

Amos 4 **How Not to Prepare to meet God**

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Do Not :v 1 **(1) - live like a beast** Eccl 3:18hx: **Psalm 22:12***mountains of Samaria ~ summer houses, Amos 3:15*

spir: ~ unruly, push, bully, gore, break hedges, trespass

(2) - be a slave to your appetite spir: **1 Peter 4:1-5**"These lifestyles harden hearts" ~ *mingling your wine with the tears of the oppressed*v 2-3 Judgment is *sworn by the holiness of God* **Psalm 97:2***days come upon you - Job 4:8*hx: the Assyrian - 'net over the nation' & 'he'll angle for certain prey' *fishhooks - Isa 37:29*

spir: the kins of Bashan think they're above judgment

v 3 *go out at the breaches*spir: Those whom God has given good pasture, if they abuse it, will be thrust out of it
*cast (their posterity, v2) into the palace ~ 'a castle, a safe harbor' = easy for enemy to find*v 4 **(3) - play imitation religion**hx: *Bethel* (house of God) = **Idolatry** (1 K 12:29)*Gilgal* (circle, wheel) - near Jericho, Josh 3-4 ~ circumcision (OT), baptism (NT)v 5 **(a) luxurious & lavish** *The Vatican's Billions*, 1983 Avro Manhattan, **Revelation 3:14-18****(b) leavened** **Exodus 12:15****(4) - ignore God's judgments** ~ promptings, goads, *pricks* Acts 9:5spir: God designs events to reduce to lead to *return**"yet ye have not returned unto me"* v 6, 8, 9, 10, 11**Jeremiah 5:3 Haggai 2:17**v 6 hx: (a) Famine 1. *Elijah prayed - James 5:17 & 1 Kings 18:42*
2. *Elisha's - 2 Kings 8:1*v 7 (b) Drought - selective **Proverbs 3:33**God controls the weather (not the planets) **Job 37:12-18 Isaiah 65:11 & 13**

The cities that were the most wicked suffered the most judgment.

fact: The course of nature is often altered by the hand of God

v 8 God balanced his work: a mixture of mercy and judgment

- His work was a call to repentance.
- He's is encouraging them to return and receive **mercy** not judgment.
- If they return, He will welcome them.
- God's desire = **Haggai 1:7** *Consider your ways*

We think with all their disappointment, they would *consider and return.... yet* (see end v8)

spir: the folly of carnal hearts...beasts in pursuit of pleasure

The Gospel ~ 'rain' God's blesses one place more than another

v 9 (c) Devouring swarms - **Joel 1:4**

v 10 (d) Disease - *pestilence*, **Deu 28:20-21 & 60**

(e) War - *the sword*, **Deu 28:49-50 & 52**

v 11 (f) Monumental, Historical Noteworthy events **1 Timothy 5:24**

Both monuments of justice & monuments of mercy (~ *Job*)

These should have produced God's desired effect....yet.....

v 12 Since they ignored all these natural interventions, get ready for the final step:
prepare to meet thy God