

## Amos Part 25 – The Man of Sin Shall Not Escape

Key Verses: Amos 9:1 – 9:8

This is the last of the five visions given to Amos. The number five and its multiples thereof in the Bible are used to convey grace through faith (Eph 2:8), the very means by which we are saved. The time of the end that was far off (two years) in Amos 1:1 is now at hand. The first vessel marred in the Potter's hand (Jer 18:4) is now being remade by the destruction of the old man. Here is the vision and our verses for today.

**Amo 9:1** I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.

**Amo 9:2** Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

**Amo 9:3** And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:

**Amo 9:4** And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

**Amo 9:5** And the Lord GOD of hosts *is* he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.

**Amo 9:6** *It is* he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name.

**Amo 9:7** *Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel?* saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

**Amo 9:8** Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.

This vision brought a pivotal Old Testament event to remembrance regarding the Passover. The Passover was linked to the 10<sup>th</sup> and final plague that came to Egypt to free the Jews from their bondage (salvation). That story like all the OT was type and shadow of events we live out in our day of the Lord.

Exo 12:15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

Exo 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

Exo 12:22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

Smiting the knop or lintel and cutting the heads symbolizes laying down our lives for Christ. It is only through death, by the Lord slaying “the last of them by the sword” that the devil is destroyed and we are freed from our sin and possess eternal life as we henceforth die daily with Christ.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

Heb 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

It is the death of the first born, the first Adam, the man of sin which is still Jesus Christ who is the first and the last that precipitates our keeping of the Passover feast.

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Eating this feast becomes a lifelong venture as we continue eating the bread and body of Jesus Christ. This is the old man being fed with judgment (Eze 34:16) which is our suffering the many trials and tribulations that are saving us as we endure. It is a long arduous process called the narrow way and as the sum of the Word shows, there are many experiences, victories and defeats as we grow into maturity.

1Co 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

1Co 11:25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

Unlike the first coming of Christ, when one of the seven heads of our beast is wounded and is quickly healed and we continue to worship ourselves (Rev 13:3-4); in the second coming, there will be no healing and no escape of the man of sin. Christ tells us we shall certainly drink of the cup of His wrath and that time is now at hand (Jer 25:28).

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The beast, false prophet and the devil in all of us will be cast into the fire of God’s Word and be consumed (Heb 12:29, Rev 19:10, Rev 20:10). We cannot run or hide from the Lord. The very essence of our life and our being is all in Jesus Christ once we know and mature into these deep truths.

Act 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Isa 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

Contrary to the lies of orthodoxy and their belief in free will, even evil is all the Lord's work in His people (Isa 63:17, Pro 16:4, Jer 10:23, Isa 45:7, etc.). Whether we live or die, are at rest or in torment, obeying or disobeying, it's all part of the days written for our lives (Psa 139:16).

Psa 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

Psa 139:8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

Judgment is a process of learning to walk by faith and not by sight. It requires our faith to be tried with scourging grace which is how we are LEARNING righteousness (Isa 26:9) by BUYING the truth which is the pure gold tried in the fire (Rev 3:18). Our old man is clever in hiding behind the outward holiness and our many good works. But the Lord knows and tries the hearts of men and knows who is worshipping in Spirit and in truth and who is still bowing down to the gods of Carmel and Baal.

Jer 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

1Sa 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

The carnal mind will always deny the power of the Lord and vastly underestimate what being Lord of all or God Almighty means. But when judgment is come, the "grace meter" of Romans 5:20 will always be with us and will teach us the lessons of reaping and sowing, the sovereignty of God and His every commandment. Righteousness will reign as a result in due time.

Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

Rom 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Even when we are led deep into the hidden sins of the flesh represented by the bottom of the sea, the great grasshoppers of the Amos 7 vision are revealed in our lives. All things will be brought to the light. The lamp within us, the WORD that is Jesus Christ will reveal it.

Luk 8:17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

Being oppressed of the devil is our being bitten by the serpent. The adversary, contrary to the lies of the Babylonian churches of men that believe Satan is running around lose defying the

will of God Almighty; is actual an important instrument of the Lord created for the specific purpose of destroying our flesh and bringing in salvation.

Isa 54:16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

Job 26:13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

The serpent is the Lord's servant doing exactly what the Lord commands as the destruction of Job and our old way of life exemplifies. The Lord sends Satan to bite us.

Job 1:12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

And yet that destruction from Almighty is also known as "fire from God" as the Lord works all things for the greater good (Rom 8:28).

Job 1:16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, **The fire of God is fallen from heaven**, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

Job 42:11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all **the evil that the LORD had brought upon him**: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

When the Lord turns us over for the destruction of our flesh He sends the tempter to entice us into sin which gives the Lord the occasion He seeks to chasten us and thereby teach us righteousness. Allowing leaven into our house and our spiritual food supply is likened to spiritual fornication (worshipping other gods, Baal) and we are commanded to turn the offender over to Satan for the destruction of their flesh so the new man can be saved.

1Co 5:5 To deliver such an one (*a fornicator*) unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1Co 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

Christ comes to save sinners of which we as the Elect know we are the chief (1Ti 1:15, Mat 9:13). Before we can be healed it is necessary we be oppressed of the devil which is the lot of all mankind who are born carnal and of their father the devil (Joh 8:44).

Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

To be made free we must first go into captivity to the wicked nations that are part of the Lord's sword. It from this place of prison that Christ comes to set the captives free and take captivity captive and changes us from slaves to sin to slaves to righteousness (Rom 6:18, Luk 4:18).

**Amo 9:4** And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the

sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

The ends of our carnal age and life of sin comes with a mighty destruction. The Lord is used the wicked, the evil man within us, and in others to destroy the man of sin in our day of the Lord.

Psa 17:13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:

Pro 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Evil is a tool in the hands of the Lord. He creates it (Isa 45:7) and sends it forth (Lam 3:38) into our outward and inward cities (Amo 3:6, Psa 78:49) but uses it all for good.

Ecc 1:13 I applied my heart to inquiring and exploring by wisdom concerning all that is done under the heavens: it is an experience of evil Elohim has given to the sons of humanity to humble them by it.

Jas 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Gen 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, **to save much people alive.**

Christ comes suddenly at midnight (1Th 5:3) when we are under strong delusion, when our light is truly darkness (Mat 6:23) and we are not hearing the commandments of the Lord. We are in for a rude awakening as the Lord comes to melt the land within with a very hot furnace. There is an adage in business that to go forward we need to first take two steps backward and so it seems in the spiritual as the Lord turns us over to sin to bring about salvation.

**Amo 9:5** And the Lord GOD of hosts *is* he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.

**Amo 9:6** *It is* he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name.

We looked at the river of Egypt in [Amos #23](#). Those waters of the Nile represent the lusts for the world and the pride of life that consume us and gives a jealous Lord the occasion to bring the baptism by fire and vengeance for His Temple that we have defiled. The sea represents the flesh of mankind which totally consume our earth and culminates with the destruction of our flesh by fire. The end of the age is precipitated by a spiritual flood as we are overcome by our beast as Satan is released knowing there is only a little time in the day of the Lord. We are learning by experiencing and failing at first until we get the victory promised.

Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Rev 13:7 And it (the beast) was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to

overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. But the promise of the Lord is we will overcome as we learn and mature in righteousness in our day of judgment.

Gen 49:19 Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

The wicked being taken away by a flood is the occasion the Lord seeks to end all flesh. The desolation of the temple of God, which temple we are, and the appearance of the abomination, our beast, has all been determined in the Lord's plan.

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Luk 17:27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

But the flood is followed by fire (the dream is one) that turn the hearts (bring repentance) to all men in the appointed times.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

The pouring forth of the waters of the sea is the turning us over to Satan for the destruction of our flesh. Outward this will come to mankind at the end of the Millennium period but we are living these events out now as His Elect upon whom judgment first falls.

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

Rev 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: **and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.**

The Lord is working all things for the good of His Elect. He is the master builder of the temple made without hands (Act 7:49). The Lord is building “**stories**” **H4609** in heaven which would be better translated as the Lord building steps (a ladder) in our heavens by the war that is being waged as Spirit and flesh wrestle with one another.

## **H4609, ma`ālâh**

### **Total KJV Occurrences: 46**

degrees, 24

steps, 11

Exo 20:26, 1Ki 10:19-20 (2), 2Ch 9:18-19 (2), Eze 40:22, Eze 40:26, Eze 40:31, Eze 40:34, Eze 40:37, Eze 40:49

stairs, 5

2Ki 9:13, Neh 3:15, Neh 12:37, Eze 40:6, Eze 43:17

dial, 2

come, 1

go, 1

goeth, 1

**stories, 1** Amo 9:6

Those redeemed from the earth (saved now in this age) are the only ones that are given to sing the new song. This is only done in the Body of Christ where the throne of mercy and grace is found.

Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

Rev 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

This new song is also known as a song of Degrees (steps) as we mature as we endure this process of chastening from our loving Father (Heb 12:6).

Psa 134:1 **A Song of degrees.** Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.

Psa 134:2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

Psa 134:3 The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion

It is all being done for our sakes (2Co 4:15). All things are ours (1Co 3:21) as we live out every word, the one event that comes alike for all men (Ecc 9:2) that works righteousness within us.

**Amo 9:7** *Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?*

All men come forth as cursed children being born of our father, the devil, before we are remade into the image of the Lord through our trials and suffering (Jer 18:4, Act 14:22). We are all first a spiritual Ethiopian and incapable of doing anything but evil.

Jer 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Ethiopia is the Hebrew word Kush H3568 which is linked to Cush the son of Ham. Cush was a son of Ham, who was **cursed of the Lord** and later settled in what is Ethiopia. All of the Lord's work in us, be it good or evil, obedience or disobedience, is still His work and we cannot change anything about it. We must be an Ethiopian first in order to become a son of God in due time. Cush begat Nimrod and ultimately led (Gen 10:8-10) to the beginning of Babylon (aka the land of Shinar).

The Philistines and the Syrians symbolize the strength and elevation of the flesh and ways of the carnal world. These are the enemies of God's people because they snare us into bondage and keep us from following the narrow way. Yet the Lord tells us here, this is all His doing and the sum of the Word tells us it is for the good of the new man and our salvation. Coming to fear the Lord and tremble at His Word comes by our growing in understanding that He is the Lord of heaven and our earth.

Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

But all these experiences and events of nations being taken and freed from captivity are for us to live out and thereby learn good and evil as we are being made into mature man in Christ coming all the way out of Babylon.

1Co 10:6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

Knowing who we are in these clay vessels and that all of this is the Lord doing it (Eph 1:11) prepares us for judgment and our later use in judging others. When judgment is on the house, the eyes of the Lord are upon the sinful kingdom within ourselves, a great destruction is going to bring forth the remnant that is being saved.

**Amo 9:8** Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.

The Body of Christ is the Lord's Body (Eph 5:30) and it is us who are His eyes that are upon the sinful kingdom within and without ourselves when it is time for that judgment to be measured out. The symbolism hidden in the Scriptures reveal "the Christ" and their roles as the instruments of salvation and judgment (Oba 1:21, Mat 19:28, 1Co 6:2, Rev 20:4, etc).

Rev 1:14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

Rev 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns **and seven eyes**, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

But it is God's two witnesses, His Elect, who are the firstfruits who are then sent into the earth and all its inward and outward nations to do the greater works (Joh 14:12).

Zec 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; **they (His Elect) are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.**

Zec 4:11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?

Zec 4:12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

Zec 4:13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

Zec 4:14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Jesus Christ is come to save sinners and it is through "the Christ" that this work gets done.

Luk 22:29 And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

Joh 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, **even so send I you.**

The sinful kingdom within and without is destroyed in its time and only the remnant of Jacob is being saved and further refined through the fire that is God's Word. The acceptable sacrifice to the Lord is a laid down life submitted to Jesus Christ, the Living Word.

Lev 2:3 And the remnant of the meat offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

Rom 9:27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

Zec 13: And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

Zec 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Our next and possibly final study in Amos Lord willing, will cover the restoration and rebuilding of Israel which is, was and will be coming forth as we endure the judgment and suffer the afflictions that are reshaping and remolding us from vessels of dishonor into vessels of honor.

Rom 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Rom 9:22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction