

God's judgement on Israel

- empty religiosity
- social injustice and exploitation of the poor
- sexual immorality and corruption
- luxury and self-centredness
- refusal to see God's hand in all the circumstances of their lives
- pride and reliance on their history to save them



Amidst judgement, a call to return to God

'Seek the Lord and live,

or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire...'

'Seek good, not evil,

that you may live.

Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you,

just as you say he is.' 5:6,14

Amos chs 7-9

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(from whom there is no escape and whose judgement is all encompassing)

2. The Covenant-keeping God who will rescue

(restore and bless those who are faithful to Him, giving them eternal security)

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**⁹ ‘For I will give the command,
and I will shake the people of Israel
among all the nations**

**as grain is shaken in a sieve,
and not a pebble will reach the ground.’ 9:8-9**

The means of rescue and restoration

‘God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.’ 2 Corinthians 5:21

Jesus ‘is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.’ Heb 7:25