

# YOUTH CHURCH: AMOS 9

We are onto the final chapter in Amos this week! This has been a challenging book, but well done for sticking with it and thinking about how it can apply to us today.



**RECAP!**  
BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN JUMPING IN AND OUT OF AMOS I WOULD LOVE YOU TO WATCH THIS VIDEO, JUST TO JOG YOUR MEMORY ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR!

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## WHAT WE HAVE LOOKED AT...

- OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
- THANKFULLNESS
- LISTENING TO GOD
- SEEKING GOD
- GOD BEING IN CONTROL

**EACH WEEK WE TOOK ONE OF THESE THEMES AND THOUGHT OF DIFFERENT THINGS WE COULD ADD INTO OUR ROUTINES TO HELP DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

### TASK ONE:

**TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND THINK BACK TO WHAT YOU WROTE DOWN FOR EACH ONE OVER THE WEEKS. HOW HAVE YOU GOT ON? HAVE YOU ADDED MORE PRAYER INTO YOUR EVERYDAY ROUTINES? OR MAYBE YOU STARTED READING YOUR BIBLE MORE? OR HAVE YOU CHATTED TO A FRIEND ABOUT GOD? WHAT HAS BEEN HELPING YOU FEEL CLOSER TO GOD?**

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## ISRAEL TO BE DESTROYED

**I SAW THE LORD STANDING BY THE ALTAR, AND HE SAID: "STRIKE THE TOPS OF THE PILLARS SO THAT THE THRESHOLDS SHAKE. BRING THEM DOWN ON THE HEADS OF ALL THE PEOPLE; THOSE WHO ARE LEFT I WILL KILL WITH THE SWORD.**

**NOT ONE WILL GET AWAY, NONE WILL ESCAPE. THOUGH THEY DIG DOWN TO THE DEPTHS BELOW, FROM THERE MY HAND WILL TAKE THEM.**

**THOUGH THEY CLIMB UP TO THE HEAVENS ABOVE, FROM THERE I WILL BRING THEM DOWN. THOUGH THEY HIDE THEMSELVES ON THE TOP OF CARMEL, THERE I WILL HUNT THEM DOWN AND SEIZE THEM. THOUGH THEY HIDE FROM MY EYES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, THERE I WILL COMMAND THE SERPENT TO BITE THEM. THOUGH THEY ARE DRIVEN INTO EXILE BY THEIR ENEMIES, THERE I WILL COMMAND THE SWORD TO SLAY THEM "I WILL KEEP MY EYE ON THEM FOR HARM AND NOT FOR GOOD." THE LORD, THE LORD ALMIGHTY—**

**HE TOUCHES THE EARTH AND IT MELTS, AND ALL WHO LIVE IN IT MOURN;**

**THE WHOLE LAND RISES LIKE THE NILE, THEN SINKS LIKE THE RIVER OF EGYPT; HE BUILDS HIS LOFTY PALACE IN THE HEAVENS AND SETS ITS FOUNDATION ON THE EARTH; HE CALLS FOR THE WATERS OF THE SEA AND POURS THEM OUT OVER THE FACE OF THE LAND—THE LORD IS HIS NAME. "ARE NOT YOU ISRAELITES THE SAME TO ME AS THE CUSHITES?" DECLARES THE LORD. "DID I NOT BRING ISRAEL UP FROM EGYPT, THE PHILISTINES FROM CAPHTOR AND THE ARAMEANS FROM KIR?" SURELY THE EYES OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD**

**ARE ON THE SINFUL KINGDOM. I WILL DESTROY IT FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.**

**YET I WILL NOT TOTALLY DESTROY THE DESCENDANTS OF JACOB, DECLARES THE LORD. "FOR I WILL GIVE THE COMMAND, AND I WILL SHAKE THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AMONG ALL THE NATIONS AS GRAIN IS SHAKEN IN A SIEVE, AND NOT A PEBBLE WILL REACH THE GROUND. ALL THE SINNERS AMONG MY PEOPLE**

**WILL DIE BY THE SWORD, ALL THOSE WHO SAY, 'DISASTER WILL NOT OVERTAKE OR MEET US.' ISRAEL'S RESTORATION "IN THAT DAY "I WILL RESTORE DAVID'S FALLEN SHELTER—I WILL REPAIR ITS BROKEN WALLS AND RESTORE ITS RUINS AND WILL REBUILD IT AS IT USED TO BE, SO THAT THEY MAY POSSESS THE REMNANT OF EDOM AND ALL THE NATIONS THAT BEAR MY NAME," DECLARES THE LORD, WHO WILL DO THESE THINGS. "THE DAYS ARE COMING," DECLARES THE LORD,**

**"WHEN THE REAPER WILL BE OVERTAKEN BY THE PLOWMAN AND THE PLANTER BY THE ONE TREADING GRAPES. NEW WINE WILL DRIP FROM THE MOUNTAINS AND FLOW FROM ALL THE HILLS, AND I WILL BRING MY PEOPLE ISRAEL BACK FROM EXILE. "THEY WILL REBUILD THE RUINED CITIES AND LIVE IN THEM. THEY WILL PLANT VINEYARDS AND DRINK THEIR WINE; THEY WILL MAKE GARDENS AND EAT THEIR FRUIT. I WILL PLANT ISRAEL IN THEIR OWN LAND, NEVER AGAIN TO BE UPROOTED FROM THE LAND I HAVE GIVEN THEM," SAYS THE LORD YOUR GOD.**

## TASK TWO:

### BIBLE STUDY:

- WHAT IS THE KEY VERSE?**
- WHAT ARE THE REPEATED WORDS?**
- WHAT SURPRISES YOU?**
- WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS?**
- HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE APPLY TO YOUR LIFE AS A CHRISTIAN?**

# SOME THOUGHTS...

**AS YOU READ THROUGH THIS PASSAGE, WE SEE THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL PLACE THEIR HOPE IN ACHIEVING SECURITY AND WEALTH THROUGH MISTREATING THE POOR. THE ISSUE WITH THIS IS SIN BRINGS DISAPPOINTMENT AND FRUSTRATION. WE READ THAT IN AMOS' VISION GOD DESTROYS THEIR TEMPLE TO SHOW THAT THEIR END HAS FINALLY COME. BUT JUST AT THE END OF THE PASSAGE, WE SEE THAT AMOS IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY THAT SIN IS DESTROYED. THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF AMOS GIVES A GLIMMER OF HOPE, IN VERSES 9:11-15 WE ARE TOLD THAT HE IS GOING TO REBUILD THE FAMILY OF GOD'S PEOPLE. HERE WE SEE HOW GOD IS BOTH A GOD OF JUSTICE AND MERCY. SO TODAY WE SHOULD LEARN FROM ISRAEL'S HYPOCRISY AND DISASTER. THIS IS GOING BACK TO WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT A FEW WEEKS AGO, THIS IDEA OF ROUTINE VS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. WHAT ARE WE DOING EACH DAY TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP AND GROW CLOSER TO GOD EACH DAY?**

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