**HOME TRUTHS**

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*Based on Amos Ch 2 V 5 – Ch 3 v 15*

*CAST Narrator 1 Straight man*

*Narrator 2 A bit of a joker*

*A Takes part of Amos + other roles*

*B Takes part of king of Judah + other roles*

*C Takes part of king of Israel + other roles*

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]*

*THE END*