

# AMOS – CHAPTERS 7-9 – Visions of the Locusts and Fire; Amaziah’s Complaint; Vision of the Summer Fruit; The Destruction of Israel; Israel Will be Restored

## OBSERVATION

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## INTERPRETATION

## APPLICATION

**Events prophesied in Amos: 760 BC** – During the reign of Jeroboam II in the north and King Uzziah in the south, two years before a great earthquake. In Israel at this it was one of **Great Prosperity and Peace**, but it also was a time of **great spiritual iniquity and wickedness**. At a time of “happy times are here again!”, Amos was told to sing a lamentation or dirge!

**Vision of the Locust** - Amo 7:1 Thus the Lord GOD showed me: Behold, He formed locust swarms at the beginning of the late crop; indeed *it was* the late crop after the king's mowings.

Amo 7:2 And so it was, when they had finished eating the grass of the land, that I said: "O Lord GOD, forgive, I pray! Oh, that Jacob may stand, For he is small!"

Amo 7:3 So the LORD relented concerning this. "It shall not be," said the LORD.

**Vision of the Fire** - Amo 7:4 Thus the Lord GOD showed me: Behold, the Lord GOD called for conflict by fire, and it consumed the great deep and devoured the territory.

Amo 7:5 Then I said: "O Lord GOD, cease, I pray! Oh, that Jacob may stand, For he is small!"

Amo 7:6 So the LORD relented concerning this. "This also shall not be," said the Lord GOD.

Amo 7:7 Thus He showed me: Behold, the Lord stood on a wall *made* with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand.

**Vision of the Plumb Line** - Amo 7:8 And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said: "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will not pass by them anymore.

Amo 7:9 The high places of Isaac shall be desolate, And the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste. I will rise with the sword against the house of Jeroboam."

**Amaziah’s Complaint** - Amo 7:10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words.

Amo 7:11 For thus Amos has said: 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, And Israel shall surely be led away captive From their own land.' "

Amo 7:12 Then Amaziah said to Amos: "Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah. There eat bread, And there prophesy.

Amo 7:13 But never again prophesy at Bethel, For it is the king's sanctuary, And it is the royal residence."

**v. 1** Thus - This is the first of five prophetic representations of what was coming upon this people. The latter growth - The shooting up of the first growth being too luxuriant, they often eat it down with cattle; but if the second growth were eat up, it marred the whole harvest. Mowed - It is supposed the first mowing of the corn in the blade was for the king's use; and after this the second springing grew up to the harvest.

**v. 2** And so it was - In the vision. That Jacob may stand. For he is small: reduced in numbers and in strength.

**v. 3** Relented - This is spoken after the manner of men. Num 23:19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? Mal 3:6 "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

**v. 4** Showed - In vision. Called - Commanded fire from heaven. A part - Of the land too.

**vs. 5-6** Apparently, God sent rain, and the fires were put out. Again, God heard them. When it says that God "repented," it is because of the prayers of the people. God was tenderhearted and would not go through with it. The awful thing, my friend, in rejecting Christ and thus being lost eternally, is the fact that you have to do it against a God who is tenderhearted and who is gracious and loving. God *loves* you, and to sin against that love is an awful, dreadful, and terrible thing.

**v. 7** By a plumb line - Strongly and beautifully built.

**v. 8** Set a plumb line - I will exactly measure the whole ten tribes. Pass by them - I will no more forbear, but will pull down all that is faulty.

**v. 9** The high places - The temples on high mountains built to idols. Of Isaac - The seed of Isaac.

**v. 10** In the midst - Openly, and publicly, endeavoring to stir up Israel to sedition or rebellion. The land - The people cannot bear all his harsh predictions.

**v. 11** Jeroboam shall die - He nowhere said so, but spoke of his house distinguished from his person, as Amo 7:9.

**vs. 12-13** Amaziah came to Amos, insulted him. Amaziah called Amos a country rube and insinuated that he was not fit to speak in the king's chapel. You're not the caliber of preacher that should be in the pulpit there." Now although Amos was a country man without seminary training, he was no slouch by any means. The people knew when they listened to him that they were getting the Word of God. It is always a comfort to people to have a pastor who is giving the Word of God—that is something very important in these days.

**INTRODUCTION TO CHAPTERS 7-9: - The Lord is saving, Seek Me and Live! Continue on in the way you're going and it will end in destruction, in captivity!**

In the first six chapters, eight judgments were pronounced against eight nations. We now have five visions given to us in chapters 7-9.

At the beginning of chapter seven, the Lord shows to Amos, some of the things that has come into the mind of the Lord to do, to **awaken the people, to turn the people back to God**. God is very gracious as He works with us. When we start going astray, God will send along gentle reminders. Sort of little notices, "You're drifting", and little things that sort of stop you. Maybe little setbacks, problems will arise. It could even be a traffic ticket. The Lord is just sort of saying, "Be careful, you're straying". But, if you don't listen, then He becomes a little more severe. It's a little heavier. If you don't respond, a little heavier.

Now the work of God in our life is never to destroy. The work of God in our life is for our good. It's to awaken us to the dangerous waters, through which we are seeking to fly. The dangerous territory that we are passing through.

**You're in danger, you're destroying yourself, and so God sends along these reminders.**

Now the Lord is showing to Amos, some of the things that are potential judgments in a sense, but on the other hand, awakeners. I prefer the awakeners to judgment, because God is slow to judgment. He is plenteous in mercy. Usually these things are just to awaken us, to turn us from the path of destruction. So he said...

**v. 12 "Leave us alone!", that is really the attitude of the world in sin.** Thus, what Amos was saying was true, but they didn't want to hear it. The truth, a lot of people don't want to hear it! Sometimes the truth hurts. We don't always like to face the truth, but it's important.

v. 12 get out of here – go home – leave us alone!

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## APPLICATION

*Amo 7:14 Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah: 'I was no prophet, Nor was I a son of a prophet, But I was a sheepbreeder And a tender of sycamore fruit.*

*Amo 7:15 Then the LORD took me as I followed the flock, And the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to My people Israel.'*

*Amo 7:16 Now therefore, hear the word of the LORD: You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, And do not spout against the house of Isaac.'*

*Amo 7:17 "Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Your wife shall be a harlot in the city; Your sons and daughters shall fall by the sword; Your land shall be divided by survey line; You shall die in a defiled land; And Israel shall surely be led away captive From his own land.' "*

### Vision of the Summer Fruit

*Amo 8:1 Thus the Lord GOD showed me: Behold, a basket of summer fruit.*

*Amo 8:2 And He said, "Amos, what do you see?" So I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me: "The end has come upon My people Israel; I will not pass by them anymore.*

*Amo 8:3 And the songs of the temple Shall be wailing in that day," Says the Lord GOD— "Many dead bodies everywhere, They shall be thrown out in silence."*

*Amo 8:4 Hear this, you who swallow up the needy, And make the poor of the land fail,*

*Amo 8:5 Saying: "When will the New Moon be past, That we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, That we may trade wheat? Making the ephah small and the shekel large, Falsifying the scales by deceit,*

*Amo 8:6 That we may buy the poor for silver, And the needy for a pair of sandals— Even sell the bad wheat?"*

*Amo 8:7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their works.*

*Amo 8:8 Shall the land not tremble for this, And everyone mourn who dwells in it? All of it shall swell like the River, Heave and subside Like the River of Egypt.*

**v. 14** No prophet - Not originally, or by study, or by any human designation. A sheepbreeder - By breeding and occupation I was and still am, a sheepbreeder. Sycamore fruit - This fruit was good food for man, or cattle.

**v. 15** Amos answered in such a proper manner that it was evident that he was a moderate man. He wasn't giving out the wild utterances of a prophecy monger. He said, "Why, I know I'm no prophet. I'm not even a prophet's son. I was just a sheepbreeder, a gatherer of sycamore fruits, and the Lord took me, and the Lord told me to prophesy. I'm here because *the Lord* put me here."

**v. 16** The house of Isaac - The posterity of Isaac.

**v. 17** Amos says that he has a word from God to this man Amaziah. This is a very disturbing prophesy, and it's a very strong prophesy, but the thing is that it was a *true* prophesy. When Assyria came down, they did make the women harlots. The sons and daughters were destroyed or were taken into captivity. And this old priest of the golden calf, Amaziah, was taken into Assyrian captivity. **LISTEN TO THE LORD, AMAZIAH!**

**v. 1** A basket of summer fruit represents a harvest. It tells us that the tree is no longer producing. The limbs are bare; there is no fruit. The harvest is past. Although a basket of summer fruit is delightful and delicious, it also speaks of the end of the harvest. A basket of summer fruit also tells us of rapid spoilage and quick deterioration.

**v. 2** The end - Of God's patience towards Israel, the end of their ripening, they are now fully ripe, fit to be gathered. Pass by them - God had with admirable patience spared, but now he will no more pardon or spare.

**v. 3** With silence - So great will be the cruelty of the enemy, that they dare not bury them, or if they do, it must be undiscerned.

**v. 4** To fail - Either to root them out, or to enslave them. **Using 2 sets of scales. The practice of cheating individuals grows into a deterioration of the honesty on the national level. Shrewd**

**v. 5** When - You that look on solemn times of worship as burdensome, such was the first day of every month, and the weekly sabbath. Small - So the ephah being too little, the poor buyer had not his due. The shekel great - They weighed the money which they received, and had no more justice, than to make their shekel weight greater than the standard; so the poor were twice oppressed, had less than was their right, and paid more than they ought to pay.

**Make money! Make money! Make money!**

**v. 6** They would have new moons and sabbaths over, that they might go to market to buy the poor. And when these poor owed but for a very little commodity, these merciless men would make them sell themselves to pay the debt. The refuse, the rotten stuff~ - This was another kind of oppression, corrupted wares, sold to those that were necessitous.

**v. 7** Has sworn - By himself. Forget – **He knows our works!** He does not forget our wicked works! Suffer to pass unpunished.

**v. 8** The land - The people of it. For this - This that you have done, and this that God will do. And it - The judgment, the displeasure of God, shall rise and grow like a mighty wasting flood. It - The land. Drowned - As Egypt by the overflowing of the Nile.

**v. 15** Now in the area where he came from, Tekoa, it is south of Bethlehem, and it is very barren. It is south, and east from Bethlehem, and thus toward the Judean wilderness. In fact, you're already getting into pretty much desert area, there at Tekoa. They have probably no more than five or six inches of rain, in an average year. It is a rather dry place, but the sheep graze in all of those mountains going down towards the Dead Sea area. It is a place for the grazing of sheep to the present day. So, "I was just there, I was just following the sheep".

**But what a thrill, God just uses the common people! Just a shepherd and a fig-picker! Takes them out of common place in life and uses them! Taking Amos out of Judah was sort of an indictment against Israel.**

**v. 17 Therefore thus saith the Lord; ["You're in trouble!"] Your wife shall be a harlot in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and the land shall be divided by line; [The plumbline] and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land (7:16-17). So heavy prophecy upon Amaziah, and the future that awaits him is very bleak and dark indeed.**

**Chap 8:1-3** Desolation is coming, destruction is coming. God is through dealing with them. "I'm not going to pass by them..." You know, it is a tragic day when God says, "I'm through". There have been those times in history. At the time of Noah, when the wickedness of the earth was exceedingly great. Every man was doing his own thing. God said to Noah, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." There came that time, God said, "Okay, I'm not going to, not going to strive anymore with you. I'm not going to deal anymore with you. I've given you every opportunity. I've warned you, and now, you're going to see the other side. You're going to be destroyed. There's no, there's no value, there's nothing left to deal with. It's over".

**v. 4** One of the things that God abhors is the oppression of poor people. Taking advantage of the poor. God has always been a champion for the poor. The scripture said, "He that lends to the poor, lends to the Lord". God champions the causes of the poor, and He hates people oppressing the poor, or taking advantage of the poor. That is one of the things they were doing. They swallowed up the poor.

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Amo 8:9 "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight;

Amo 8:10 I will turn your feasts into mourning, And all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, And baldness on every head; I will make it like mourning for an only son, And its end like a bitter day.

Amo 8:11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD.

Amo 8:12 They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.

Amo 8:13 "In that day the fair virgins And strong young men Shall faint from thirst.

Amo 8:14 Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, Who say, 'As your god lives, O Dan!' And, 'As the way of Beersheba lives!' They shall fall and never rise again."

### The Destruction of Israel

Amo 9:1 I saw the Lord standing by the altar, and He said: "Strike the doorposts, that the thresholds may shake, And break them on the heads of them all. I will lay the last of them with the sword. He who flees from them shall not get away, And he who escapes from them shall not be delivered.

Amo 9:2 "Though they dig into hell, From there My hand shall take them; Though they climb up to heaven, From there I will bring them down;

Amo 9:3 And though they hide themselves on top of Carmel, From there I will search and take them; Though they hide from My sight at the bottom of the sea, From there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them;

Amo 9:4 Though they go into captivity before their enemies, From there I will command the sword, And it shall slay them. I will set My eyes on them for harm and not for good."

Amo 9:5 The Lord GOD of hosts, He who touches the earth and it melts, And all who dwell there mourn; All of it shall swell like the River, And subside like the River of Egypt.

Amo 9:6 He who builds His layers in the sky, And has founded His strata in the earth; Who calls for the waters of the sea, And pours them out on the face of the earth— The LORD is His name.

Amo 9:7 "Are you not like the people of Ethiopia to Me, O children of Israel?" says the LORD. "Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt, The Philistines from Caphtor, And the Syrians from Kir?

**v. 9** At noon - So Israel's sun did as at noon set under the dark cloud of conspiracies and civil wars by Shallum, Menahem, Pekah, and Hosea, 'till the midnight darkness drew on by Pul, Tiglath - Pilneser, and Salmaneser. Darken - Bring a thick cloud of troubles and afflictions. In the clear day - When they think all is safe, sure, and well settled.

**v. 10** Upon all loins - All sorts of persons shall put on mourning. Baldness - Shaving the head and beard was a sign of the greatest sadness. A bitter day - A bitter day, which you shall wish you had never seen, shall succeed your dark night.

**v. 11** Here is a most unusual famine. God had given them His Word, and they had rejected it. They had despised it and turned aside from it. Now God tells that the day is coming when they will no longer have the privilege of hearing His Word. **400 yrs. between Malachi and Matthew!**

**v. 12** Shall wander - Search all places for a prophet or preacher, from the Mid - land sea to the dead sea, they shall search all corners for a prophet.

**v. 13** Even the young people, the most hopeful and vigorous members of society, will faint for thirst after the Word of God.

**v. 14** Those - Who sacrifice to and swear by the calves at Dan and Beth - el. By the sin - Who say the idol at Dan is the true and living God. As the way of Beersheba lives - The idol which is worshipped at Beersheba. **Eating in the temple of idols! Be careful! He that has ears, let him hear!**

**v. 1** This describes the coming of the Assyrians. "the altar" is not the altar of Solomon's temple in Jerusalem but is probably the altar of the temple to Baal in Samaria. "Strike the doorposts that the thresholds may shake" At the time of the siege, the people would seek refuge in the temples, but the temples would be brought down so suddenly that many of the people would be trapped when the pillars crumbled. "He who escapes" Those who would escape alive from the city would be carried into captivity.

**v. 2** Hell - The center of the earth, or the depth of hell.

**v. 3** The serpent - The crocodile or shark.

**v. 4** "And though they go into captivity before their enemies"—that is, going voluntarily in order to spare their lives, they still will not escape God's judgment. The wicked do well to fear God and to fear the future. There is no escape for them

**v. 5** Touches - He needs not take great pains therein, a touch of his finger will do this. Shall swell - As snow before the sun.

**v. 6** H His layers - The celestial orbs one over another, as so many stories in an high and stately palace. And he hath founded his troop in the earth: all the creatures, which are one army, one body; so closely are they connected, and so harmoniously do they all act for the accomplishing of their creator's purposes. Calls for the waters - Either in judgment to drown, or in mercy to give rain.

**v. 9** Can you think of a day in history, when it became dark at noon, and there was a great lamentation or mourning, as for an only son? The gospels tell us **that as Jesus was hanging there on the cross, that suddenly at noon, darkness came over all the land.** Interesting little prophecy concerning that day that would come, when the sun would go down at noon, and the earth would be darkened on a clear day. On a feast day, because it was the feast of Passover, the songs would be turned into lamentation, and there would be the signs of mourning for death, upon all of the people, as they mourned for the Only Son.

**v. 11** You know, **it is tragic, but there are too few churches that are just teaching the Bible today.** You can go to church and find out all about the latest political furor. Or, you can get some reviews on some marvelous new books that have been written. And, you can go to church, and learn all about pop psychology, and how to better relate to your wife, and how to be sweeter to your kids. But just to be taught the word of God.

**Chap. 9:1-3** God is going to pursue in judgment, and there is no escaping of God, and the hand of the judgment of God. David, in Psalm 139, as he was speaking of the omnipresence of God, "Where can I flee from thy presence O Lord? If I ascend into heaven, Lo, thou art there. If I descend into hell, thou art there! If I take the wings of the morning, and I flee to the uttermost parts of the sea, even there you will surround me." In a week, we're going to be getting to the book of Jonah, a very interesting story, of a prophet of God, who thought that he could escape from the presence of God. And, and chapter 1, tells us how that Jonah was trying to escape from the presence of God. **You know, there are a lot of people like that today. They think that they can somehow escape the presence of God. God is going to begin to judge, and there is no escaping, though they dig into hell, I'll find them. Though they climb up to heaven, I'll bring them down". You know, trying to hide in the caves, going down into the bowels of the earth. Not going to do it!**



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*Amo 9:8 "Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are on the sinful kingdom, And I will destroy it from the face of the earth; Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob," Says the LORD.*  
*Amo 9:9 "For surely I will command, And will sift the house of Israel among all nations, As grain is sifted in a sieve; Yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground.*

*Amo 9:10 All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, Who say, 'The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.'*

### Israel Will Be Restored

*Amo 9:11 "On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old;*

*Amo 9:12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name," Says the LORD who does this thing.*

*Amo 9:13 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow with it.*

*Amo 9:14 I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.*

*Amo 9:15 I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them," Says the LORD your God.*

### WONDER OF IT ALL - George Beverly Shea Lyrics

*There's the wonder of sunset at evening, The wonder as sunrise I see; But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul Is the wonder that God loves me.*

*Refrain - O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all! Just to think that God loves me. O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all! Just to think that God loves me.*

### Verse 2

*There's the wonder of springtime and harvest, The sky, the stars, the sun; But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul Is a wonder that has only begun.*

**v. 7** Did I not bring up Israel? - And whereas you boast my kindness to you, bringing you out of Egypt, and thereupon conclude, God cannot leave you whom he hath so redeemed; you argue amiss, for this aggravates your sin. From Kir - Conquered by some potent enemies, and sent away to Kir, a country of Media, yet at last delivered. Should these nations, argue themselves to be out of danger of divine justice, because I had done this for them.

**v. 8** "The sinful kingdom" is Israel. "I will destroy it from off the face of the earth" means that He will destroy it as a separate kingdom. When God returns the people of Israel to their land, they will not be a divided kingdom but will be one nation under the sovereignty of the One sitting on the throne of David.

**v. 9** The smallest grain - Though tumbled and tossed with the great violence, yet the smallest, good grain, shall not be lost or destroyed.

**v. 10** All the sinners - The great, notorious sinners. The evil - Is far off, we shall die first, and be safe in the grave.

**v. 11** On that day - In the set time which I have fixed. Raise up - Bring back out of captivity, and re - establish in their own land, the house of David, and those that adhere to his family. Fallen - By the revolt of the ten tribes. The breaches - Which are in it by that long division.

**v. 12** They - Literally the Jews. Possess - Both the lands of Edom, and some of the posterity of Edom; these as servants, the other as their propriety. The remnant - Left by Nebuchadnezzar. All the heathen - That is, round about. Who does this - But this is also a prophecy of setting up the kingdom of the Messiah, and bringing in the Gentiles. **The future is yet bright for God's people! God always leads us the glorious light!**

**v. 13** This is the proof of what I have mentioned previously, that when the people of Israel are being blessed, the land of Israel is being blessed. The people and the land belong together. God makes it clear that when *He* returns the people of Israel to their land, it will again be the land of milk and honey.

**v. 14** They shall plant vineyards, and drink wine - When threatened with great evils, Amo 5:11, it is said, "They shall plant pleasant vineyards but shall not drink the wine of them." Previously to their restoration, they shall labor for others; after their restoration, they shall labor for themselves.

**v. 15** The day is coming when God is going to restore the people, the nation. Now, Israel is become a nation again, and they have begun rebuilding the waste cities, and in many places have rebuilt the waste cities. They have planted vineyards, many vineyards, there on mount Carmel. Marvelous vineyards! They have planted their gardens. The, the nation is a very fruitful nation, abounding in fruit, vegetables. But what we see, is not yet the fulfillment of Amos, because the people that are there, are yet to go through a very severe, severe testing and persecution, and tribulation. Long term, yes. But the nation right now, is headed for some great problems, great turmoil. They're going to be invaded by a, a huge army of, of Moslems. There's going to be a Jihad, a holy war declared against Israel. God will defend them, and deliver them, but it's, it's going to be tough. **There's still some dark days until we come out into the glorious light of God's eternal plan, and future for us.**

### SUMMARY –

Now, here, I mean, you can't get much worse than this. God is pursuing after them, destroying them, even in their enemies lands, when they've gone into captivity. They're still not going to get by. God is still going to bring the punishment. "The sinners of my people shall die by the sword." Those that thought that they had escaped. But in the midst of the darkness, I mean, you don't get much darker than this, God always never ends the story in darkness. It always brings it out into the light. The glorious hope of the future. The day is coming when God is going to restore the people, the nation. Now, Israel is become a nation again, and they have begun rebuilding the waste cities, and in many places have rebuilt the waste cities. They have planted vineyards, many vineyards, there on Mount Carmel. Marvelous vineyards! They have planted their gardens. The, the nation is a very fruitful nation, abounding in fruit, vegetables.

But what we see, is not yet the fulfillment of Amos, because the people that are there, are yet to go through a very severe, severe testing and persecution, and tribulation. I wish that I could tell you, Oh it's glorious, you know, this is the time, and it's going to be the bright future for Israel. Long term, yes. But the nation right now, is headed for some great problems, great turmoil. They're going to be invaded by a, a huge army of, of Moslems. There's going to be a Jihad, a holy war declared against Israel. God will defend them, and deliver them, but it's, it's going to be tough. They are going to embrace the Antichrist, and then he will turn against them, and persecute them severely. Even more severely than Hitler. It is after that, that Amos brings us out into this glorious day of the Lord, and the future, when the people will inhabit the land, and the Lord shall reign from mount Zion, and His kingdom will be over all the earth. But that's yet future. **There's still some dark days until we come out into the glorious light of God's eternal plan, and future for us.**