

## **Amos 9**

### **Amos 9.1-4** – Fifth vision of Amos

**V1** – **Where was God?** Standing beside the altar (either in heaven or in the temple in Jerusalem)

-**What were the instructions of God?** "Smite" the Northern Kingdom, and kill the survivors with the sword

**V2** – **Will there be any to escape?** No, not from hell or heaven

**V3** – **Where else would they hide?** Mt. Carmel to the floor of the sea

**V4** – **What about those who would surrender to the Assyrians?** They would be killed, even as fugitives

-**V 4b** – a frightening statement!

### **Amos 9.5-6**

**V5** – **What can God do?** Melt land (volcanoes) and cause the Nile to rise or go down

**V6** – God has his dome over the earth and controls the rain

### **Amos 9.7-10**

**V7** – **Were the Israelites special people to God?** Not really

-We have a clue here that God was working with all the peoples of the earth: Ethiopians, Philistines, Syrians (Naaman), etc.

-This must have been a real blow to the Israelites (such racial pride as "God's people")

**V8** – God will destroy sinful nations

-**Will he totally destroy the Northern Kingdom?** No

**V9** – An interesting "*simile*": shaking grain in sieve

**V10** – **Who will die?** All the sinners

-Remember that the prophet Hosea survived the fall of the Northern Kingdom

### **Amos 9.11-12**

**V11** – Amos is seeing far into the future

-**What did Amos see?** The restoration of Jerusalem

-Also this a reference to the Messiah and the kingdom of Christ in the New Testament

**V12** – The territory was to be restored

## **Amos 9.13-15**

**V 13** – As if the thunderstorm is over and the birds are coming out (*Beacon Bible Commentary*, V, 144b)

-*"the plowman and the reaper"* meant that the land would be very productive once again

**V 14** – People would be released from captivity – See Luke 4.18-19

**V 15** – The land was to be theirs once again

The Northern Kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians in 721 BC

Read 2 Kings 17.1-18ff

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