

Amos 9

Israel will be destroyed, but in the end, it will be restored

(The People's Bible, Hosea, Joel, Amos, pages 257-273)

Look

Verse 5 *"The LORD Almighty"*—The almighty God is the LORD, who has power over all the forces of nature. These natural forces have often been elevated to the status of earthly deities, but only the Lord is the true God who rules over all things.

Discuss

- Chapters 7–9 contain five visions. This chapter contains the final vision. What is this vision, and what point does the Lord want to teach Israel with it?
verses 1,2 Vision:
Lesson:
- We find great comfort in the fact that God watches over us. But there is another side to the Lord's watching over his creation. What is that, according to verse 4?
- In verses 7-10, the Lord picks up on four reasons the Israelites were using to find a sense of confidence in their relationship with the Lord. How does the Lord answer them?
 - We are the children of Israel.
 - The Lord delivered us from Egypt.
 - The Lord's eyes are on us.
 - Evil will not overtake us.
- Over 90 percent of Amos' prophecies are severe punishments, often ending in total destruction. Yet God's final word to Israel is a word of grace and blessing. What does it mean that the Lord will rebuild "David's fallen tent"? When will verses 13-15 come to pass?

Apply

- Why can we say that we also are included in the fulfillment of verses 11 and 12?

The Lord would completely destroy the nation of Israel for its idolatry. Yet in the days ahead, he would restore it, reestablish David's kingdom, and never uproot it again.