

Amos Part 26 – I Will Bring Again the Captivity of My People

Key Verses: Amos 9:9 – 9:15

This prophecy of Amos like all prophecy of judgment ends with salvation which is the very purpose for judgment and the very means of our deliverance from sin (Exo 6:6, Isa 1:27). The Lord is saving His people right on the timelines declared from the beginning.

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:

Blessed are we, the few chosen (Mat 22:14) and Lord willing the faithful (Rev 17:14) who have been given the gift of faith and the accompanying ears to hear and eyes to see. Here are the verses that complete the prophecy which are ushering in the good news gospel

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.

Amo 9:9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

Amo 9:10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

Amo 9:11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

Amo 9:12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

Amo 9:13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

Amo 9:14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

Amo 9:15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

The Lord's purpose is always to save us and bring forth Christ by the destruction of our flesh and carnal way of life.

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

Rev 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

As we read these prophecies it is important to remember they all have an "is, was and will be" fulfillment just as do all of the Scriptures (Rev 1:8). Yet it is The Elect, the true Israel of God in

this and the past ages that will be living these words out in this eon (life) as we are prepared to be the rulers, judges and saviours (Oba 1:21) of the Lord in the ages to come. The rest of mankind will be saved in the lake of fire by the words of fire spoken by the Elect.

Rom 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Rom 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

And it's not any man, but only Christ, the Word in us that is doing the judging and the saving.

Joh 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, **the same shall judge him in the last day.**

Being sifted or shaken in a sieve is how we are brought to our wits ends unable to save ourselves from the stormy trials of the Lord's whirlwind. The purpose of the trials and afflictions is to break our fleshly spirit and pride and bring an end to our trusting in anything else but the Lord. All that is not of faith must be removed from our heavens and our earth. The shaking and the burning by fire are one in the in same, namely the Word working judgment and purging all that needs purging.

Heb 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

Heb 12:27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, **that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.**

Heb 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

The old man must be sifted so they only thing remaining will be built on the right foundation of faith. The man of sin is being destroyed in the same process that Christ in us is being raised up. We will be saved in that appointed time whether that is in this age or the one to come. Not the least grain will fall to the earth is another way of saying the Lord will lose nothing whom the Father has given Him.

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

The natural state of all mankind in these bodies of flesh is a virtual sinning machine (Isa 51:5) made that on purpose to be destroyed. The wages of sin are spiritual death (Rom 6:23) but also the recompense of the Lord in coming the second time for salvation apart from sin.

Amo 9:10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

Jesus Christ is come into the world, not to call the (self) righteous but to save those who know they are sinners and can do no good thing (Mat 9:13, Rom 7:24). The salvation of sinners is by means of the war that is being fought in the hearts and minds of God's people. The soul that sins shall die (Eze 18:20) and that death is by a sword which is the Word that judges us.

Mat 10:34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

Christ always comes in the darkest part of the spiritual night when we are blinded from the truth and not hearing nor obeying His commandments (famine of the Word) despite our faking it.

Jer 23:17 They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto everyone that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.

1Th 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

Isa 59:8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

In order to build a new temple and create the new heavens and new earth wherein righteousness will dwell (2Pe 3:13); the old one temple must first be torn down.

Amo 9:11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old

Amo 9:12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

These verses have nothing to do with a physical temple or Tabernacle being rebuilt in the end times. While the whole orthodox world looks at events in modern day Israel and the Middle East and for physical Jews to begin constructing a new physical temple, the Lord has been at work in His Elect building His Church which is the Temple in which He dwells.

Act 7:48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision **made without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

The temple is rebuilt in three days with the number three signifying the process of spiritual progression and maturity we gain in our day of the Lord (judgment).

Joh 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Joh 2:20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

Joh 2:21 But he spake of the temple of **his body** (Eph 5:30).

But as Amos implies here, a new temple cannot be built until the first one is utterly destroyed.

Mat 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

Mat 24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Flesh and blood are only temporary dwelling places for us in the grand scheme of the Lord's plan for mankind. It was not intended and cannot inherit the kingdom of God (1Co 15:50).

Salvation is of the Jews and comes through the Jews but as those words are all spirit and refer to the true Israel of God that have and are being circumcised by the hands of the Lord (Rom 2:28-29). The disciples came to understand that salvation was for all men and would eventually extend to every man, "the Gentiles", in the Lord's timing.

Act 15:13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

Act 15:14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

Act 15:15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

Act 15:16 **After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:**

Act 15:17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

The rebuilding of the temple is for the glory of the Lord and for His namesake.

Eze 36:22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

Eze 39:21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

With a newly built house with new walls (doctrines) and a new foundation (faith in the Word) there is a new roof (head) as we acquire the mind of Christ. This is the perfect will of God.

1Th 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

1Th 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

Edom symbolizes the first-born man of the flesh "Esau" and comes from the Hebrew word meaning red "adom via adam". We possess the remnant of Edom and "all the heathen" nations as we overcome sin in our life and little by little possess the spiritual land that was promised.

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, **that the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Isa 60:21 **Thy people also shall be all righteous**: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, **the work of my hands**, that I may be glorified.

The Restoration of Israel

The restoration of Israel is how these final verses are subtitled in most Bibles including e-Sword. That is exactly what correct yet speaks to spiritual Israel which will ultimately expand to be all mankind in the Lake of Fire. The harvest of souls, the making alive in the Spirit of every man is assured. It only awaits the Lord's times determined for every man from the very beginning.

Amo 9:13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

The Lord does not always plant or plow as there are steps to salvation. There comes a time for the harvest which is the end purpose and salvation. The harvest is brought in by His laborers (the Elect) in His field. The last harvest of the three (1Co 15:21-22) is gathered after the Millennium Reign when flesh is destroyed by the fire of judgment in the final feast of ingathering.

Deu 16:13 Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine:

Exo34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and **the feast of ingathering at the year's end**.

Both now and at the white throne judgment, it is the Elect who will do the reaping.

Mat 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

All Israel (mankind) shall be saved at the end of the Millennium Reign at the great white throne judgment. This is how the tabernacle of God will be extended to all mankind.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 21:1 And **I saw a new heaven and a new earth**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Spiritual Jerusalem, aka Zion, the Body and Bride of Christ, is the Lord's Holy Mountain from which come the living waters, the spiritual milk and all true knowledge (wine) regarding the doctrines of the Lord. The Book of Joel ends very similar as the process of judgment is one.

Joe 3:17 So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

Joe 3:18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

The water of the washing by the Word is followed by the fire as Christ comes a second time for judgment even to those who will be judged in the Lake of Fire. Knowing the truth is not enough, we must become doers, and the Lord will make us all overcomers with fire.

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, **and with fire:**

The melting of hills is destroying our idols (the high places) in our heavens and earth and bringing the pride of man low.

Nah 1:5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

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 Elect hold all these roles listed here for the Lord. I am not taking time to show and prove all of that but here are some quick references. We are the plowman (Luk 9:62), the reapers (Mat 13:41), the treader's of grapes (Jer 25:30) and the sower (Mar 4:14). The Bible is CHRIST CENTRIC and it is knowing who Jesus Christ is and that He is come in a body of flesh today that opens up the eyes of our understanding to see these deep truths.

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

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

It is through the Body of Christ that these greater works are getting done now and in the Lake of Fire. The words translated overtaken as in the plowman overtaking the reaper, makes it difficult to understand what is being said. Of 187 occurrences, it is only translated overtaken here in this one verse of Amos. A better rendering and more often use of the Hebrew word H5066 "nagash" is to "draw near or draw nigh".

Amo 9:13 YLT - Lo, days are coming—an affirmation of Jehovah, And **come nigh**

[H5066] hath the ploughman to the reaper, And the treader of grapes to the scatterer of seed, And the mountains have dropped juice, And all the hills do melt.

The time is nigh and the end (salvation) is at hand salvation when we live out our day of the Lord and come through the spiritual earthquake that we were told would be coming from the beginning (Amo 1:1).

Rev 16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

When we share the truth with our fellow man, in the appointed times, we reveal Jesus Christ to them and they enter into the day of the Lord as their time is now at hand. Such will be the process that is followed as all men come to the knowledge of the Truth.

Rev 22:9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for **the time is at hand.**

Righteousness will work its course as we endure and are taught by judgment in the earth meaning our walk and life in this age (Isa 26:9).

Amo 9:14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

We are all slaves, either to sin or to righteousness.

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

And that is what being set free really means. We are freed from our bondage to sin and made into bondservants of righteousness.

Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Jesus Christ is come to set the captives free (Luk 4:18) from sin which is our deliverance and salvation. When the Lord sets us free, we shall be free indeed of our former bondage. When Christ is exalted in our heavens we are given to put on the mind of Christ, then captivity to sin is taken captive.

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Isa 14:2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids; and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

The Lord does have a good plan for us (Jer 29:10) but that plan requires us to go through many tribulations and experience death to our old man to be saved. But the Lord caused the former and He alone will be causing the latter when we are dragged to Him.

Jer 29:14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

The beast which all men are (Ecc 3:18) is overcome and subdued by Jesus Christ. Vengeance indeed the Lord's if we are patient to wait for it.

Rev 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

As our obedience is made manifest by judgment (Eze 36:27), then our works are blessed and the desolate cities within are inhabited by the new man Jesus Christ.

Deu 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Deu 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Deu 28:3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

Deu 28:4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Judgment now is on the house of God (The Elect – 1Pe 4:17) and only those judged now will be the judges (1Co 11:31-32) in the lake of fire. But the rest of mankind will be raised at the Second Resurrection and it is only then that they will be judged and live through the pain and suffering of judgment, even in spiritual bodies.

1Co 6:2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

Mat 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

There is no turning back. Salvation is sure and it comes exactly in the Lord's timetable. But as we saw earlier, those ordained to be saved will be saved and none shall ever be lost. Once we are planted by the Lord in the HOLY CITY we as Christ, the Word will not return void!

Amo 9:15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

Here is some good news. Once we make it, enduring to the very end, there is no renegeing or risk of loss. We shall forever be with the Lord (1Th 4;17) once we are given to overcome.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, **and he shall go no more out:** and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Once judgment is complete, righteous reigns supreme. Nothing will enter in to the temple and the city that is unclean or an abomination (Rev 21:27). This is the hope we should have in Christ that is saving us now and will save all men in the Lake of Fire.

Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called **trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.**

The vision of the Holy City and the Lamb's wife was taught to me and most of us as a view of a physical heaven in which we would live with the Lord forever. But even now knowing these words are spirit and speak of spiritual things, the visions is even more glorious if we have faith.

Rev 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared **with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

We that know these truths now are so blessed and to be together in One Body so we can hold each other up as we partake of our judgment now with our temple opened in our mind to the His Testimony.

Rev 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.