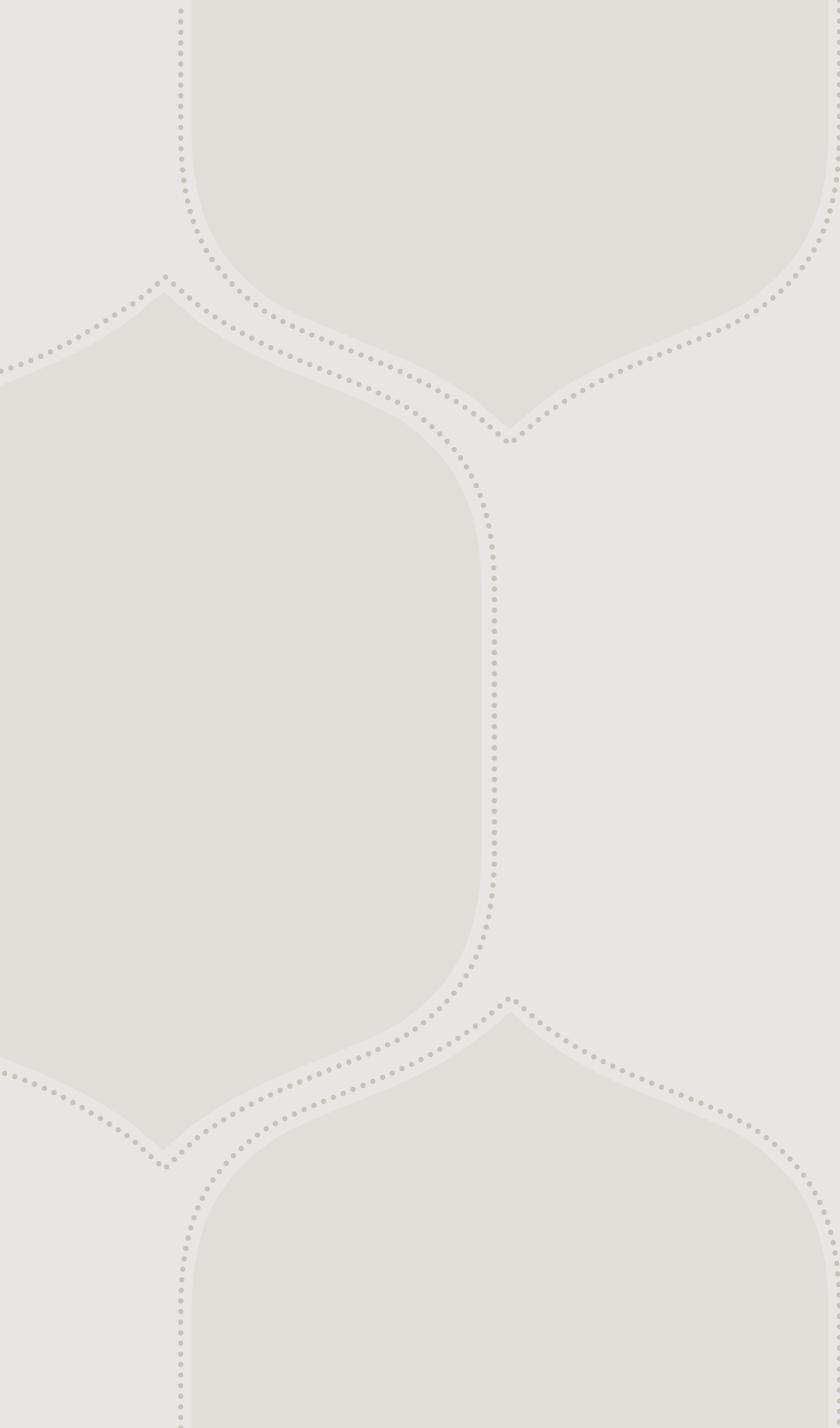


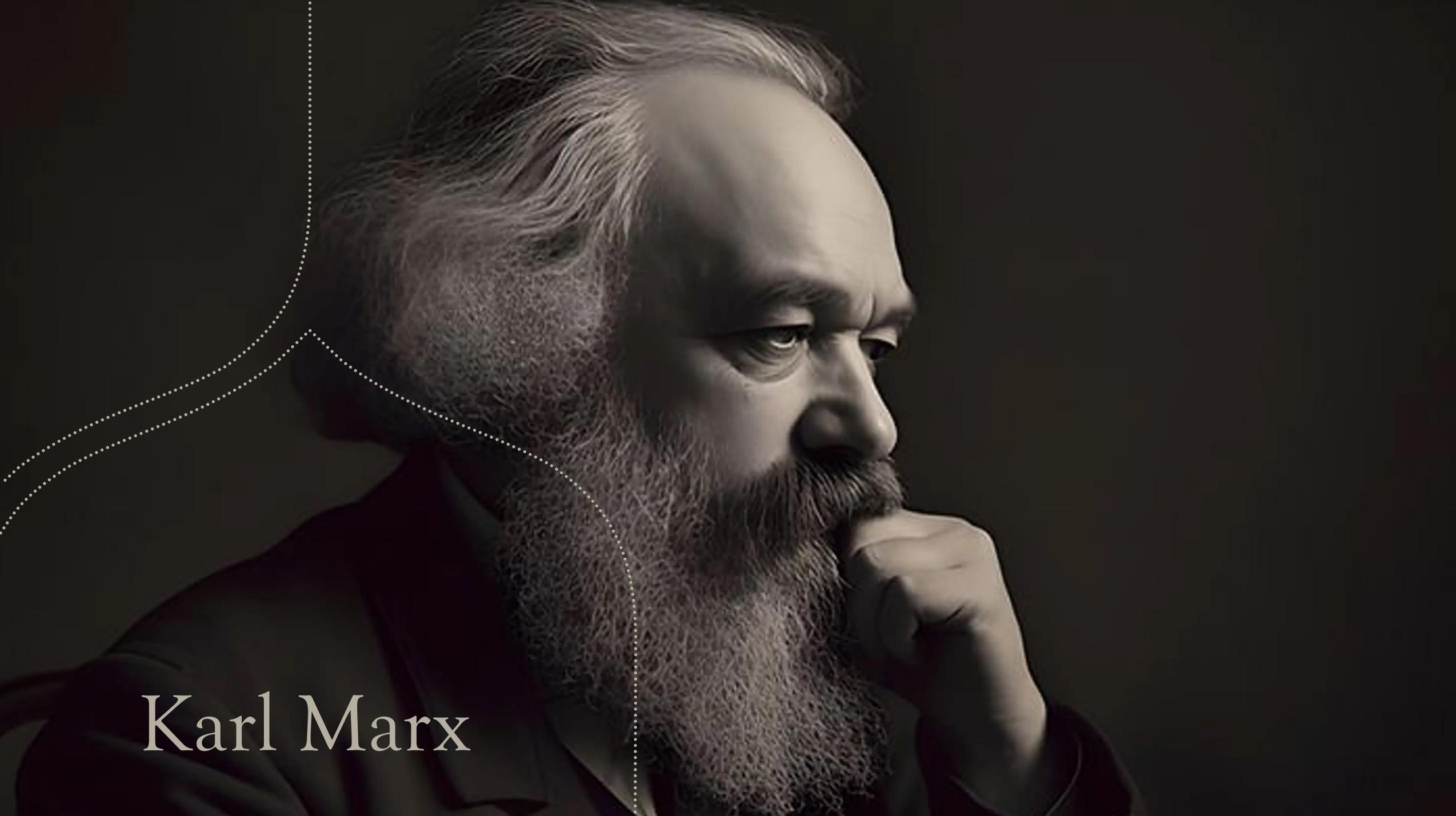


Worthless Worship

Dr. Brendon Witte



"Our heart, reason, intelligence, history all summon us with loud and convincing voice to the knowledge that union with [Christ] is absolutely necessary, that without Him we would be unable to fulfill our purpose, that without Him we would be rejected by God, and that only He can redeem us."



Karl Marx

Structure of Amos 4

Wayward Women
and Weak Men
(4:1-3)

Worthless
Worship (4:4-5)

Wasted Warnings
(4:6-13)

The Sins of the Nations

Unrestrained violence (1:3, 11, 13)

Slavery (1:6, 9)

Petty cruelty (2:1)

The Sins of Israel

Enslaved the righteous (2:6)

Mistreated the poor (2:7)

Turned away those in need (2:7)

Exhibited intense sexual perversion (2:7)

Participated in idolatry (2:8)

Exploited those desperate for financial help (2:8; cf. Ex 22:26)

Used pagan worship practices for personal gain (2:8)

Forced righteous men to profane their oaths to God (2:12)

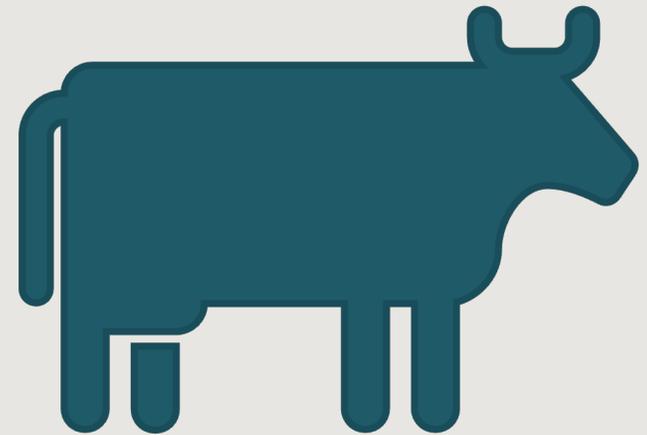
Rejected the warnings of the prophets (2:12)

Amos 3:13-15

“Hear, and testify against the house of Jacob,’ declares the LORD God, the God of hosts, ‘that on the day I punish Israel for his transgressions, I will punish the altars of Bethel, and the horns of the altar shall be cut off and fall to the ground. I will strike the winter house along with the summer house, and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall come to an end,’ declares the LORD.”

Amos 4:1-3

“Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to your husbands, “Bring, that we may drink!” The Lord God has sworn by his holiness that, behold, the days are coming upon you, when they shall take you away with hooks, even the last of you with fishhooks. And you shall go out through the breaches, each one straight ahead; and you shall be cast out into Harmon,’ declares the Lord.”



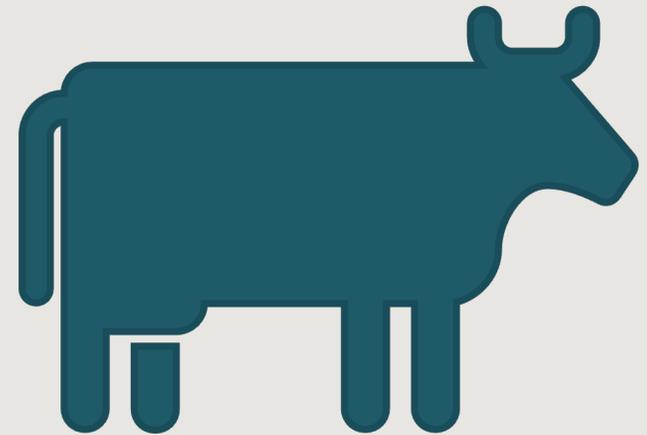
God's Design for Christian Households



“For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior” (Eph 5:23).

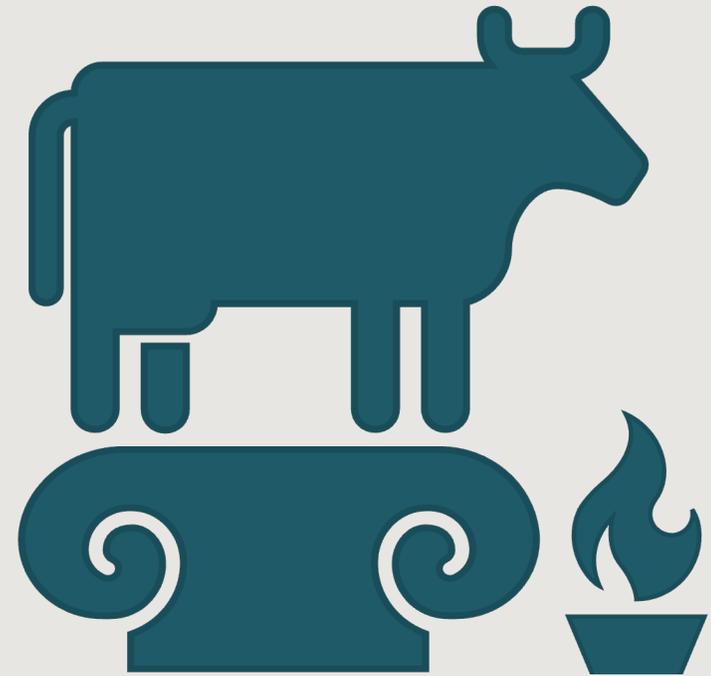
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Amos 4:4-5

“Come to Bethel, and transgress; to Gilgal, and multiply transgression; bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days; offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill offerings, publish them; for so you love to do, O people of Israel!” declares the Lord God.



Worthless Worship

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Manipulative Worship

Novel Worship

Tainted Worship

Self-Glorifying Worship



“The Peace Offering is supremely the symbol of communion based on reconciliation. It is the offering which symbolizes two sides to a great trans-action; one of those is that of God, the other is that of man. God and man are at peace. The Godward side can only be symbolized by that which is unleavened, free from all evil, separated from every-thing that tends to corruption. On the other hand, there remains in man much of imperfection. This is symbolized by the leavened cakes. Our unworthiness in and of ourselves abides. In our thanksgiving and our praise there is no room for boastfulness.”

– G. Campbell Morgan



Wasted Warnings

Famine (v. 6)

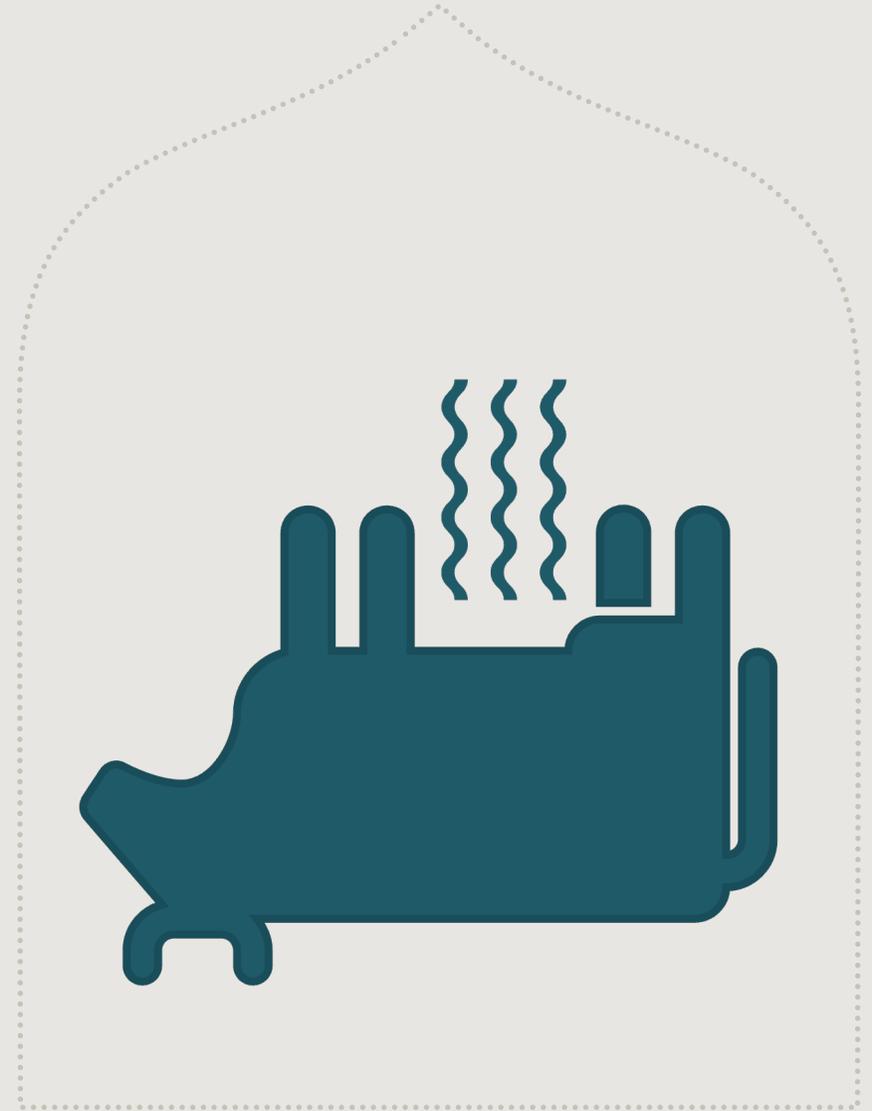
Drought (v. 7-8)

Blight (v. 9)

Pestilence (v. 10)

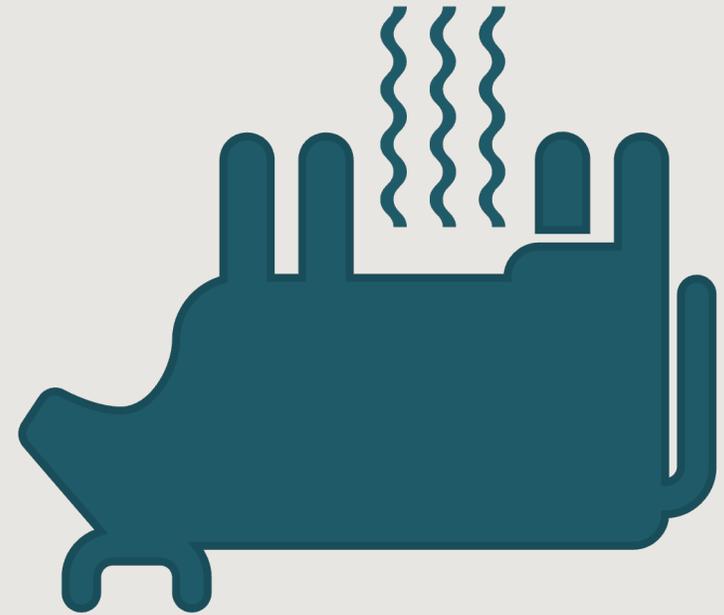
War (v. 10)

Complete Destruction (v. 11)



Amos 4:12-13

“Therefore, thus I will do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!’ For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth—the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name!”



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God-honoring
Families Require
Strong Male
Leaders

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God Desires Your
Heart More than
Your Ritual

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Be Prepared for
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Take Away Points