

## “Hope In God” - Amos 9:5-15

Ask - “Why is it important for someone to have hope?”

Background - After several chilling chapters of warnings and predictions of coming judgment against Israel and God’s children, Amos concludes his prophecy with a message of restoration and hope.

“The Almighty LORD” - Amos 9:5-6

(v5) Verses 1-4 look forward to the coming judgment of Israel, while verses 5-6 show God’s power to bring it about. How does this verse depict the LORD’s power over the earth?

(v6) How does this verse depict God’s activity in the heavens and sky?

THE LORD IS SOVEREIGN AND ALL POWERFUL OVER HIS CREATION. HE IS ABLE TO BRING ABOUT THE JUDGMENT THAT HE HAS FORETOLD.

“Judgment Upon the Nations” - Amos 9:7-10

(v7) How is Israel just like the Ethiopians, Philistines, and Arameans? Is any nation exempt from God’s judgment?

(v8-9) How is Israel different from these other “sinful” kingdoms? How will the extent of their judgments differ? Explain how the metaphor used in these verses demonstrates God’s mercy.

(v10) Though a remnant of Israel will be spared, who among God’s people will not be? Do these sinful people take God’s warning seriously? Discuss.

GOD WILL BRING JUDGMENT ON ALL THE NATIONS AND DESTROY ALL WHO PRACTICE IDOLATRY AND SIN UNREPENTANTLY.

“Israel’s Restoration” - Amos 9:11-12

(v11) God promises a restoration of the house of David. How was this prophecy fulfilled both physically and spiritually? How will it be fulfilled again?

(v12) Besides Israel, who else will be restored? On what basis will they be restored? How does this verse point to the Gentiles of the New Testament?

AFTER THE JUDGMENT IS CONCLUDED, GOD WILL RESTORE HIS PEOPLE. THEY WILL RETURN TO THEIR LAND, REBUILD, AND THE KINGSHIP OF DAVID’S LINE WILL BE RESTORED.

“A Final Promise” - Amos 9:13-15

(v13-14) How do these verses depict the abundance and fruitfulness that will characterize the days of Israel's restoration? Might they also refer to the Millenium of the Last Days? Discuss.

(v15) What final promise does God make to Israel in the last verse of this book?

GOD WILL PRESERVE HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL AND ESTABLISH THEM IN THEIR LAND FOREVER.

Application - We can rest in the hope and assurance that God will save those who trust in Jesus Christ. Just as He spared the remnant of believers in Israel, so also He will rescue Christians from the coming judgment of the end times. God has restored Israel and will establish her eternally. Born-again Jews and Christians will live with the Lord forever. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the hope we have in Jesus!