

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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Amos nine is a reminder to anyone and everyone that once a person, community, or nation steps over God's line of mercy they cannot escape His judgment. This chapter opens with God standing by the altar, not for sacrifice, but for judgment. He has sent prophet after prophet to warn the people that they cannot flaunt justice and continue in their idolatrous practices, but they go unheeded. God now reminds the nation that judgment is set and there is nowhere to hide. None will escape who are set for judgment. **"...He who flees from them shall not get away, and he who escapes from them shall not be delivered. 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; 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; 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."** (Amos 9: 1b-4)

Even though the judgment of God is certain upon Israel,

God will one day restore the nation. The rescue will not be from the north, but rather from the House of David that they broke away from at the death of David's son, Solomon.

"...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...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. 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." (vv.11, 14, 15)

God said that the day would come when the people of Israel will be planted and never pulled from the land again.

Prayer and Action Steps

God made a promise to Israel through the prophet Amos that the people of Israel would one day return to the land. You are living in the days of the fulfillment of that prophesy!

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?
