

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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Amos 9

“Hope does not exist in a vacuum. It is not rootless optimism, unfounded yearning, or ungrounded wishing. Authentic hope comes from God. It is based on His nature and promises.

Amos chapter 9 gives us a basis of lasting hope. As you scan the chapter, you may think I am referring to the last five verses on the five promises of restoration of Israel. Not so. The entire chapter animates hope. We behold God who makes and keeps His promises. He follows through on His promises of judgment as well as His subsequent promises of a new beginning. His righteousness and grace are inseparable. God is absolutely reliable in both. Because He is, we have a solid source of profound hope.” – The Communicators Commentary, Vol 20. (p. 352)

1. What does Amos see in 9:1? _____
2. What does the Lord say to Amos in 9:1-6?
 - a. Strike the tops of the pillars...bring them down on the head of the people; those who are left I will kill with the sword.
 - b. I will keep my eye on them for harm and not for good.
 - c. He reminds Amos and those who would listen of his power and authority even over nature.
3. What is God saying in 9:7?
 - a. You think you are special, but you are no better than any other nation. What would make you special is my involvement in your lives.
 - b. I delivered other nations from the places they were in captivity, just like I delivered you...wait, what?!!
 - c. I want you to consider what makes you special/different.
4. What does God say to Israel in 9:8-10?
 - a. I will destroy your nation because you have been unfaithful.
 - b. ...but I won't destroy everyone, I plan to sift and separate the sinful from the faithful.
5. What does God say to Israel in 9:11-15?
 - a. I will restore David's fallen shelter and I will restore the walls.
 - b. I will restore a "shelter" that will possess the remanant of Edom (wait, not Israel?) and all the nations that bear my name!
 - c. There will be new life where destruction has previously reigned.
 - d. There will be fruit among the people in the new nation that I build up.
6. Was God talking specifically about the restoration of israel or about something else?

7. How should we apply this text to our lives? _____
