

# Amos 4

## Amos calls Israel to repentance

*(The People's Bible, Hosea, Joel, Amos, pages 214-220)*

### Look

Verse 10      *"The stench of your camps"*—This might be caused by the horribly wounded who were gathered in the Israelites camps, by disease in army camps or refugee camps, or by disease in a besieged city.

### Discuss

1. How do verses 1-3 characterize the wealthy women of Samaria? What happened to them?
2. Look at verses 4 and 5. Is the Lord really telling the people to sacrifice at Bethel? What figure of speech is he using in these two verses?
3. The Lord's punishments on Israel should have caused it to return to the Lord. According to the following verses, what chastisements had the Lord brought on Israel?
  - verse 6
  - verses 7,8
  - verse 9
  - verse 10
  - verse 11
4. What should Israel do now since it had rejected the Lord's discipline? (verse 12)

### Apply

5. What impression does the description of God in verse 13 make on you? How might you apply that to your life?

*The Lord was patient with Israel, but Israel continued to reject the Lord's chastening hand. Therefore Israel was told to prepare to meet its God.*