

HOME TRUTHS

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Based on Amos Ch 2 V 5 – Ch 3 v 15

CAST	Narrator 1	<i>Straight man</i>
	Narrator 2	<i>A bit of a joker</i>
	A	<i>Takes part of Amos + other roles</i>
	B	<i>Takes part of king of Judah + other roles</i>
	C	<i>Takes part of king of Israel + other roles</i>

Narr 1 The continuing story of Amos.

[A steps forward as Amos, C with crown steps forward in north and Judah with crown to south]

Narr 2 The man from Tekoa.....in the north.....

[A moves towards C]

Narr 1 In the south. Tekoa was in the south.

[A moves towards B]

Narr 2 Oh.....but Amos preached to Israel in the north?

[A looks puzzled]

Narr 1 Correct.

[A moves back to join C]

Narr 2 I am glad we sported that out.

Narr1 Amos had told Israel about their bad neighbours.

Narr 2 Yes, it's not great. I prefer Eastenders myself.

[A,B,C look at 2 puzzled]

Narr1 And how God was going to punish them all – even their fellow Jews in Judah.

[A points at B disapprovingly. C grabs football scarf and joins in with chant – jeering and pointing at B]

Narr 2 It's all gone quiet over there.
It's all gone quiet over there.
It's all gone quiet, it's all gone quiet.
It's all gone quiet over there

Narr 1 *[Interrupting and speaking over the chant]* When he gave them a shock. He told them God was angry with Israel as well.*[A drops scarf and turns to point at C]*

Narr 2 *[Tailing off his chant to be very quiet, C also stops pointing]* What?

Narr 1 Yes, God roared his anger against Israel even more strongly than against all the others.

[B becomes lion roaring at C. C cowers away a little. B joins A in middle. A has begging bowl]

Narr 2 What had they done wrong?

Narr 1 They had trampled on the poor, they had mistreated women and they had treated God's house with disrespect.

[C grabs bowl from A, hits B with it and then 'offers' it].

Narr 2 Why was that so bad? I mean, nobody's perfect.

Narr 1 True, but Israel should have known better. God had led them out of slavery in Egypt through the parting of the Red Sea.

[C marches round behind B and A and then pushes between sweeping them apart]

Narr 2 Was that the first ever centre parting?

[B & A take combs to give C a centre parting]

Narr 1 He'd given them a land to live in, and he'd provided them with prophets to tell them what God wanted them to do.

Narr 2 *[Singing]* I'll tell you what I want, what I really really want.

[A & B leap in front of C mime singing like Spice Girls]

Narr 1 But they silenced the prophets and ignored God.

[C puts hands over mouths of A & B]

Narr 2 But how could they tell that God was so angry with them?

Narr 1 Does a lion roar when he has no prey?

[B roars]

Does a trap spring closed when there is nothing in it?

[C catches A in trap – eg loop of rope passed over head and around middle]

Narr 2 Does the pope have a balcony?

[B goes to edge of stage and waves like pope]

Narr 1 Yes, he does – and so when God sounds the alarm we can be certain He will act.

[A blows trumpet. C runs around nervously to side]

Narr 2 Oh dear. And how exactly was he planning to act against Israel?

Narr 1 By sending an alien invader.

Narr 2 I used to love that game.

Narr 1 What game?

Narr 2 Space Invaders. Little green men descending down the computer screen. Pow. Pow.

[A & B as space invaders while C tries to shoot them]

Narr 1 This wasn't going to be an invasion from outer space, or any kind of cyber attack – but one of Israel's enemies would overrun the country.

[A & B continue attack and knock C to the floor]

Narr 2 That sounds bad.

Narr 1 Yes, their houses would be destroyed, their mansions would be destroyed, their winter houses, their summer houses. All flattened.

Narr 2 They had a lot of houses. They must have had a colossal Poll Tax bill for all those second homes.

[A and B each give C a demand for payment. C looks sad]

Narr 1 No more. The whole lot was destroyed along with their altars to false gods – the root of their disobedience.

[C throws away the bills and collapses to the floor]

Narr 2 So that was it for Israel? Total destruction. Torn to shreds by a roaring lion.

[B roars again]

Narr 1 Almost total destruction.

Narr 2 You mean there would be something left over?

Narr 1 Yes, just a scrap or two; a remnant of Israel would survive.

[A picks up a doll to represent a smaller version of C – concealed in C's pocket]

Narr 2 But they probably wouldn't have any second homes?

Narr 1 Or first ones for that matter. They would become a nation with no home at all. Scattered amongst their neighbours.

[A, B & C collect rucksack, aussie hat, staff and leave stage left right and centre.]

Narr 2 Perhaps you were right about Neighbours after all. At least it's hot in Australia – unlike the East End of London. Much better if you've got no home to live in..

Narr 1 Give me strength.....*[Roars at 2 and chases him off stage]*

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