

Do We Have a Future? Amos 9:5-15

Intro: Ukraine - Do they have a future?

Israel - Do we have a future?

Amos - “as continuation of the things are now?”

NO!

As the way things are now, NO! As a remnant, sifted by judgment of God and purified into a new people, YES!

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A word of hope – in light of Amos’s “utter destruction.”

Hope in the midst of utter despair!

*****MAN’S SINFULNESS CANNOT THWART GOD’S PLAN FOR MAN’S REDEMPTION!**

*******The Basis of Hope (5-7)**

Hope in God – who He is - not who they were!

God’s Sovereignty - The Lord Almighty

Ps. 19:1 “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies
proclaim the work of His hands”

Note God’s ability to seek out those who might try to escape.

Note here Gods ability to seek out those who wanted to persevere.

ILL. Carlsbad Caverns’ lights turned off! “Gasp” “Don’t worry, sis,
there is someone here who knows how to turn on the lights on.

Amos: “Dark days are ahead” GOD WILL TURN THE LIGHTS ON.”

*******The Instrument of Hope (8-10).**

How could they have hope in the face Of IRREVOCABLE JUDGMENT?

“Yet I will not totally destroy the house of Jacob.”

Exile not destruction but disciplining Israel.

A time of sifting.

REMNANT -Noah & the Flood - Lot & Sodom - Elijah & 7000

Zephaniah 2:3 “Seek the Lord, all you who do what He commands.

Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on
the day of the Lord’s anger.

*******The Realization of Hope (11-15.)**

God’s Grace – Remnant – Israel would be restored.

David’s rule - Time of greatest prosperity. Symbol – picture of throne
being reestablished. Productivity

**Ancient version “A chicken in every pot and two cars in every garage!”
Permanence – “Never again to be uprooted.”**

**AMOS REMINDS US WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, BUT
WE KNOW WHO HOLDS THE FUTURE.**

“THE FUTURE IS AS BRIGHT AS THE PROMISES OF GOD”