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The people of Israel were finding their security in _____ wealth, _____ size, and _____ skill. They were going down just like every _____ kingdom before them.

AMOS 6:1-14

While Yahweh was repeatedly merciful to Israel, ultimate judgment was always going to be leveled against their unwillingness to live by His _____ which they had agreed to. It was by those _____ that they would be judged.

AMOS 7:1-9

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The spiritual leadership in Israel tried to minimize God's Word by making it, not about the _____, but about the _____.

AMOS 7:10-17

Israel's leadership was taking credit for things that Yahweh had done for them. Their confidence was then placed in their own abilities, their own strength, and the security that they had apparently won for themselves. The problem was that Israel's success was solely due to Yahweh's ability and strength. Any security they enjoyed was security that He ensured. They would soon learn the ruin that their self-confidence and pride would secure for themselves.

Yahweh had clearly revealed His standards, and Israel had clearly failed to honor those standards. While He had extended His mercy for quite some time, He would not spare them anymore. Their blatant disregard for Yahweh and His standards at the highest levels of their religious and political systems was damning evidence that they had truly ceased to be His people.

"AND BEHOLD, THE WHOLE CITY CAME OUT TO MEET JESUS; AND WHEN THEY SAW HIM, THEY PLEADED WITH HIM TO LEAVE THEIR REGION." (MATTHEW 8:34)