

I. The Introduction - Amos 9:5-6

1. A hymn about a God who reigns (**verse 5**)
 - A. A hymn delivers a message of judgment
 - B. He can do this because He is “almighty”
 - the earth melts at His touch
 - the earth rises and sinks like the Nile (it’s flooding)
 - C. The idea is that God controls the rising and sinking of the Nile... so He can make the land to melt
 2. He lives in the heavens - and sets the heavenly foundations on the earth (**verse 6**)
 - He calls for waters and pours them out
- Rea -once again, the idea is that God “controls” these things - the implication? - if He can control the waters, He’s surely in charge of us
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. God’s control and sovereignty includes human beings
 - there is a sidebar ... He gave mankind dominion over the earth
 - He has also made man able to say no to God - unlike the waters
 2. By making God big it makes mankind small - and calls us to bow before Him

II. The Shaking - Amos 9:7-10

1. God recounts His actions (**verse 7**)
 - are you better/ bigger than the Cushites?
 - did I not free you from Egypt?
 - did I not bring up the Philistines?
 - did I not control the Arameans?
 2. God will destroy Israel but not totally (**verse 8**)
 - the sinful kingdom and the descendants of Jacob are not the same - a remnant remains
- Rea -as God sent plagues on Egypt - but some of the plagues did not happen in the region of Israel - He can be very specific with His punishments
3. Sieve - God will use a sieve and find those who deserve punishment and separate them from the others (**verse 9**)
 - at the rapture the “good” will be called up and the others will remain - another separation. In fact this what judgment is - separation.
 4. He will even punish those who are Israelites (**verse 10**)
 - He is able to tell the difference (good from bad) - we often cannot
 5. They are self-deceived
 - at Gal. 6:7-10 - God says “be not deceived” - He certainly is not but we often are. Not every one who says “Lord, Lord...”
 - sinners will die - and specifically they will die by the sword
- Rea -purged out?
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. God often judges - and only He has that right
 2. When the Israelites left Egypt there was a death angel that preceded their leaving... some lost firstborn and some did not - discuss the difference

3. The sheep on the one hand and the goats on the other - division

III. The Restoration - Amos 9:11-15

1. He will rebuild (**verse 11**)
 - A. Establish David's throne - by His covenant
 - B. Obviously he means the descendants of David
 2. The Remnant (**verse 12**)
 - A. Of Edom - even though at one point they were in opposition to Israel
 - even of these "fallen" nations God has a remnant
 - Rea -God knows His own, even those who are not a part of the nation of Israel
 3. Israel restored (**verse 13**)
 - A. The reaper catches up to the plowman
 - the harvest will come quickly
 - new wine will flow freely
 - B. I will bring back my people (**verse 14**)
 - they will rebuild
 - they will plant vineyards and drink their wine
 - they will make gardens and eat their fruit
 - Rea -a settled and prosperous country
 - C. Israel will be "replanted" (**verse 15**) - never again to be "uprooted"
 4. Possibly the most important phrase "my people"
 - Rea -they belong to God - He hasn't lost them, they have lost Him
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. Discuss "seasons" - or judgment and of rebuilding
 2. Though far from Him - God can see them
 - though we often give up - God does not - see Jer 29:11- He has plans for us
 3. No believer can sin so much that God doesn't love them

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