



## Daily Verse and Comment

### Amos 8:3

(3) And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day," says the Lord GOD. "The dead bodies *shall be* many. In every place one shall throw *them* out with silence."

*A Faithful Version*

Now that He has announced Israel's imminent calamity, [God](#) begins to show how His punishment would alter the lives of the people. Notice the dramatic change of attitude in the people. The songs of His Temple would ordinarily be happy and joyous songs of praise to God, but He will turn the songs of *their* temple—sung to Baal in the name of the Lord—to wailing, for the numbers of the dead will be unimaginable.

Because of their self-absorption, God's "sudden" punishment will stun the people of the United States, Canada, Britain, Australia, and the other nations of modern Israel, *including some members of the [true church](#)*. In their spiritually unaware state, they will be incredulous at God's punishment for "such a little bit of [sin](#)." But God has a different perspective; He says they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked ([Revelation 3:17](#)).

Because of their self-procured wealth and affluence, they think they are being blessed with material things. They see themselves as following the way of God, but their religion has deceived them by failing to teach them His truth. They think that what they are doing is right, but they are deceived. However, God still holds them responsible because the truth is available. He views them as personally rejecting Him and His Word.

Today, some evangelicals attempt to prepare the people for what is to come, but their teaching is a mixture of right and wrong. [Jesus](#) says, "They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch" ([Matthew 15:14](#)). In their ignorance, the people do not realize the

terrible calamity that is coming soon upon modern Israel. It will be *far* more terrible than anything ever seen on this earth!

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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