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Amos 9

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¹ I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and he said:
“Strike the capitals until the thresholds shake,
and shatter them on the heads of all the people;
and those who are left of them I will kill with the sword;
not one of them shall flee away;
not one of them shall escape.



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²“If they dig into Sheol, from there shall my hand take them; if they climb up to heaven, from there I will bring them down.

³ If they hide themselves on the top of Carmel, from there I will search them out and take them; and if they hide from my sight at the bottom of the sea, there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them.



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⁴ And if they go into captivity before their enemies, there I will command the sword, and it shall kill them; and I will fix my eyes upon them for evil and not for good."



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⁵ The Lord GOD of hosts, he who touches the earth and it melts, and all who dwell in it mourn, and all of it rises like the Nile, and sinks again, like the Nile of Egypt;
⁶ who builds his upper chambers in the heavens and founds his vault upon the earth; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth—the LORD is his name.



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⁷“Are you not like the Cushites to me, O people of Israel?” declares the LORD. “Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor and the Syrians from Kir?”

⁸Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the surface of the ground, except that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,” declares the LORD.



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⁹“For behold, I will command, and shake the house of Israel among all the nations as one shakes with a sieve, but no pebble shall fall to the earth.

¹⁰ All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, ‘Disaster shall not overtake or meet us.’



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¹¹ “In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old,

¹² that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name,” declares the LORD who does this.



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¹³ “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.



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¹⁴ I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

¹⁵ I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the LORD your God.



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Nothing and no one escapes our God

(Amos 9:1-4, Ps.139)



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God's judgment and discipline is certain for everyone, especially his people, so do not ignore His warnings or defy his discipline

(Amos 9:7-10, Gal. 6:7, Heb. 12:5-6)



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In every generation there are challenges – “times that try men’s souls”. We either rise to those challenges, or we get crushed beneath them. There is no middle ground. We are all here “for such a time as this”

(Esther 4:14)



How Will You Respond?

Attack it with your own best thinking

(Eph. 4:26, James 1:19-20)

Avoid it and bunker down, hide out, or run away

(2 Tim. 1:7)

Assimilate it and accommodate a new normal

(1 Peter 2:9, 1 John 2:15,
Eph. 4:17-19)



How Will You Respond?

Ignore it, deny it, don't think about it, and hope it goes away

(2 Tim. 4:2-7)

Advance the Kingdom by getting God's revelation and wisdom first, and then suit up, saddle up, show up, stand up, speak up, and not give up

(Rom. 1:16; 10:13-15)



Where Do I Start?

Start with yourself

(Matt. 16:15; 24-26)

Get rid of anything in your life that is tripping you up
and holding you back

(Heb. 12:1-2)



Where Do I Start?

Allow God to raise you up if you have fallen,
repair the breaches, and rebuild the ruins

(Amos 9:11; Is. 61:1-4)

Keep your focus on Jesus, not the present look of things
(Rom. 8:35-38)



Where Do I Start?

Daily, intentionally, persistently, continually, and passionately pursue your relationship with Christ with more intensity than you pursue anything else

(Deut. 6:4-9)



How then will
you live?



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