

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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Amos 4

1. To whom is Amos speaking in 4:1-3?
 - a. Cows of Bashan.
 - b. Women who oppress the poor.
 - c. He is talking about the rich women whose husbands are leaders of the northern kingdom in Samaria and he is comparing them to the fattened cows of the area who are cared for beyond what is normal for animals. These women, apparently, are fattened as a sign of their wealth and all of this despite others going hungry and remaining in need.

2. What is the judgment placed on these women and others like them, according to 1-3?
 - a. They will be pulled out through holes in the wall.
 - b. He is referring to their dead bodies being removed after Samaria is attacked and they die, perhaps of starvation in the siege.
 - c. Although some translations say fish hooks, others suggest this is a hook used to move the dead bodies of cattle.

3. What is Amos saying in 4:4-5?
 - a. He told them to sin!?!
 - b. He told them to worship, I think...
 - c. He was calling their worship sinful. Their sacrifices and all the things they thought were holy were marred by the fact that they were just surface and didn't match up with what was really going on inside of them (and outside away from the place of worship). They were doing it to look holy when they really weren't. They worshipped God with their lips, but their hearts are far from him.

4. What does God tell the people in 4:6-13? _____

How do we feel about God giving people empty stomachs? _____

Do we pay attention when we go through hard times to make sure that these times are not God's way of getting our attention? _____

5. What seems to be the goal of all of this? _____

Do you need to consider your situation and whether you need to return? _____
