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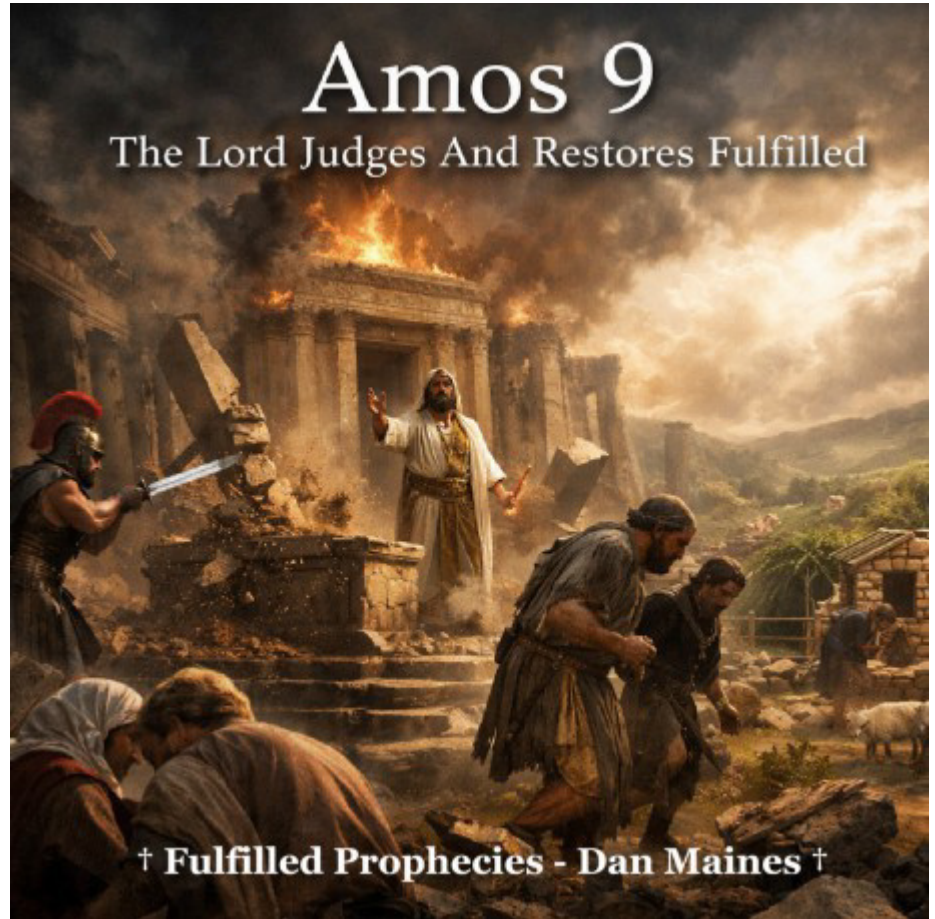
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## Amos 9 The Lord Judges And Restores Fulfilled



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### Introduction

† Amos closes with both judgment and restoration, and we have to read it through the fulfilled perspective, not pushing it into our future.

† The chapter begins with unavoidable judgment on Israel, and ends with the restoration of David's fallen booth, which the New Testament tells us has already been fulfilled.

† This is not about a future kingdom, it's about the end of the

Old Covenant system and the establishment of the New in Christ.

### **Amos 9:1**

I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and He said, Strike the capitals so that the thresholds will shake, And break them on the heads of them all! Then I will kill the rest of them with the sword; They will not have a fugitive who will flee, Or a survivor who will escape.

† This is God standing at the altar, meaning judgment begins at the house of God, not the nations. (1 Peter 4:17)

† The altar represents the temple system, and this is pointing directly to its destruction in AD 70. (Matthew 24:2)

† No escape means this generation would face the full covenant judgment Jesus warned about. (Luke 21:22)

### **Amos 9:2**

Though they dig into Sheol, From there My hand will take them; And though they ascend to heaven, From there I will bring them down.

† This is covenant language, not literal geography, showing there's no hiding from God's judgment. (Jeremiah 23:24)

† Sheol and heaven here represent extremes, meaning total exposure to judgment.

† Jesus used the same language about the fall of Israel, showing their fall from covenant privilege. (Matthew 11:23)

### **Amos 9:3**

And though they hide on the summit of Carmel, I will search them out and take them from there; And though they conceal themselves from My sight on the bottom of the sea, From there I will command the serpent and it will bite them.

† Mount Carmel and the sea represent supposed places of safety, but none existed.

† The serpent imagery connects to judgment and destruction, not eternal torment.

† This shows the completeness of the coming covenant collapse.

### **Amos 9:4**

And though they go into captivity before their enemies, From there I will command the sword that it kill them, And I will set My eyes against them for harm and not for good.

† Even captivity wouldn't spare them, judgment followed them.

† This was fulfilled in the Roman siege and aftermath, where many were taken captive and killed. (Luke 21:24)

† God setting His eyes for evil means covenant judgment, not moral evil.

### **Amos 9:5-6**

The Lord GOD of armies, The One who touches the land so that it quakes, And all those who live in it mourn, And all of it rises up like the Nile And subsides like the Nile of Egypt; The One who builds His upper chambers in the heavens And has founded His vaulted dome over the earth, He who calls for the waters of the sea And pours them out on the face of the earth, The LORD is His name.

† This is prophetic language describing upheaval, not literal melting of the planet.

† The land refers to Israel, the covenant land, being shaken and removed. (Hebrews 12:26-28)

† Mourning matches what Jesus said about that generation. (Matthew 24:30)

### **Amos 9:7**

Are you not as the sons of Ethiopia to Me, Sons of Israel? declares the LORD. Have I not brought Israel up from the land of Egypt, And the Philistines from Caphtor and the Arameans

from Kir?

† Israel is being humbled, they're no different than other nations in terms of judgment.

† Covenant privilege didn't mean immunity from covenant violation.

† This sets the stage for the inclusion of the nations later in the chapter.

### **Amos 9:8**

Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are on the sinful kingdom, And I will eliminate it from the face of the earth; Nevertheless, I will not totally eliminate the house of Jacob, declares the LORD.

† The sinful kingdom is Israel under judgment.

† Destroyed from the earth means the end of that covenant system.

† Yet a remnant remains, fulfilled in the believing remnant in Christ. (Romans 11:5)

### **Amos 9:9**

For behold, I am commanding, And I will shake the house of Israel among all nations As grain is shaken in a sieve, But not a kernel will fall to the ground.

† This is separation, not annihilation.

† The faithful remnant is preserved while the unfaithful are removed.

† Jesus speaks of this same separation. (Matthew 13:41-43)

### **Amos 9:10**

All the sinners of My people will die by the sword, Those who say, The disaster will not overtake or confront us.

† These are the ones who denied judgment was coming.

† This matches the first century leaders who rejected Christ and His warnings. (Matthew 23:36)

† Their confidence didn't stop the judgment.

### **Amos 9:11**

On that day I will raise up the fallen shelter of David, And wall up its gaps; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old;

† This is key, and the New Testament tells us exactly when this was fulfilled.

† James quotes this in Acts 15 and says it's happening in his day. (Acts 15:16-17)

† The tabernacle of David is restored in Christ, not in a future earthly kingdom.

### **Amos 9:12**

So that they may possess the remnant of Edom And all the nations who are called by My name, declares the LORD who does this.

† This is about the inclusion of the Gentiles.

† Acts 15 directly applies this to the Gentiles coming into the church.

† This proves fulfillment in the first century, not in our future.

### **Amos 9:13**

Behold, days are coming, declares the LORD, When the plowman will overtake the reaper And the one who treads grapes will overtake him who sows the seed; When the mountains will drip sweet wine And all the hills will be dissolved.

† This is covenant blessing language, describing abundance in the new covenant.

† It's not literal agriculture, it's spiritual abundance in Christ.

† This matches the gospel going out rapidly and fruitfully.

### **Amos 9:14**

I will also restore the fortunes of My people Israel, And they will

rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit.

† This restoration is fulfilled in the new covenant people, not national Israel.

† The captivity is spiritual, and the return is in Christ.  
(Colossians 1:13)

† The imagery reflects covenant peace and stability.

### **Amos 9:15**

I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be uprooted from their land Which I have given them, Says the LORD your God.

† This is not physical land in the Middle East.

† This is the secure position in Christ and the new covenant kingdom. (Hebrews 12:28)

† Unlike the old covenant, this kingdom cannot be shaken or removed.

### **Historical References**

† Josephus describes the destruction of Jerusalem as total and inescapable, matching Amos 9 language.

† Eusebius records the early church understanding that the kingdom had already been established in Christ.

† Justin Martyr confirms the inclusion of the Gentiles as fulfillment of the prophets.

† Irenaeus speaks of the church as the restored people of God, not a future ethnic nation.

### **How It Applies To Us Today**

† We aren't waiting for Amos 9 to be fulfilled, it's already done in Christ.

† The judgment has already come, and the kingdom has

already been established.

† We live in the restored dwelling of David right now.

† The security we have isn't tied to land, it's tied to Christ.

† This should give us confidence, not fear of future judgment.

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q** When was Amos 9:11 fulfilled

**A** Acts 15:16-17 shows it was fulfilled in the first century as Gentiles were brought into the church

**Q** Is Amos 9 about a future kingdom

**A** Hebrews 12:28 shows the kingdom was already received and cannot be shaken

**Q** What is the tabernacle of David

**A** It is the restored people of God in Christ, Acts 15:16

**Q** What does the destruction in Amos 9 refer to

**A** It refers to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, Luke 21:22

**Q** What land are believers planted in

**A** The unshakable kingdom in Christ, Hebrews 12:28

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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