

AMOS 9 (A.V.)

Now I'm going to switch from translation to translation in order to help get this clarified. I'll start with the Authorized:

1)"I SAW THE LORD STANDING UPON THE ALTAR; AND HE SAID, SMITE THE LINTEL OF THE DOOR, THAT THE POSTS MAY SHAKE, AND CUT THEM IN THE HEAD, ALL OF THEM."

Now this is not very clear. The Revised Standard Version says:

1)"I SAW THE LORD STANDING BESIDE THE ALTAR AND HE SAID,"SMITE THE CAPITALS UNTIL THE THRESHOLD (or the porch) SHAKES"

Now the capitals are the tops of the post. In other words, "knock the posts out from under it and let the porch collapse" is what this is bringing out.

"ALL OF THEM. AND I WILL SLAY THE LAST OF THEM WITH THE SWORD."

Now HE'S speaking of earthly Israel, and HE is going to knock the tops out from under them so that everything comes down and destroys them all. In other words, it's complete annihilation of the Israel of old.

"AND I WILL SLAY THE LAST OF THEM WITH THE SWORD; HE THAT FLEETH OF THEM SHALL NOT FLEE AWAY (or not get away) HE THAT ESCAPETH OF THEM SHALL NOT BE DELIVERED."

2)"THOUGH THEY DIG INTO HELL, (or SHEOL) THENCE SHALL MINE HAND TAKE THEM,(or find them)THOUGH THEY CLIMB UP TO HEAVEN, THENCE SHALL MINE HAND TAKE THEM DOWN."

In other words, there is no escape for the Israel of old.

3)"AND THOUGH THEY HIDE THEMSELVES IN THE TOP OF CARMEL"

Which is a mountain; Mt Carmel.

"I WILL SEARCH AND TAKE THEM OUT THENCE; AND THOUGH THEY BE BE HID FROM MY SIGHT IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, THENCE WILL I COMMAND THE SERPENT AND HE SHALL BITE THEM."

YAHWEH is using illustrations here where there was no escape for the Israel of the flesh. They had pursued a disobedient and stubborn course and the end of this course was destruction for the house of Israel. So HE makes it clear that the house of Israel would come to an end, and it would not be the the house of Israel HE would use to honor HIS name and to bless mankind.

4)"AND THOUGH THEY GO INTO CAPTIVITY BEFORE THEIR ENEMIES, THENCE WILL I COMMAND THE SWORD, AND IT SHALL SLAY THEM; AND I WILL SET MINE EYES UPON THEM FOR EVIL, AND NOT FOR GOOD."

Now this isn't literally true, but what HE is bringing out here is that many times in war they throw their hands up to surrender and they survive. But HE means there will be no survival with the Israel of old. Now HE'S not referring to individuals, but HE is referring to the house of Israel, the organization. This is certain to be completely annihilated as though every member destroyed. When every member is destroyed naturally the organization does not function any longer, this is what HE is bringing out.

5)"AND THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS IS HE THAT TOUCHETH THE LAND, AND IT SHALL MELT, AND ALL THAT DWEL THEREIN SHALL MOURN."

This is not clear, so I will read this is in the Revised:

5)"THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS, HE THAT TOUCHETH THE EARTH AND IT MELTS, AND ALL WHO DWELL IN IT MOURN, AND ALL OF IT RISES LIKE THE NILE, AND SINKS AGAIN LIKE THE NILE OF EGYPT."

Now in the Jerusalem translation:

5)"THE LORD YAHWEH SABOATH, HE TOUCHES THE EARTH AND IT MELTS, AND ALL IT'S INHABITANTS MOURN. IT HEAVES LIKE THE NILE, AND SUBSIDES LIKE THE RIVER OF EGYPT."

Now this is bringing out the effects that YAHWEH has upon the earth, in other words, the tremendous repercussions as though the earth was actually heaving when HE descends, or when HE has anything to do with it. Verse 6 will be read from the New English Translation:

6)"AND BUILDS HIS STARS UP TO THE HEAVENS AND ARCHES HIS CEILING OVER THE EARTH, WHO SUMMONS THE WATERS OF THE SEA AND POURS THEM OVER THE LAND. HIS NAME IS YAHWEH."

In other words, HE is the one that controls everything on earth. HE is the Amighty, is what is being brought out.

7)"ARE YE NOT AS CHILDREN OF THE ETHIOPIANS UNTO ME, O CHILDREN OF ISRAEL? SAITH THE LORD. HAVE NOT I BROUGHT UP ISRAEL OUT OF THE LAND OF EGHPT? AND THE PHILISTINES FROM CAPHTOR, AND THE SYRIANS FROM KIR?"

In other words, you are no different to me than any of the heathen nations. Why? Because of your conduct. Now here is a people that were chosen, a people that YAHWEH dealt with, HE dealt with no other people like HE dealt with Israel. And yet they are no different that the heathen because, by their conduct, they ignored HIM completely the same as the heathem would do. Now this is worse than the heathen because HE wasn't dealing with the heathen. HE was dealing with Israel. This, in other words, was something that was like sinning against the light, having understanding.

8)"BEHOLD, THE EYES OF THE LORD GOD ARE UPON THE SINFUL KINGDOM, AND I WILL DESTROY IT FROM OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH; SAVING THAT I WILL NOT UTTERLY DESTROY THE HOUSE OF JACOB, SAITH THE LORD."

Now remember this: "I WILL DESTROY IT FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH". This is another scripture that you can refer to for the utter annihilation of the Israel of old. It was destroyed from the face of the earth and not to be restored, not that Israel. "SAVING THAT I WILL NOT UTTERLY DESTROY THE HOUSE OF JACOB, SAITH THE LORD." So HE'S not going to destroy the "house of Jacob" or the house of Israel, indicating that HE will not forget HIS former purpose to restore the house of Israel or the organization. In restoring the house of Israel, or the organization of Israel, HE fulfills HIS promise in that "In Israel HE will be glorified" and that it is Israel that will be used to honor HIS name and to bring out HIS purpose upon the face of the earth.

9)"FOR, LO, I WILL COMMAND, AND I WILL SIFT THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AMONG ALL NATIONS, LIKE AS CORN IS SIFTED IN A SIEVE, UET SHALL NOT THE LEAST GRAIN FALL UPON THE EARTH."

Now how does HE gather the house of Israel? HE sifts the house of Israel among all nations, "Like as cornis sifted in a sieve," Now when corn is sifted, or grain is sifted, the impurities are sifted out, and the kernels, that which is true, remains; indicating that not one kernel, or not one grain of true Israel will be lost, meaning that no one who is truly Israel will be lost or forsaken. This means YAHWEH promises to gather all those who are, because of their heart condition, true Israelites. Those who are striving for HIS blessing will all be found, and not one of them will be lost.

10)"ALL THE SINNERS OF MY PEOPLE SHALL DIE BY THE SWORD, WHICH SAY, THE EVIL SHALL NOT OVERTAKE NOR PREVENT US."

In other words, disaster will not overtake us. Now these people are sinners, the people that claim nothing is going to happen, everything is going to be O.K.. This was the attitude of the Israel of old, and this is the attitude of the peole who close their eyes to the wicked conditions that are going on today. They say everything will be alright, nothing is going to overtake us, because they themselves are self-satisfied in this system, Now the reason some of them are satisfied is because they are successfully competitive, they are able to compete and beat their fellow man, and gain the advantages that this theirving system permits them to gain. It is a competitive system, pitting one man agianst another, one organization against another; one that has the greates ability (or the least amount of conscience, you might say) is the one that comes out victorious, because there's really no rules. They say there are rules, bu they are really dirty because they will stoop at anything to win. They lie against one another, they lie about their own merchandise adn products, they do anything to gain the advantage. These are the ones that are self-satisfied in a system that permits this kind of thing, and they close thier eyes to the fact that there are many people who have been deprived, many

many people who are suffering, who have been reduced to virtual slavery just selling themselves to someone who has the advantage of possessing wealth. Being reduced to a sub-citizen, you might say; someone lower than what he should be.

11)"IN THAT DAY WILL I RAISE UP THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID THAT IS FALLEN, AND CLOSE UP THE BREACHES THEREOF; AND I WILL RAISE UP HIS RUINS, AND I WILL BUILD IT AS IN THE DAYS OF OLD:"

Now the "tabernacle of David" David pictures Yahshua. What He will do is restore the kingdom, His kingdom ruled over by the typical king David. "closing the breaches" means He will repair it, and restore it to perfection. And when HE says "and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old" HE means that it will be completely restored, it's not going to be exactly like it was in the days of old, but at one time it was YAHWEH'S kingdom, HIS nation, and YAHWEH was dealing with it. So HE means that HE will again restore HIS kingdom. Now we know from the understanding that this kingdom will be a perfect kingdom. And it will not be restricted to a small portion of the earth, but it will be world wide. All HE'S telling you in plain language is that HE restores HIS kingdom and the anti-typical David, who is Yahshua, will take over as King. Verse 12 is to be read from the R.S.V.:

12)"THAT THEY MAY POSSESS THE REMNANT OF EDOM AND ALL THE NATIONS WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, SAYS THE LORD WHO DOES THIS"

Now they are going to possess all that belonged to edom. edom pictures the religionists of this world. "AND ALL THE HEATHEN WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME."(A.V.) Now we find that the heathen are referred to as those YAHWEH calls by HIS name, not that they literally know HIS name, or use HIS name, but it is the claims that they make that they are truly GOD'S people. These HE calls heathen, and YAHWEH will possess everything, naturally giving it to those who inherit HIS kingdom, that is Israel. Israel will possess what edom once controlled, and what the heathen now hold. Who are the heathen? Those who are called by HIS name, those who claim to be 'christians' these who claim to be serving the true GOD. This is what Israel must awaken to, that there are those who claim to be truly the LORD'S people, who are really heathen, because they don't understand HIS purpose, they don't know the true GOD; they know nothing at all and they will wind up fighting against the saints. "Who ever shall put you to death will think he is rendering GOD a service"(Jn 16:2). So they think they are serving GOD. So being as they don't understand, they are truly heathen.

13)"BEHOLD, THE DAYS COME, SITH THE LORD, THAT THE PLOWMAN SHALL OVERTAKE THE REAPER, AND THE TREADER OF GRAPES HIM THAT SOWETH THE SEED; AND THE MOUNTAINS HSALL DROP SWEER WINE, AND ALL THE HILS SHALL MELT."

Now imagine everything moving so rapidly that the one who is picking the harvest overtake him who is planting. Now this is quite an illustration.

In other words, if you plant you have to wait 2-3 months to get the crop. But here everything is moving so rapidly and it will move very rapidly, where the crop is there while the man is still planting; indicating that it will look like things are reversed and everything is ripe at once. The Revised brings out:

"THEY WILL MELT WITH SWEET WINE"

Now wine is that which makes the heart glad. The mountains dripping sweet wine, and the hills melting with sweet wine, this means that all of YAHWEH'S organization will be filled with HIS blessing. So wine makes the heart glad, and the whole earth will be just like pouring sweet wine.

14)"AND I WILL BRING AGAIN THE CAPTIVITY OF MY PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, AND THEY SHALL BUILD THE WASTE CITIES, AND INHABIT THEM; AND THEY SHALL PLANT VINEYARDS, AND DRINK THE WINE THEREOF; THEY SHALL ALSO MAKE GARDENS, AND EAT THE FRUIT OF THEM."

Now the Authorized brings out:

14)"I WILL BRING AGAIN THE CAPTIVITY"

But other translations say "I WILL RESTORE THE FORTUNES OF MY PEOPLE ISRAEL" meaning that they will no longer be captive, but they will be functioning as HE intended in the beginning. They will no longer be captive in this system. "and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them" Now when YAHWEH says that they will build the waste cities, HE doesn't mean that they will go over there in Jerusalem, or the old towns, and rebuild them, many of those towns have been rebuilt in this system. What HE means is that HIS organization which once did exist, and was destroyed because of disobedience, the house of Israel. The organization, it goes down because of disobedience. Now it is restored again, we don't need those old cities and foundations, they're really out dated. They wouldn't serve any purpose in this modern age at all. But what HE does mean is that HIS organization will be restored. He also makes it clear that "they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof, and make gardens and eat the fruit of them" Meaning that they will be restored with blessings.

15)"AND I WILL PLANT THEM UPON THEIR LAND AND THEY SHALL NO MORE BE PULLED UP OUT OF THEIR LAND WHICH I HAVE GIVEN THEM SAITH THE LORD THY GOD."

So once they are restored they will never again be taken away. Now HE says "wickedness will not rise up a second time"(Nahum 1:9) So in order for this to be fulfilled we find that the righteous must remain in authority, so HE says concerning HIS kingdom that "it will not be left to another people"(Dan 2) meaning that those whom HE gives it to will remain in authority, and because they remain in authority, these are the ones who are proven their loyalty to YAHWEH. Conditions will never change because you will never have another administration you will never have another ruler de-throne one and set up his own organization. You will never have to see the

risk of having a ruler who is not righteously disposed towards YAHWEH. But those whom HE gives it to will remain in authority and the blessings of the kingdom will be guaranteed.