever you are treasuring up wrath against the day of wrath when the measure of your iniquity is full.

– Charles Spurgeon



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When this God swears by himself he commits the totality of his nature, the totality of his status as the world's sovereign Lord and the totality of his effective power as the only Omnipotent to fulfill what he has promised.

– J. A. Motyer



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Proverbs 16:5

Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished.

Isaiah 23:9

The Lord of hosts has purposed it, to defile the pompous pride of all glory, to dishonor all the honored of the earth.

Psalms 10:4

In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

Obadiah 1:3-4

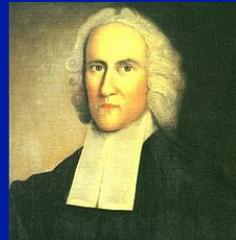
The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, "Who will bring me down to the ground?" Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, declares the LORD.

Pride is a person having too high an opinion of himself. Pride is the first sin that ever entered into the universe, and the last sin that is rooted out.

Pride is the worst sin. It is the most secret of all sins.

There is no other matter in which the heart is more deceitful and unsearchable. Alas, how much pride the best have in their hearts! Pride is God's most stubborn enemy! There is no sin so much like the devil as pride. It is a secret and subtle sin, and appears in a great many shapes which are undetected and unsuspected.

– Jonathan Edwards



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Do horses run on rocks? Does one plow there with oxen? But you have turned justice into poison and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood—you who rejoice in Lo-debar, who say, “Have we not by our own strength captured Karnaim for ourselves?” “For behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel,” declares the LORD, the God of hosts; “and they shall oppress you from Lebo-hamath to the Brook of the Arabah.”

Are you glorying in your graces or your talents? Are you proud of yourself, that you have had holy postures and sweet experiences?... Your flaunting poppies of self-conceit will be pulled up by the roots, your mushroom graces will wither in the burning heat, and your self-sufficiency shall become as straw for the manure pile. If we forget to live at the foot of the cross in deepest lowliness of spirit, God won't forget to make us feel the pain of His rod.

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