

## Haftarah for Va-yeishev

**Amos 2:6 - 3:8**

*This translation was taken from the JPS Tanakh*

<sup>6</sup> Thus said the Lord:

For three transgressions of Israel,

For four, I will not revoke it:

Because they have sold for silver

Those whose cause was just,

And the needy for a pair of sandals.

<sup>7</sup> [Ah,] you who trample the heads of the poor

Into the dust of the ground

And make the humble walk a twisted course!

Father and son go to the same girl,

And thereby profane My holy name.

<sup>8</sup> They recline by every altar

On garments taken in pledge,

And drink in the House of their God

Wine bought with fines they imposed.

<sup>9</sup> Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them.

Whose stature was like the cedar's

And who was stout as the oak,

Destroying his boughs above

And his trunk below!

<sup>10</sup> And I brought you up from the land of Egypt

And led you through the wilderness forty years,

To possess the land of the Amorite!

<sup>11</sup> And I raised up prophets from among your sons

And nazirites from among your young men.

Is that not so, O people of Israel?

— says the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> But you made the nazirites drink wine

And ordered the prophets not to prophesy.

<sup>13</sup> Ah, I will slow your movements

As a wagon is slowed

When it is full of cut grain.

<sup>14</sup> Flight shall fail the swift,

The strong shall find no strength,

And the warrior shall not save his life.

<sup>15</sup> The Bowman shall not hold his ground,

And the fleet-footed shall not escape,

Nor horseman save his life.

<sup>16</sup> Even the most stouthearted warrior  
Shall run away unarmed that day  
— declares the Lord.

### **Chapter 3**

<sup>1</sup> Hear this word, O people of Israel,  
That the Lord has spoken concerning you,  
Concerning the whole family that I brought up from the land of Egypt:

<sup>2</sup> You alone have I singled out  
Of all the families of the earth —  
That is why I will call you to account  
For all your iniquities.

<sup>3</sup> Can two walk together  
Without having met?

<sup>4</sup> Does a Lion roar in the forest  
When he has no prey?  
Does a great beast let out a cry from its den  
Without having made a capture?

<sup>5</sup> Does a bird drop on the ground — in a trap —  
With no snare there?  
Does a trap spring up from the ground  
Unless it has caught something?

<sup>6</sup> When a ram's horn is sounded in a town,  
Do the people not take alarm?  
Can misfortune come to a town  
If the Lord has not caused it?

<sup>7</sup> Indeed, my Lord God does nothing  
Without having revealed His purpose  
To His servants the prophets.

<sup>8</sup> A lion has roared,  
Who can but fear?  
My Lord God has spoken,  
Who can but prophesy?