



Amos 6:1-14
**“Woe to Those
Who Are at Ease”**

Amos 1:1 The words of Amos, who was among the shepherders from Tekoa, which he envisioned in visions concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

2 He said,

“**The Lord roars** from Zion

And from Jerusalem He utters His voice;

And the shepherds' pasture grounds mourn,

And the summit of Carmel dries up.”



Confrontation is rooted in a submission to First Great Command.

Confrontation is rooted in the Second Great Command.

Confrontation flows out of a recognition of our identity as the children of God.

Proper biblical confrontation is never motivated by impatience, frustration, hurt or anger.

Confrontation does not force a person to deal with you, but places him before the Lord.

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands



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Four False Sources of Security

At this time, Israel’s security was based on...

1. ...being bigger than other nations (1-3).
2. ...their wealth (4-7).
3. ...their pride (8-11).
4. ...their military victories (12-14).



Why do you feel secure? Why do you feel insecure?

What role does God play in your security?

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How do we follow Christ as we live, work and play in a materialistic world that is enamored by possessions, political power, social status and pride?

Are you filled with the love of God?



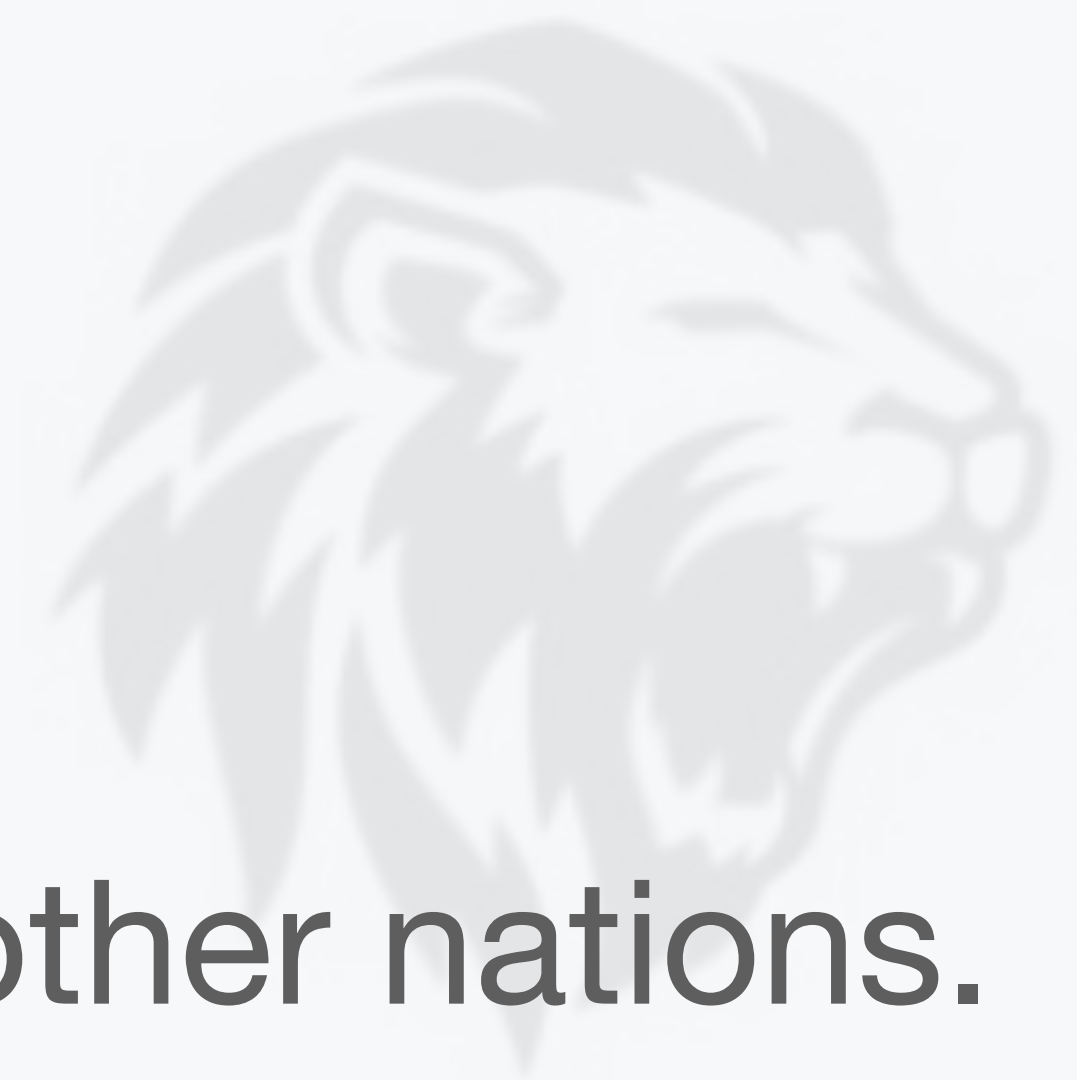
Amos 6:1 Woe to those who are at ease in Zion

And to those who feel secure in the mountain of Samaria,
The distinguished men of the foremost of nations,
To whom the house of Israel comes.

2 Go over to Calneh and look,
And go from there to Hamath the great,
Then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are they better than these kingdoms,
Or is their territory greater than yours?

3 Do you put off the day of calamity,
And would you bring near the seat of violence?

Israel's security was based on being bigger than other nations.



Amos 6:4 Those who recline on beds of ivory

And sprawl on their couches,

And eat lambs from the flock

And calves from the midst of the stall,

5 Who improvise to the sound of the harp,

And like David have composed songs for themselves,

6 Who drink wine from sacrificial bowls

While they anoint themselves with the finest of oils,

Yet they have not grieved over the ruin of Joseph.

7 Therefore, they will now go into exile

at the head of the exiles,

And the sprawlers' banqueting will pass away.

Israel's security was based on their wealth.



Amos 6:8 The Lord God has sworn by Himself, the Lord God of hosts has declared: “I loathe the arrogance of Jacob, And detest his citadels; Therefore I will deliver up the city and all it contains.”

9 And it will be, if ten men are left in one house, they will die.

10 Then one’s uncle, or his undertaker, will lift him up to carry out his bones from the house, and he will say to the one who is in the innermost part of the house, “Is anyone else with you?” And that one will say, “No one.” Then he will answer, “Keep quiet. For the name of the Lord is not to be mentioned.” **11** For behold, the Lord is going to command that the great house be smashed to pieces and the small house to fragments.

Israel’s security was based on their pride.

Amos 6:12 Do horses run on rocks?

Or does one plow them with oxen?

Yet you have turned justice into poison

And the fruit of righteousness into wormwood,

13 You who rejoice in Lodebar,

And say, “Have we not by our own strength taken Karnaim for ourselves?”

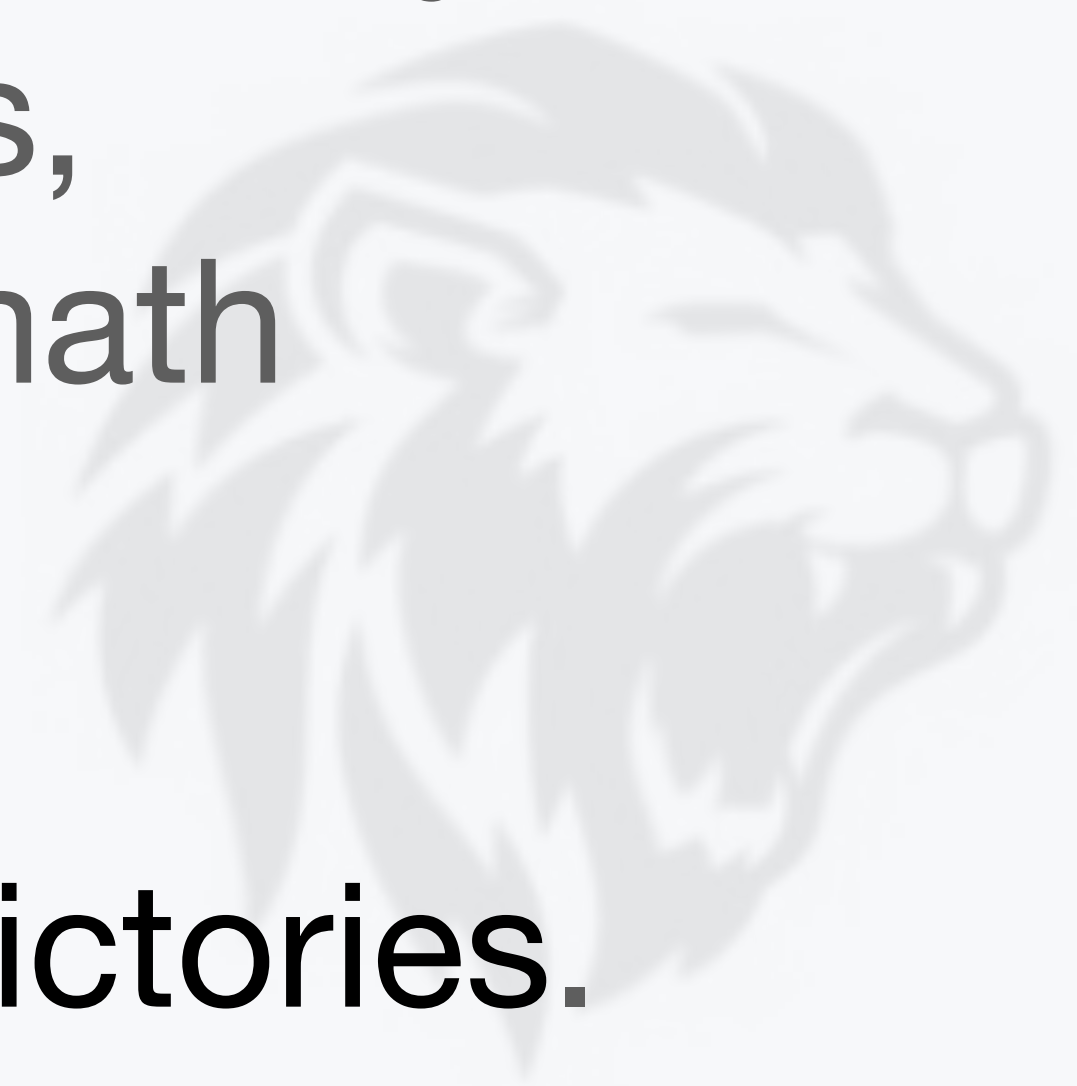
14 “For behold, I am going to raise up a nation against you,

O house of Israel,” declares the Lord God of hosts,

“And they will afflict you from the entrance of Hamath

To the brook of the Arabah.”

Israel’s security was based on their **their military victories.**



Know that true security, identity and purpose come from The Lord and His love.

Watch out for false security, identity and purpose coming from anyone or anything else.

Know that the Christian life is much more than being at ease.

Know that life is much more than affluence.
Life comes only from God. Depend on Him!

