

God's Judgment Unavoidable

- 9:1 I SAW the Lord standing beside the ^aaltar, and He said,
 “Smite the capitals so that the ^bthresholds will shake,
 And ^cbreak them on the heads of them all!
 Then I will ^dslay the rest of them with the sword;
 They will ^enot have a fugitive who will flee,
 Or a refugee who will escape.
- 2 “Though they dig into ^aSheol,
 From there shall My hand take them;
 And though they ^bascend to heaven,
 From there will I bring them down.
- 3 “And though they hide on the summit of Carmel,
 I will ^asearch them out and take them from there;
 And though they ^bconceal themselves from My sight on the floor of the sea,
 From there I will command the ^cserpent and it will bite them.
- 4 “And though they go into ^acaptivity before their enemies,
 From there I will command the sword that it slay them,
 And I will ^bset My eyes against them for evil and not for good.”
- 5 And the Lord ¹GOD of hosts,
 The One who ^atouches the land so that it melts,
 And ^ball those who dwell in it mourn,
 And all of it rises up like the Nile
 And subsides like the Nile of Egypt;
 6 The One who builds His ¹upper chambers in the heavens,
 And has founded His vaulted dome over the earth,
 He who ^bcalls for the waters of the sea
 And ^cpours them out on the face of the earth,
 ^dThe LORD is His name.
- 7 “Are you not as the sons of ^aEthiopia to Me,
 O sons of Israel?” declares the LORD. “Have I not brought up Israel from the land of
 Egypt,
 And the ^bPhilistines from Caphtor and the ^cArameans from ^dKir?
 8 “Behold, the ^aeyes of the Lord GOD are on the sinful kingdom,
 And I will ^bdestroy it from the face of the earth;
 Nevertheless, I will ^cnot totally destroy the house of Jacob,”
 Declares the LORD.
- 9 “For behold, I am commanding,
 And I will ^ashake the house of Israel among all nations
 As *grain* is shaken in a sieve,
 But not a ¹kernel will fall to the ground.
- 10 “All the ^asinners of My people will die by the sword,
 Those who say, ^b‘The calamity will not overtake or confront us.’”

The Restoration of Israel

11 “In that day I will ^araise up the fallen ¹ ^bbooth of David,
And wall up its ^cbreaches;
I will also raise up its ruins,
And rebuild it as in the ^ddays of old;^aThat they may possess the remnant of ^bEdom
12 And all the ¹nations who are ^ccalled by My name,”
Declares the LORD who does this.

13 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“When the ^aplowman will overtake the reaper
And the treader of grapes him who sows seed;
When the ^bmountains will drip sweet ^cwine,
And all the hills will be dissolved.

14 “Also I will ^arestore the ¹captivity of My people Israel,
And they will ^brebuild the ruined cities and live *in them*,
They will also ^cplant vineyards and drink their wine,
And make gardens and eat their fruit.

15 “I will also plant them on their land,
And ^athey will not again be rooted out from their land
Which I have given them,”

Says the LORD your God.

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^a Amos 3:14

^b Zeph. 2:14

^c Ps. 68:21; Hab. 3:13

^d Amos 7:17

^e Jer. 11:11

^a Ps. 139:8

^b Jer. 51:53; Obad.4

^a Jer. 16:16

^b Job 34:22; Ps. 139:9, 10

^c Is. 27:1

^a Lev. 26:33

^b Lev. 17:10; Jer. 21:10; 39:16; 44:11

¹ Heb., *YHWH*, usually rendered *LĪĪD*, and so throughout the ch.

^a Ps. 104:32; 144:5; Is. 64:1; Mic. 1:4

^b Amos 8:8

¹ Or, *stairs*

^a Ps. 104:3, 13

^b Amos 5:8

^c Ps. 104:6

^d Amos 4:13

^a 2 Chr. 14:9, 12; Is. 20:4; 43:3

^b Deut. 2:23; Jer. 47:4

^c Amos 1:5

^d 2 Kin. 16:9; Is. 22:6

^a Jer. 44:27; Amos 9:4

^b Amos 7:17; 9:10

^c Jer. 5:10; 30:11; 31:35, 36; Joel 2:32; Amos 3:12; Obad. 17

^a Is. 30:28; Luke 22:31

¹ Or, *pebble*

^a Is. 33:14; Zech. 13:8

^b Amos 6:3

^a Acts 15:16-18

¹ Or, *shelter or tabernacle*

^b Is. 16:5

^c Ps. 80:12

^d Is. 63:11; Jer. 46:26

^a Obad. 19

^b Num. 24:18; Is. 11:14

¹ Or, *Gentiles*

^c Is. 43:7

^a Lev. 26:5

^b Joel 3:18

^c Gen. 49:11

^a Ps. 53:6; Is. 60:4; Jer. 30:3, 18

¹ Or, *fortunes*

^b Is. 61:4; 65:21

^c Jer. 24:6; 31:28

^a Is. 60:21; Ezek. 34:28; 37:25

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.