

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.*

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## *Amos*

### **Lesson #7: Israel's Restoration**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Do you think secular America can learn from Israel's mistakes? Can the church?

#### **OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION**

##### **Read Amos 9:11-15**

*Note: Amos's rhetoric here inspires hope for a restored future. Its two parts are marked by the introductory references to the Lord's future interventions to accomplish restoration for his people (9:11, "in that day;" 9:13, "the days are coming"). Nothing in the passage indicates the specific time and place of its delivery. The audience may have included the people of the land but most assuredly did not include the king, the religious leaders, and the socioeconomic elite of the country. The faithful in the prophet's audience must have been encouraged to know that the Lord's judgments against Israel did not mean total rejection of his people. This is the function of the final message.<sup>1</sup>*

1. Based on the tense (first person) of the verbs in these passages, who is speaking?
2. What is "David's fallen tent?" vs 11
3. The "remnant of Eden" (vs 12) does not refer to the land of their neighbor, but to their status as a Gentile nation. How will Israel possess all the nations? 1 Pet 2:9; Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 10:3-6
4. What did the Lord promise to do? Which of those promises have already been fulfilled?
5. How does Amos describe the promise of material abundance and restored relationships? When will that take place?
6. Why will God's activity change from wrath to mercy? Deut 30:1-3; Jer 29:12-14
7. Although some people think that verse 15 refers to the actual land of Israel, others think that it refers to a spiritual dwelling. Daniel 7:18; 27; John 10:28 How does this promise apply to Gentiles?

#### **APPLICATION**

What can we learn from Amos' prophecies of warning, judgment and restoration? 1 Cor 10:11

***O*ur God is a global God, and He calls men and women, boys and girls into His family from every spot on earth and from every tribe and nation, so that we may "exalt His name together" (Ps. 34:3).<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Smith, B. K., & Page, F. S. (1995). *Amos, Obadiah, Jonah* (Vol. 19B, p. 164). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

<sup>2</sup> Stanley, C. F. (2005). *The Charles F. Stanley life principles Bible: New King James Version* (Am 9:12). Nashville, TN: Nelson Bibles.