

## **AMOS PART 5 — ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!**

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Hopefully we are familiar with the structure?

**Division 1: 8 Prophecies (1:3–2:16)**

**Division 2: 3 Sermons (3:1–6:14)**

**Division 3: 5 Visions (7:1–9:10)**

**Division 4: 5 Promises (9:11–9:15)**

All delivered to Israel at their religious centre at Bethel. Of course ... they didn't believe Amos! Their chief priest ... Amaziah ... told him to "push off" back to JUDAH.

We've looked at the first 3 Visions — Locusts ... Fire ... Plumb Line (or "Tin"! Amos — you are the Tin. Get back to your job. Get back to judging!)

**Amos interceded for the first 2 Visions and God relented. But after that — destruction is sure.**

### **THE FOURTH VISION — THE BASKET OF SUMMER FRUIT**

#### **Amos 8:1-2**

1 Thus the Lord GOD showed me: **Behold, a basket of summer fruit.**

2 And He said, "Amos, what do you see?"

So I said, "**A basket of summer fruit.**"

Then the LORD said to me:

**"The end has come upon My people Israel;  
I will not pass by them anymore. (I'll not spare them any more)**

**The Vision of Summer Fruit — Hebrew: QAYITZ**

Leads to an understanding that the **end** (QETZ) has come. Now imminent destruction on the land.

**KEY POINT: THE END HAS COME!**

Every king of Israel has been bad!

**Amos 8:3**

3 And **the songs of the temple**  
**shall be wailing in that day,**”

Says the Lord GOD—

**“Many dead bodies everywhere,**  
**They shall be thrown out in silence.”**

Songs in the IDOLATROUS ... APOSTATE temple at Bethel turned to wailing.

It seems that Israel may still be wondering why God is going to judge them? Why would God judge us in this fashion?

**Amos 8:4**

4 **Hear this, you who swallow up the needy,**  
**And make the poor of the land fail,**

The “Elite” have no concern for the poor — the less well-off. They ride roughshod over the people! The rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

**God’s way of life is not just “spiritual stuff” ... it should be seen in society — how people deal with each other.**

Some examples:

**Amos 8:5**

5 Saying:

**“When will the New Moon be past,**

**That we may sell grain?**

**And the Sabbath,**

**That we may trade wheat?**

**Making the ephah small and the shekel large,**

**Falsifying the scales by deceit,**

They can't wait for the Sabbath to finish so that they can get back to buying and selling. It wasn't a day of joy ... a day spent with their families or with the Lord. Short-changing God.

### **Amos 8:5 NIV**

5 saying, ...

**skimping on the measure,  
boosting the price  
and cheating with dishonest scales,**

All to exploit the poor!

### **Amos 8:6**

6 That we may buy the poor for silver,  
And the needy for a pair of sandals—  
Even sell the bad wheat?"

### **Amos 8:7-8**

7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

**"Surely I will never forget any of their works.**

8 **Shall the land not tremble for this,**

**And everyone mourn who dwells in it?**

**All of it shall swell like the River,**

**Heave and subside**

**Like the River of Egypt.**

A probable reference here to a great earthquake? The land heaves and subsides (like the Nile in flood).

God is bound to act. **He has to take action!**

Compare:

### **Amos 1:1**

1 **The words of Amos**, who was among the sheepbreeders of Tekoa, which he saw **concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel,** **two years before the earthquake.**

Two years before the earthquake.

It seems to have been a major earthquake! Still talked about centuries later!

**Zechariah 14:3-5**

3 Then the LORD will go forth  
And fight against those nations,  
As He fights in the day of battle.

4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives,  
Which faces Jerusalem on the east.

**And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,  
From east to west,**

**Making a very large valley;**

**Half of the mountain shall move toward the north**

**And half of it toward the south. (A very large earthquake!)**

5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley,  
For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal.

Yes, **you shall flee**

**As you fled from the earthquake**

**In the days of Uzziah king of Judah.**

Thus the LORD my God will come,  
And all the saints with You.

People will flee in the end-time as they did in the earthquake “in the days of Uzziah” (Amos’ time).

This was about 250 years earlier!

**Amos 8:9-10**

9 “And it shall come to pass in that day,” says the Lord GOD,  
“That **I will make the sun go down at noon,**

And **I will darken the earth in broad daylight;**

10 **I will turn your feasts into mourning,**

And **all your songs into lamentation;**

**I will bring sackcloth on every waist,**

**And baldness on every head;**

**I will make it like mourning for an only son,**

And **its end like a bitter day.**

### **THIS IS THE DAY OF THE LORD.**

A day of darkness and doom is coming.

#### **Amos 8:11-12**

11 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord GOD,

“That **I will send a famine on the land,**

Not a famine of bread,

Nor a thirst for water,

But **of hearing the words of the LORD.**

12 They shall wander from sea to sea,

And from north to east;

**They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,**

**But shall not find it.**

Israel has never been interested in God’s Word. They commanded God’s prophets to be silent! Amaziah told Amos to “shut up” and go home!

The time will come when people will want a “Word from God” — “what’s going on”? TOO LATE! **GOD IS GOING TO BE SILENT!!**

#### **Amos 8:13-14**

13 “In that day **the fair virgins**

**And strong young men**

**Shall faint from thirst.**

14 **Those who swear by the sin of Samaria,** (“swear by” or “worship” — *the idol of Samaria*)

Who say,

‘As your god lives, O Dan!’

And, ‘As the way of Beersheba lives!’

**They shall fall and never rise again.”**

Further reference to Israel’s idolatry and fake holy sites. Their gods will be of no help!

### **THE FIFTH VISION — STRICKEN DOORSTEPS**

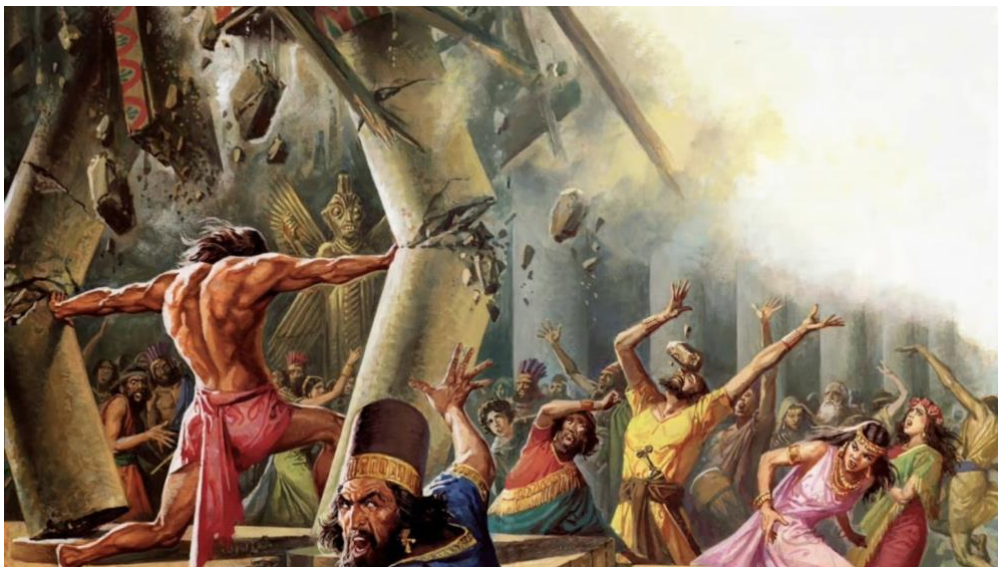
### **Amos 9:1**

1 I saw the Lord standing by the **altar**, and He said: ("**altar**" — *the idolatrous altar — NOT GOD'S ALTAR*)

**"Strike the doorposts, that the thresholds may shake,  
And break them on the heads of them all.  
I will slay the last of them with the sword.  
He who flees from them shall not get away,  
And he who escapes from them shall not be delivered.**

Amos sees God standing by the altar. In context ... **this will be the altar at Bethel — the idolatrous altar at Bethel — the idolatrous altar of Israel's rebellious worship.** (It's not Jerusalem!)

It will be destroyed from top to bottom — and **all its worshippers killed.**



### **Amos 9:2-4**

2 "**Though they dig into hell,**  
From there My hand shall take them;  
**Though they climb up to heaven,**  
From there I will bring them down;  
3 And **though they hide themselves on top of Carmel,**  
From there I will search and take them;  
**Though they hide from My sight at the bottom of the sea,**  
From there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them;

4 **Though they go into captivity before their enemies,**  
From there I will command the sword,  
And it shall slay them.  
**I will set My eyes on them for harm and not for good.”**

**NO ESCAPE!**

**Amos 9:5-6**

5 The Lord GOD of hosts,  
He who touches the earth and it melts,  
And all who dwell there mourn;  
All of it shall swell like the River,  
And subside like the River of Egypt.  
6 He who builds His layers in the sky,  
And has founded His strata in the earth;  
Who calls for the waters of the sea,  
And pours them out on the face of the earth—  
The LORD is His name.

These verses appear to be a hymn — though includes a probable reference to the **BIG EARTHQUAKE!**

**Amos 9:7**

7 **“Are you not like the people of Ethiopia to Me,**  
**O children of Israel?”** says the LORD.  
**“Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt,**  
**The Philistines from Caphtor, (Crete)**  
**And the Syrians from Kir?**

Now that ISRAEL has deserted their Covenant God ... they're not much different than others — Ethiopians ... Philistines.

**Amos 9:8-10**

8 **“Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are on the sinful**  
**kingdom,**  
**And I will destroy it from the face of the earth;**  
Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,”  
Says the LORD.  
9 “For surely **I will command,**

**And will sift the house of Israel among all nations,  
As grain is sifted in a sieve;**

Yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground.

10 **All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword,**

Who say, 'The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.'  
(Complete utter denial)

**Israel now identified by God as the sinful kingdom!**

It will be scattered among the nations. The wicked will die. The nation is destroyed!

**After the 8 Prophecies ... 3 Sermons ... and 5 Visions — we come to the last division:**

**THE 5 PROMISES.**

**ALL ARE YET FUTURE! THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM WHEN JESUS CHRIST RETURNS.**

**Amos 9:11**

11 **"On that day I will raise up**

**The tabernacle of David,** which has fallen down,

And repair its damages;

**I will raise up its ruins,**

**And rebuild it as in the days of old;**

**At that time ... God will restore (and upgrade) the Kingdom and Dynasty of David.**

Jesus is the "Son of David" and is Ruler of the world in those days.

But also David himself will be King over the chief nation of Israel.

**Ezekiel 37:21-28**

21 "Then say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "**Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;**



22 and **I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.**

23 They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then **they shall be My people, and I will be their God.**

24 “**David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd;** they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them.

25 Then **they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant,** where your fathers dwelt; **and they shall dwell there,** they, their children, and their children’s children, **forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.**

26 Moreover **I will make a covenant of peace with them,** and it shall be **an everlasting covenant** with them; **I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.**

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed **I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**

28 **The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.” ’ ’**

David will be King over all Israel — both nations will then be one.

#### **Amos 9:12**

12 **That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,**”

Says the LORD who does this thing.

**All nations will look to Israel as their example and mentors.**

#### **Amos 9:13**

13 “**Behold, the days are coming,**” says the LORD, **“When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed;**

**The mountains shall drip with sweet wine,  
And all the hills shall flow with it.**

**Super levels of prosperity!** And no doubt all really good quality — to maintain great health!

**Amos 9:14**

14 **I will bring back the captives of My people Israel;**  
**They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them;**  
**They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them;**  
**They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.**

**All scattered Israel returns to the Promised Land.** Full of beautiful cities ... vineyards ... and gardens.

Compare:

**Ezekiel 36:33-36**

33 **'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.**

34 **The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by.**

35 So they will say, **'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden;** and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.'

36 **Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it."**

**The environment will be like the Garden of Eden!** A beautiful place to live.

Other nations will recognise God's hand. They will be inspired to learn God's ways!

**Amos 9:15**

15 **I will plant them in their land,**

**And no longer shall they be pulled up  
From the land I have given them,”**

Says the LORD your God.

**Israel at last “at rest”.** After a turbulent history ... numerous invasions and captivities. Finally — they are at peace with their God!

**FOREVER!**

There has been a lot of pain and suffering for Israel and Judah from the days of Amos till today.

But the prophecy ends on a high. **Israel and Judah have a glorious future ... and will live happily ever after!**