

^h Thus he sheweth by his extraordinary vocation, y^e God had grued him a charge which he must needs execute.

ⁱ Thus God v^e sed to approve the authority of his Prophetes by his plagues & iudgements against them, w^h were malicious enemies, Ier 28 12 & 29, 21 & 25 as this day he doeth against them y^e persecute the ministers of his Gospell

^a Which signified the ripenes of their finnes and the readines of Gods iudgements

^b There shalbe none left to mourne for them
^c By staying the sale of fode and necessurie things w^h you haue gotten into your owne hands, & so cause the poore to spend quickly that litle that they haue, and at length for necessitie to become your slaues.
^d When the dearth was once come, they were so greedy of gaine, that they thought y^e holy day robe an hinderance vnto them
^e That is, the measure small & the price great
^f That is, the inhabitants of the land shal be drowned, as Nilus drowne many when it ouerfloweth
^g In the middes of their prosperitie I wil send great affliction.

14 Then answered Amós, and said to Amaziah, I was no^h Prophet, nether was I a Prophetes sonne, but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of wilde figges.
15 And the Lord toke me as I followed the flocke, and the Lord said vnto me, Go, prophetic vnto my people Israél.
16 Now therefore heare thou the worde of the Lord. Thou saist, Prophecie not against Israél, and speake nothing against the house of Ishak.
17 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Thy wife shal be an harlot in the citie, and thy sonnes and thy daughters shal fall by the sworde, and thy land shal be deuied by line: and thou shalt dye in a polluted land, and Israél shal surely go into captiuitie forthe of his land.

CHAP. VIII.

Against the rulers of Israél 7 The Lord sweareth. The famine of the worde of God.

1 **T**HUS hath the Lord God shewed vnto me, & beholde, a basket of somer fruite.
2 And he said, Amós, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of somer frute. Then said the Lord vnto me, The end is come vpon my people of Israél, I wil passe by them no more.
3 And the songs of the Temple shal be houlings in that day, saith the Lord God: many dead bodies shalbe in euerie place: they shal cast them forthe with^b silence.
4 Heare this, o ye that swallow vp the poore, that ye may make the nedie of the land to faile,
5 Saying, When wil the^d new moneth be gone, that we may sell coine? & the Sabbath, that we may set forthe wheat, & make^e the Epháh small, and the shekel great, and falsifie the weights by deceit?
6 That we may bye the poore for siluer, and the nedie for shooes: yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat.
7 The Lord hath sworne by the excellencie of Iaakób, Surely I wil neuer forget any of their workes.
8 Shal not the land tremble for this, and euerie one mourne, that dwelleth therein? and it shal rise vp wholly as a flood, and it shalbe cast out, &^f drowned as by y^e flood of Egypt.
9 And in that day, saith the Lord God, I wil euen cause the^s sunne to go downe at noone: and I wil darken the earth in the cleare day.
10 And I wil turne your feastes into mourning, and all your songs into lamentacion: and I wil bring sackcloth vpon^o all loines, and baldnes vpon euerie head: and I wil make it as the mourning of an onelie sonne, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

11 Beholde, the daies come, saith the Lord God, that I wil send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the worde of the Lord.
12 And they shal wander from sea to sea, and from the North euen vnto the East shal they runne to & fro to seke the^h worde of the Lord, and shal not finde it.
13 In that day shal the fayre virgines and the yong men perissh for thirst.
14 They that sweare by the sinneⁱ of Samaria, and that say, Thy God, dô Dan, liueth, & the maner of Beer-sheba liueth, euen they shal fall, and neuer rise vp againe.
^{their sinne, as the papistes yet do by theirs} ^k That is, the comüne maner of worshiping and the seruice or religion there vied.

^h Whereby he sheweth y^e they shal not onely perissh in bodie, but also in soule for lacke of Gods worde, w^h is y^e fode thereof
ⁱ For the idolaters did vse to sweare by their idoles: which here he calleth

CHAP. IX.

Threatnings against the Tēple, 2 And against Israél. 11 The restoring of the Church

1 **I**Sawe the Lord standing vpon the^a altar, and he said, Smite the lintel of the dore, that the postes may shake: and cut the^b in pieces, euen the^b heads of them all, & I wil slay the last of the^b with the sworde: he y^e sleeth of them, shal not flee away: & he that escapeth of them, shal not be deliuered.
2 Thogh they digge into the hel, thence shal mine hand take the^b: thogh they clime vp to heauen, thence wil I bring them downe.
3 And thogh they hide them selues in the toppe of Carmél, I wil searche and take them out thence: and thogh they be hid from my sight in the bottome of the sea, thence wil I commande the^c serpent, and he shal byte them.
4 And thogh they go into captiuitie before their enemies, thence wil I commande the sworde, and it shal slaye them: and I wil set mine eyes vpon them for euil, and not for good.
5 And the Lord God of hostes shal touche the land, and it shal melt away, and all that dwell therein, shal mourne, and it shal rise vp wholly like a flood, and shalbe drowned as by the flood of Egypt.
6 He buyldeth his^d spheres in the heauen, and hath laid the fundacion of his globe of elements in the earth: he calleth the waters of the sea, & powreth them out vpon the open earth: the Lord is his Name.
7 Are ye not as the Ethiopians^e vnto me, o children of Israél, saith the Lord? haue not I broght vp Israél out of the lād of Egypt: and the Philistims from^f Caphtór, and Arám from Kir?
8 Beholde, the eyes of the Lord God are vpon the sinful kingdome, and I wil destroy it cleane out of the earth. Neuertheless I wil not utterly^g destroy the house of Iaakób, saith the Lord.

^a Which was at Ierusalem: for he appeared not in the idolatrous places of Israél
^b Sothe the chief of them & also the comüne people.

^c He sheweth that God wil declare him selfe enemy vnto them in all places, and that his elements shalbe enemies to destroy them
^d He declarerth by y^e wonderful power of God, by the making of the heauens & elements that it is not possible for man to escape his iudgements when he punisheth.
^e Am I more bountie to you than the Ethiopians: or than the Moabites? yet I bestowed vpon you greater benefites
^f Read Ierem. 47:4.
^g Thogh he destroye the rebellious multitude, yet he wil neuer reſerue the remnant of his Church to call vpon his Name.