

The Book of Amos

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- Vision of the Lord
 - vs.1 – altar – considering that God is speaking to the Northern Kingdom, this must be the altar to the idols at Bethel.
 - vs. 1 – I see here the picture of a building collapsing. Typically, only those inside would be injured, but here it is symbolic of the collapse of Israel as even those that flee are cut down.
 - vs. 2-4 – There is no escaping God's judgment.
 - vs. 4 – even those taken captive will not survive
 - vs. 5 – same imagery of an earthquake as in 8:8.
 - vs. 6 – The fourth time the name of God is highlighted – see also 4:13, 5:8, 5:27
 - vs. 7 – God is in control of all nations (Psalm 47:8). Just because God had worked through Israel was not justification for their pride.
 - Caphtor – probably a name for Crete. The Philistines are believed to have come from the islands of the Aegean Sea.
 - Kir – another Kir is mentioned that is in Moab (as in Isaiah 15:1), but this must be a different place in the east where the Syrian/Aramean people originated.
 - vs. 8 – The Northern Kingdom of Israel would be destroyed but God would not destroy the Jewish people.
 - vs. 9 – This is the purpose of God's judgment. He is separating the wheat from the chaff, purging the people of their sin and leaving seed to restore the nation.
 - vs. 10 – “If any are to be saved, it will not be the sinners; they need not flatter themselves that their willful blindness shall secure them.” – Pulpit Commentary
 - vs. 11-12 – Quoted by James in Acts 15:15-16 as proof that God was working among the Gentiles before establishing His kingdom on earth.
 - vs. 11 – the tabernacle of David is David's kingdom, a revival of the united Israel – the Millennial Kingdom
 - vs. 12 – the kingdom is not established *in order to* take possession of the world, but *in conjunction with* the heathen turning to God. This must be the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom.
 - vs. 13 – The bounty of the land.
 - vs. 14-15 – The security of restored Israel in their land.