

# THE BOOK OF AMOS

**Part VII :**  
**Judgment on God's people**  
**Chapter 7, 8 & 9**

*"But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing stream!"*



## Amos 7: 1-6 (NIV)

This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: **He was preparing swarms of locusts** after the king's share had been harvested and just as the late crops were coming up. <sup>2</sup> When they had stripped the land clean, I cried out, "Sovereign LORD, forgive! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!"

<sup>3</sup> So the LORD relented.

"This will not happen," the LORD said.

<sup>4</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: **The Sovereign LORD was calling for judgment by fire**; it dried up the great deep and devoured the land. <sup>5</sup> Then I cried out, "Sovereign LORD, I beg you, stop! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!"

<sup>6</sup> So the LORD relented.

"This will not happen either," the Sovereign LORD said.





## Amos Visions





## 2 Timothy 2: 24-26

GENTLY INSTRUCT YOUR OPPONENTS;  
STAND IN THE GAP.



## 2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD asked me, “What do you see, Amos?” “A plumb line,” I replied. Then the Lord said, “Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

<sup>9</sup> “The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.”





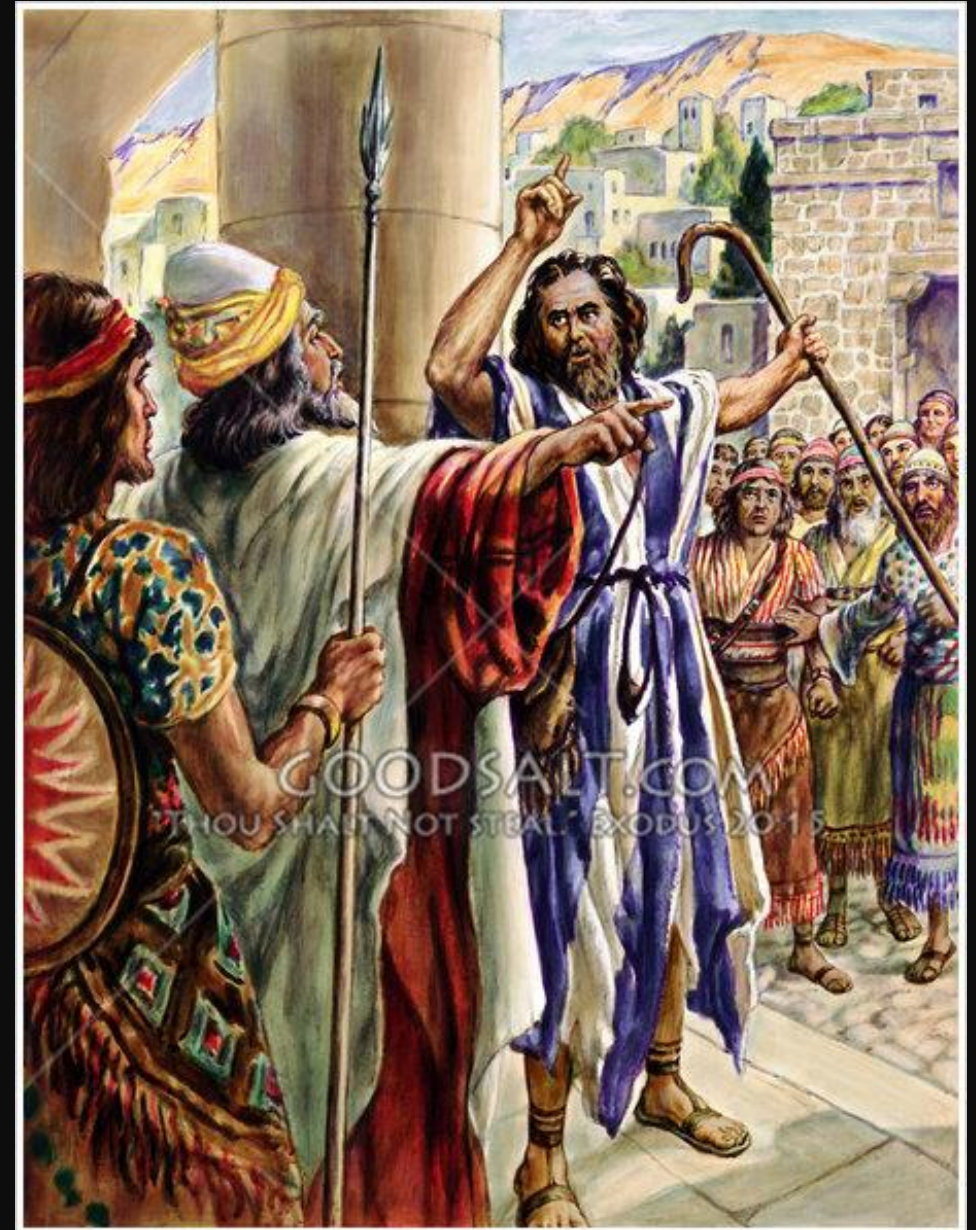
## John 12:48

There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day.



## Amos 7:10-13

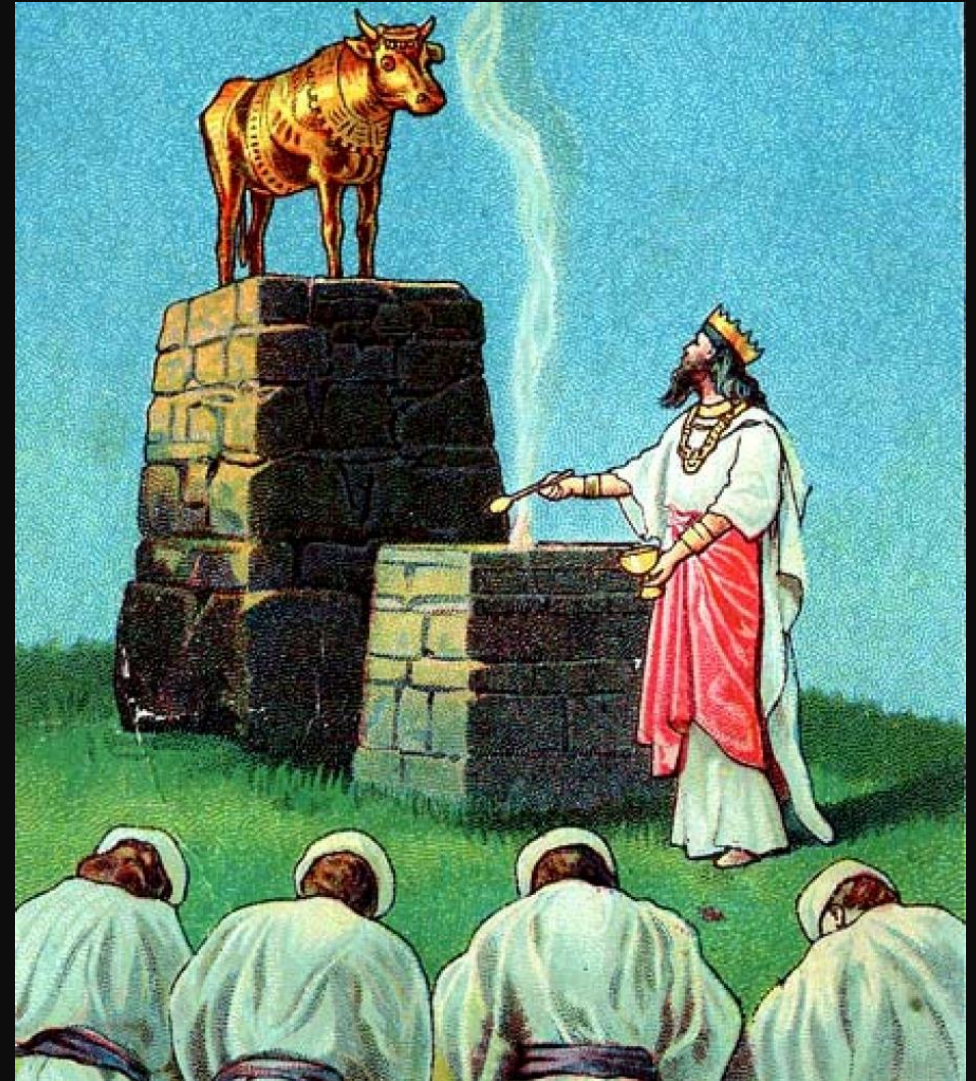
<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For this is what Amos is saying: “Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.” <sup>12</sup> Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. <sup>13</sup> Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”





## 1 Kings 12:31

<sup>31</sup> Jeroboam **built shrines on high places and appointed priests from all sorts of people, even though they were not Levites.**



### **Luke 21:12; 16-17**

12 “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and **put you in prison**, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. .... 16 You will be betrayed **even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends**, and they will put some of you to **death**. 17 Everyone will hate you because of me.





## John 15:18-21

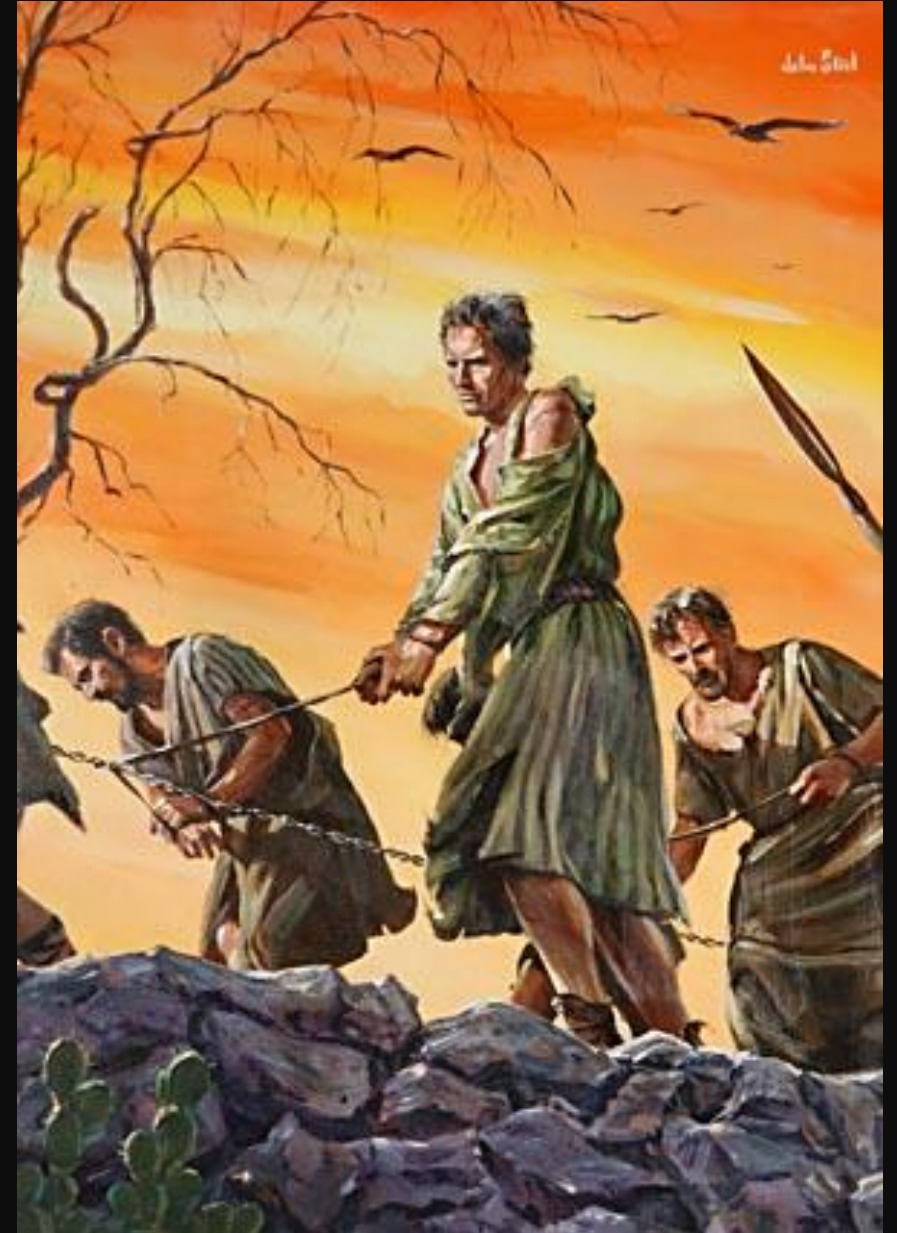
<sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. .... If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. <sup>21</sup> They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me.



## Amos 7:14-17

<sup>14</sup> Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ <sup>16</sup> Now then, hear the word of the LORD. You say, “Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop preaching against the descendants of Isaac.’

<sup>17</sup> “Therefore this is what the LORD says:  
“Your wife will become a prostitute in the city,  
and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword.  
Your land will be measured and divided up,  
and you yourself will die in a pagan country.  
And Israel will surely go into exile,  
away from their native land.’”





### Acts 20:26-27

<sup>26</sup>Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. <sup>27</sup>For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.

**Paul did not cower in proclaiming God's truth.**

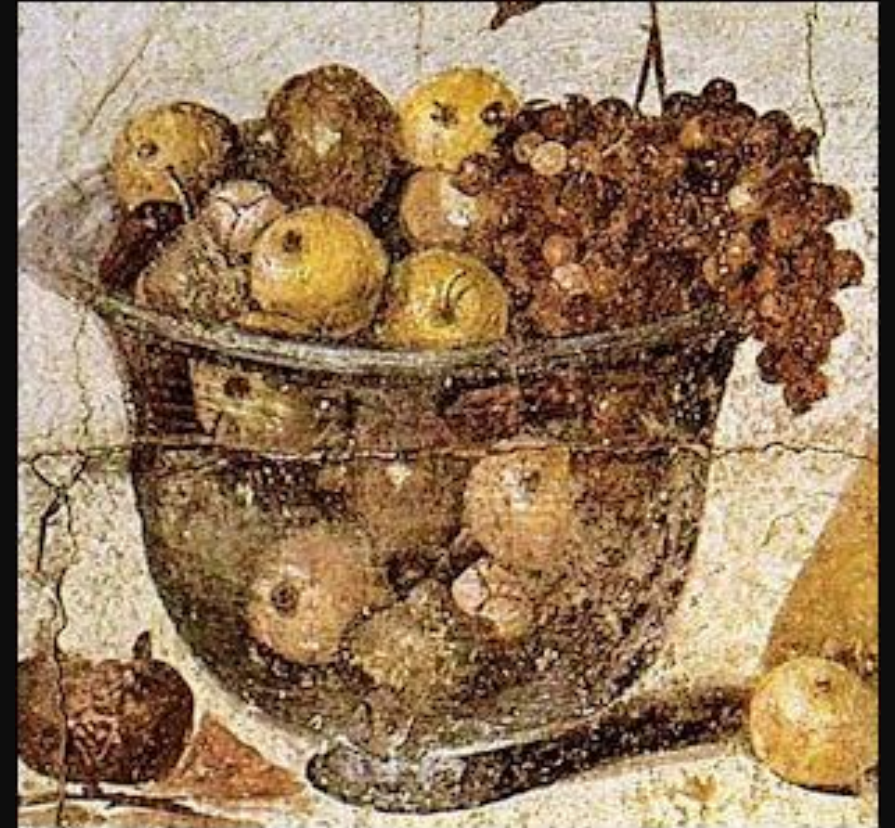


## Amos 8:1-3

This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: a basket of ripe fruit. <sup>2</sup> “What do you see, Amos?” he asked. “A basket of ripe fruit,” I answered.

Then the LORD said to me, “The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

<sup>3</sup> “In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “the songs in the temple will turn to wailing. Many, many bodies—flung everywhere! Silence!”





## Amos 8:4-6

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who **trample the needy**  
and **do away with the poor** of the land,  
<sup>5</sup> saying,  
“When will the New Moon be over  
that we may sell grain,  
and the Sabbath be ended  
that we may market wheat?” —  
**skimping on the measure,**  
**boosting the price**  
and **cheating with dishonest scales,**  
<sup>6</sup> **buying the poor with silver**  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
selling even the sweepings with the wheat.



# **Proverbs**

## **20:10 & 11:1**

**<sup>10</sup> “Differing weights  
and differing measures:  
the LORD  
detests them both.”**

**<sup>1</sup> “The LORD abhors  
dishonest scales,  
but accurate weights  
are his delight.”**





## Amos 8:7-9

<sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

<sup>8</sup> “Will not the land tremble for this,  
and all who live in it mourn?

The whole land will rise like the Nile;  
it will be stirred up and then sink  
like the river of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup> “In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD,  
“I will make the sun go down at noon  
and darken the earth in broad daylight.



## Amos 8:10-12

<sup>10</sup> I will turn your religious festivals into mourning  
and all your singing into weeping.  
I will make all of you wear sackcloth  
and shave your heads.  
I will make that time like mourning for an only son  
and the end of it like a bitter day.

<sup>11</sup> “The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign LORD,  
“when I will send a famine through the land—  
not a famine of food or a thirst for water,  
but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> People will stagger from sea to sea  
and wander from north to east,  
searching for the word of the LORD,  
but they will not find it.





- <sup>13</sup> “In that day  
“the lovely young women and strong young men  
will faint because of thirst.
- <sup>14</sup> Those who swear by the sin of Samaria—  
who say, ‘As surely as your god lives, Dan,’  
or, ‘As surely as the god of Beersheba lives’ —  
they will fall, never to rise again.”



## Amos 9:1-3

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.

2 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.

3 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.





## Amos 9:4-6

<sup>4</sup> 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.”

<sup>5</sup> 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;

<sup>6</sup> **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.**





## Amos 9:7-8

<sup>7</sup> “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?

<sup>8</sup> “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.









## Amos 9:9-10

<sup>9</sup> “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.

<sup>10</sup> All the sinners among my people  
will die by the sword,  
all those who say,  
‘Disaster will not overtake or meet us.’





## Amos 9:11-13 – A ray of hope

<sup>11</sup> “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,

<sup>12</sup> so that they may possess the remnant of Edom

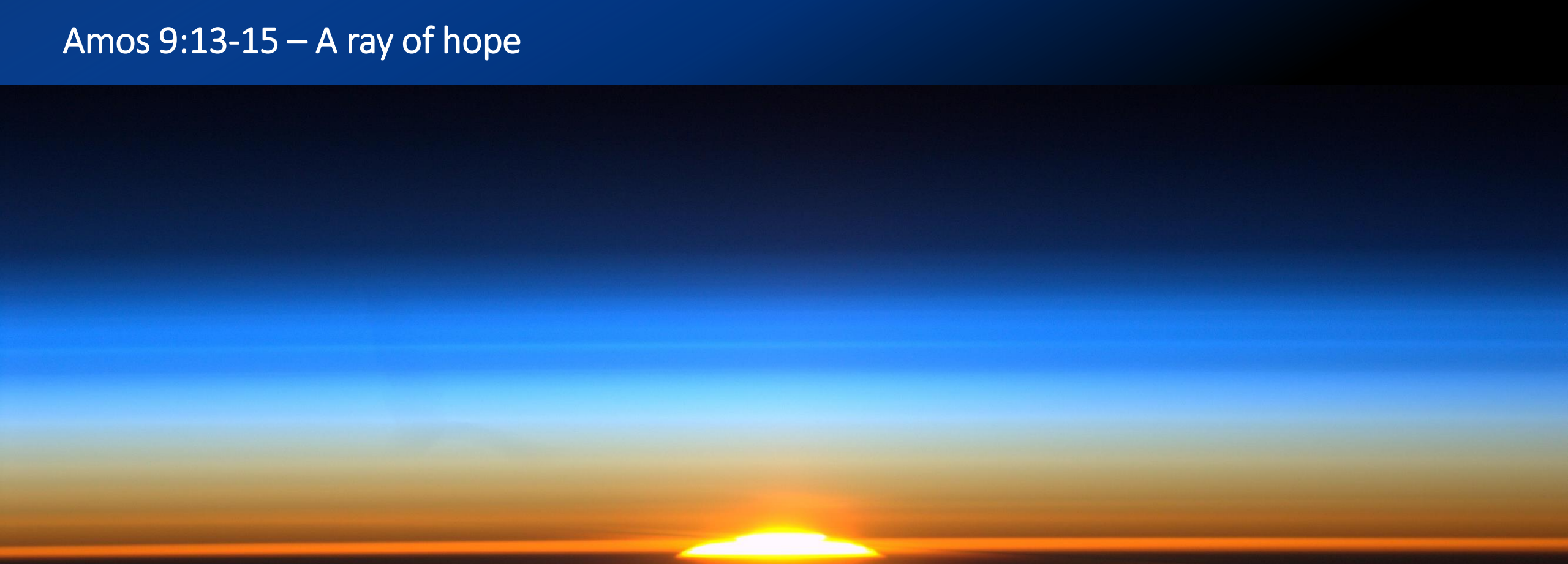
and all the nations that bear my name,”

declares the LORD, who will do these things. <sup>13</sup> “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman

and the planter by the one treading grapes.

## Amos 9:13-15 – A ray of hope



New wine will drip from the mountains  
and flow from all the hills,<sup>14</sup> 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.<sup>15</sup> 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.



## 2Kings 17

In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned nine years. <sup>2</sup> He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, but not like the kings of Israel who preceded him. <sup>3</sup> **Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up to attack Hoshea**, who had been Shalmaneser's vassal and had paid him tribute. <sup>4</sup> But the king of Assyria discovered that Hoshea was a traitor, for he had sent envoys to So king of Egypt, and he no longer paid tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year. **Therefore Shalmaneser seized him and put him in prison.** <sup>5</sup> **The king of Assyria invaded the entire land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for three years.** <sup>6</sup> In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria. ....





# Fulfillment of Amos Prophecy

## 2Kings 17:7-8

<sup>7</sup> All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They worshiped other gods <sup>8</sup> and followed the practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before them, as well as the practices that the kings of Israel had introduced.

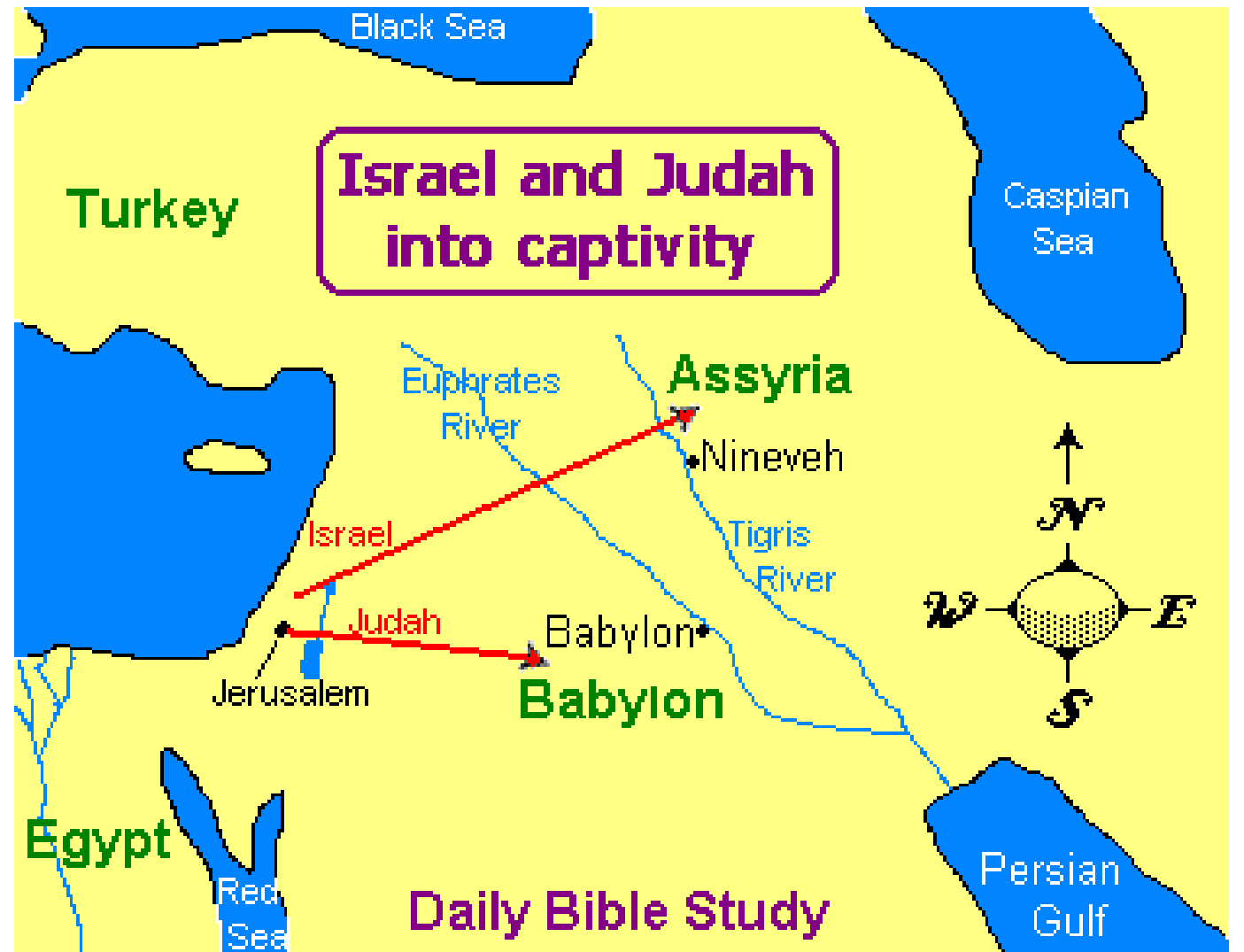


## Fulfillment of Amos Prophecy (722BC and 586BC)





## Israel and Judah into captivity



## Fulfillment of Amos Prophecy (539 & 516 BC)

### Ezra 1:1-4

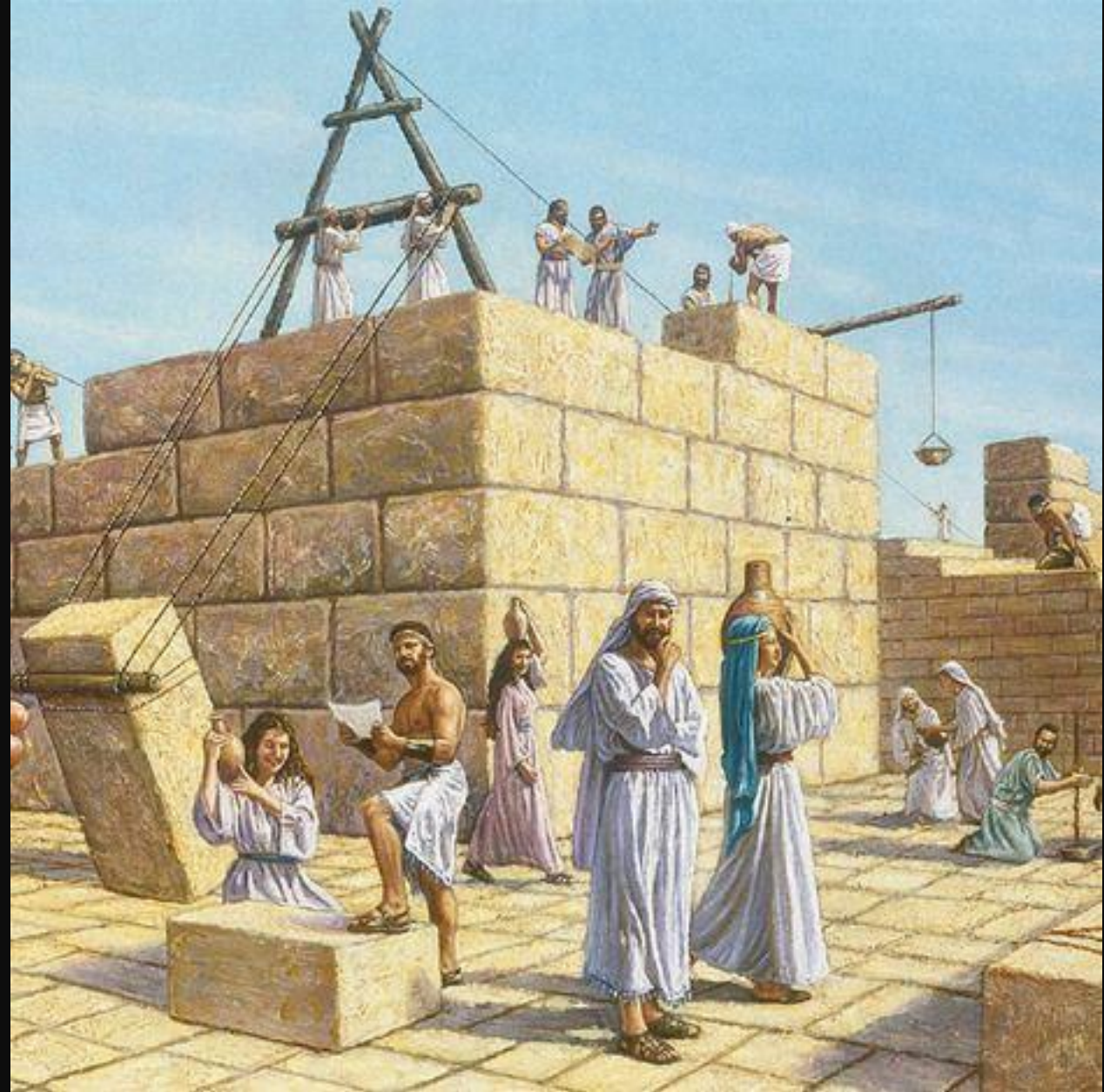
In the first year of **Cyrus king of Persia**, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by **Jeremiah**, **the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia** to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:

<sup>2</sup> “This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:

“‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. <sup>3</sup> Any of his people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the LORD, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be with them. <sup>4</sup> And in any locality where survivors may now be living, the people are to provide them with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem.’”



## Ezra 1:1-4



## Fulfillment of Amos Prophecy – Ultimate fulfillment

### Acts 15:14-17

<sup>14</sup> Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. <sup>15</sup> And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

<sup>16</sup> “‘After this I will return,  
and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen;  
I will rebuild its ruins,  
and I will restore it,

<sup>17</sup> that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord,  
and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,  
says the Lord, who makes these things <sup>18</sup> known from of old.’



## Hebrews 1:1-3

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. <sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.