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¹ Title: Amos, a southerner of Tekoa, preached in the Northern Kingdom in 755 B.C. (*Ryrie Study Bible*) (1:1). He spoke against the evils of the surrounding nations (1:3 - 2:16), explained that Israel's privileged position provoked God's greater scrutiny and judgment (3:2), railed against Israel's social, moral, and spiritual sins (2:6-8,12; 3:14; 4:1-2,4-5; 5:7,10-11), detailed past judgments (4:6-11), and predicted severer upcoming judgment (3:1-8,11-12; 5:2-3). The latter came to pass under Assyria in 722 B.C., when the northern ten tribes were largely carried away into captivity.

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² 9:11 - I will raise up the fallen booth of David: This ultimately means that Jesus of Nazareth will sit as King in Jerusalem, though the language in Amos only requires a descendant of David. To my knowledge, since the return from the exile, no descendant of David has ever reigned as king over Israel. The prophecy remains unfulfilled, as do the prophecies in 9:12,13,15. I believe God, since 1948, has *begun* to fulfill 9:14.

³ 9:12 - called by My name: This prophecy suggests that one day

1. Israel will be a sovereign state.
2. Israel will be not only sovereign, but powerful enough to be Imperial, ruling over other nations without contest.
3. A plurality of nations who are so thoroughly submissive to God and the State of Israel that they permit themselves to be called by Yahweh's Name!
4. Israel will rule over *all* these Messiah-supporting nations!

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⁴ 9:13 - plowman will overtake the reaper: Amos predicts a glorious day that will be fulfilled, initially, in Christ's Millennial Kingdom, and ultimately, I suspect, in the Eternal State in the New Earth (see the conditions of the New Earth in Revelation 21-22). Amos predicts an unbelievably productive land of Israel and, I believe, planet. The farmer plowing the field with his tractor and disc behind the combine harvesting the crop will be forced to shut down his machine and wait, so bounteous is the crop that is being harvested! Poverty, starvation, and famine will be forgotten when Jesus rules from Jerusalem! Praise be to God!

⁵ 9:14 - I will restore the captivity of My people Israel: Today, I believe, there are nearly as many Jewish people in New York City as there are in the entire state of Israel. That diaspora will cease to be. Yahweh will bring Jewish people from all the globe to bask and live under the benevolent and righteous government of Jesus, the Jewish King and King of the World. As Zech. 14:9 says, "And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be *the only* one, and His name *the only* one." What a brilliant future for our planet!