

<sup>1</sup>Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings. <sup>2</sup>And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small. <sup>3</sup>The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part. <sup>5</sup>Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small. <sup>6</sup>The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD. <sup>7</sup>Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more: <sup>9</sup>And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword. <sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land. <sup>12</sup>Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: <sup>13</sup>But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court. <sup>14</sup>Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit: <sup>15</sup>And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. <sup>16</sup>Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac. <sup>17</sup>Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.