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Hear this word which the LORD has spoken against you, sons of Israel, against the entire family which He brought up from the land of Egypt: {2} "You only have I chosen among all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities." Amos 3:1-2

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D 1 The author

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 - E 4 Using garments, illegally taken as security, for worship at illegal altars [Pusey: At idolatrous feasts] 2:8
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 - E 2 The effect: His punishment of them for their sins [so they, at least, in contrast to the other families of earth, will match His own code of ethics]
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 - G 2 So when Yahweh Elohim has spoken, the hearer [in this case, Amos] must inevitably prophesy
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 - D 1 The call to assemble and observe 3:9-10
 - E 1 The recipients of the call: The leaders in their fortified residences in Ashdod and Philistia 3:9
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 - G 1 They do not know how to do right
 - G 2 They who hoard [the plunder from] violence in their citadels
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 - E 1 The nature of the judgment 3:11
 - G 1 An enemy will surround
 - G 2 He will destroy and loot your citadels
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- G 2 So inclusive that
 - H 1 "the sons of Israel dwelling in Samaria will be snatched away"
 - H 2 The rulers in their sumptuous palaces will be among them
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 - H 2 "they will fall to the ground"
 - G 3 Destroy the houses of Israel 3:15
 - H 1 "the winter house
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 - H 4 "the great houses" (mansions, NIV)

B 2 The Address to Samaria 4

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 - E 2 The sins of the women
 - G 1 Oppression of the poor

- G 2 Crushing the needy
- G 3 While personally languishing in ease and indolence
- E 3 The judgment upon the women 4:2-3
 - G 1 Their being herded like cattle into slavery 4:2
 - G 2 Their deportation from a destroyed city to Armon [Armenia?] 4:3
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 - D 1 Famine 4:6
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 - G 1 The timing: three months before harvest 4:7
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 - G 3 The result: Two or three cities would stagger to another to find water, but would be unsatisfied 4:8

- E 2 The peoples' failure to return to Yahweh 4:8
- D 3 Agricultural disasters 4:9
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 - E 2 Mildew
 - E 3 Caterpillar, devouring
 - G 1 Gardens
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 - G 3 Fig trees
 - G 4 Olive trees
 - E 4 Result: The peoples' failure to return to Yahweh
- D 4 Military disasters 4:10
 - E 1 Plague [Sunukjian, *TBKC*, I, 1437: epidemic spreading through crowded military camps and cities under siege]
 - E 2 Dead soldiers
 - E 3 Dead horses
 - E 4 Stench [Sunukjian, *TBKC*, I, 1437: of decomposing corpses] fouling military camps
 - E 5 Result: The peoples' failure to return to Yahweh
- D 5 Overthrowing of the nation 4:11
 - E 1 The comparison: As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah
 - E 2 The extent: They were like a firebrand snatched from the blaze
 - E 3 Result: The peoples' failure to return to Yahweh
- C 3 God's resolve 4:12-13
 - D 1 His resolve to do something 4:12
 - D 2 Their need to prepare to meet their God
 - E 1 "He who forms mountains" 4:13
 - E 2 He who "creates the wind"

- E 3 He who "declares to man: ... "His thoughts"
- E 4 "He who makes dawn into darkness"
- E 5 He who "treads on the high places of the earth"
- E 6 He whose name is Yahweh Elohim of Troops

B 3 The Lament over Israel 5:1-17

- C 1 The lament (funeral dirge) over the house of Israel 5:1-3
 - D 1 The announcement of the dirge 5:1
 - D 2 The singing of the dirge 5:2
 - E 1 Israel has fallen
 - E 2 "she will not rise again"
 - E 3 "There is none to raise her up"
 - D 3 The reason for the dirge 5:3
 - E 1 The city of a thousand (warriors) will have but a hundred
 - E 2 The city of a hundred (warriors) will have but ten
- C 2 The call to seek God and live, escaping judgment 5:4-13
 - D 1 Yahweh's call to the house of Israel to seek Him that they may live 5:4
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 - E 1 The threat of judgment: Lest He break forth in fiery judgment 5:6
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 - G 1 The house of Joseph 5:6
 - G 2 "those who turn justice into wormwood" [dishonest judges, etc.] 5:7
 - G 3 Those who "cast righteousness down to the earth"
 - E 3 The sovereignty of the Judge 5:8-9
 - G 1 He who made the constellations 5:8

- G 2 He who controls day and night
- G 3 He who cycles water from the seas to the continents
- G 4 He whose name is Yahweh ("I AM")
- G 5 He who destroys military fortresses 5:9
- E 4 The sins bringing judgment 5:10-13
 - G 1 Their hating honest judges 5:10
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 - G 3 Their appropriate punishment 5:11
 - H 1 Being driven from their upper class homes
 - H 2 Being forced to abandon their manicured vineyards
 - G 4 Their multiplication of evil 5:12
 - H 1 Many transgressions
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 - G 5 Their corruption of the judicial process 5:12-13
 - H 1 Distressing the righteous 5:12
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 - H 4 Intimidating the common man so he must keep quiet to avoid further evil 5:13
- C 3 The call to seek good, not evil, and live 5:14-15
 - D 1 The call issued: "Seek good and not evil" 5:14
 - D 2 The results
 - E 1 You may live
 - E 2 Yahweh Elohim of Troops will be with you (as you claim)

- D 3 The call reissued: "Hate evil [and] love good" 5:15
 - E 1 The specific: Establish justice in the courts
 - E 2 The results: Perhaps Yahweh Elohim of Troops will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph
- C 4 The prophesied reaction to the funeral dirge: Mourning and wailing 5:16-17
 - D 1 The predictor: Yahweh Elohim of Troops, Adonai 5:16
 - D 2 The prediction 5:16-17
 - E 1 Wailing in all the plazas
 - E 2 "Woe, woe" in all the streets
 - E 3 The farmers called to mourning
 - E 4 Professional mourners called to lament
 - E 5 Wailing in all the vineyards 5:17
 - D 3 The reason: "Because I shall pass through you [in judgment] 5:17
- B 4 The Rebuke of the Religious (RSB) 5:18-27**
 - C 1 Woe to those longing for the Day of Yahweh 5:18-20
 - D 1 The announcement of the woe 5:18
 - D 2 Their misconception of the Day of the Lord as beneficial to them
 - D 3 The real character of the Day of the Lord 5:18-20
 - E 1 Darkness and not light 5:18
 - E 2 Inescapable terror 5:19
 - G 1 As when a man flees from a lion only to meet a bear
 - G 2 As when a man [escapes to his] home only to be bitten by a snake within
 - E 3 Darkness instead of light 5:20
 - E 4 Gloom without brightness

- C 2 God's hatred of their [hypocritical] worship 5:21-24
 - D 1 God's distaste, hatred and rejection 5:21-23
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 - E 6 Of their noisy songs 5:23
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 - D 2 God's plea for righteous living 5:24
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 - E 2 Let righteousness flow in an unending stream
- C 3 God's historical and prophetic connection of Israel's idolatry 5:25-27
 - D 1 His historical exposé of Israel's **past** idolatry even during her 40 year wilderness wandering 5:25-26
 - E 1 The question of sincerity: "Was it *to Me* you presented sacrifices and grain offerings in the wilderness for forty year?" 5:25
 - E 2 The accusation of idolatry: "You carried along" (NAS) 5:26
 - G 1 "The shrine of your king
 - G 2 The pedestal of your idols
 - G 3 The star of your god--which you made for yourselves" (NIV)
 - D 2 His prophecy of Israel's **coming** exile for **present** idolatry 5:27
 - E 1 The prediction: "I will make you go into exile beyond Damascus"
 - E 2 The predictor: "Yahweh, whose name is 'The God of Troops'"

B 5 Woe to the Wicked Wealthy 6

- C 1 The Woe Announced 6:1-3
 - D 1 The recipients of the woe 6:1
 - E 1 Those who are at ease in Zion
 - E 2 Those who feel secure in the mountain of Samaria
 - E 3 The notable leaders of the house of Israel
 - D 2 The call to compare 6:2
 - E 1 The cities of comparison
 - G 1 Calneh
 - G 2 Hamath
 - G 3 Gath of Philistia
 - E 2 The point of comparison
 - G 1 Is Israel better than these kingdoms?
 - G 2 Is their territory greater than yours?
 - G 3 Will Israel, unlike they, be able to postpone for themselves
 - H 1 The day of calamity?
 - H 2 The reign of terror (NIV)?
- C 2 The characterization of the wealthy 6:4-7
 - D 1 Their excesses: They who 6:4-6
 - E 1 Recline in luxury 6:4
 - E 2 Eat quantities of their own meat
 - E 3 Improvise music for themselves 6:5
 - E 4 Indulge in liquids 6:6
 - G 1 Drinking quantities of wine in vessels meant for sacrifice
 - G 2 Anointing themselves with the finest lotions
 - D 2 Their omission: They have not grieved over the ruin of Joseph 6:6

- D 3 Their doom 6:7
 - E 1 To be the first into exile
 - E 2 To see their banqueting cease
 - E 3 The oath of God 6:8-11
- D 4 The swearer of the oath 6:8
 - E 1 Adonai Yahweh has sworn by Himself
 - E 2 Yahweh Elohim of Troops has declared
- D 5 The fierceness of God's oath
 - E 1 "I loathe the arrogance of Jacob"
 - E 2 "I detest his fortresses"
- D 6 The decree of God's oath 6:8-
 - E 1 To deliver up the city [to judgment]
 - E 2 The completeness of the destruction 6:8-11
 - G 1 The city and all it contains 6:8
 - G 2 Ten men left in a house would die [from pestilence, *RSB*] 6:9
 - G 3 The necessity of cremation [unusual in Israel; made necessary by the huge number of corpses and the threat of pestilence] 6:10
 - G 4 The survivors' fear of mentioning Yahweh's name [lest further judgment come]
 - E 3 The command of destruction 6:11
 - G 1 To smash the great house
 - G 2 And the small
- C 3 The metaphor of God 6:12-14
 - D 1 The statement of the metaphor [the following are absurd] 6:12
 - E 1 Horses don't run on rocks 6:12
 - E 2 Oxen don't plow rocks

- D 2 The point of the metaphor [they have done the absurd] 6:12
 - E 1 Yet you have turned justice into poison
 - E 2 And you have turned the fruit of righteousness into wormwood
- D 3 Their further description 6:13
 - E 1 They rejoice in "Nothing"
 - E 2 They claim to have made themselves strong ["Karnaim" = horns = military strength]
- D 4 The determination of Yahweh Elohim of Troops 6:14
 - E 1 "I will raise up against you, House of Israel, a nation [Assyria]"
 - E 2 They will afflict you from Hamath [northern border] to the brook of the Arabah" [i.e. south, separating Moab from Edom; southern boundary of Jeroboam II's kingdom, *RSB*]

A 3 JUDGMENTS THROUGH VISIONS 7:1 - 9:10

B 1 The Vision of Locusts 7:1-3

- C 1 Adonai Yahweh's preparation of a swarm of locusts 7:1-2
 - D 1 The time: The spring crop, after the king's mowing [i.e., ready to devastate the peoples' crop]
 - D 2 The devastation: They completed eating the vegetation of the land 7:2
- C 2 The prophet's reaction 7:2
 - D 1 His plea for pardon
 - D 2 His concern that Jacob could not withstand this plague because of his small size
- C 3 God's change of mind about sending the plague "It shall not be." 7:3

B 2 The Vision of Fire 7:4-6

- C 1 Adonai Yahweh's calling up a great fire 7:4
 - D 1 His purpose: to contend with Israel
 - D 2 Its severity
 - E 1 Its consuming of "the great deep" [subterranean water]
 - E 2 Its consuming of the farm land

- C 2 The prophet's protest 7:5
 - D 1 His plea for God to stop
 - D 2 His concern that Jacob could not withstand the fire because of his small size
- C 3 God's change of mind about sending the plague "This too shall not be." 7:6

B 3 The Vision of a Plumb line 7:7-17

- C 1 The substance of the vision 7:7-9
 - D 1 Adonai's showing 7:7
 - E 1 His standing by a vertical wall
 - E 2 The plumb line in his hand
 - D 2 Yahweh's question 7:8
 - E 1 Question: "What do you see, Amos?"
 - E 2 Answer: "A plumb line"
 - D 3 Yahweh's commentary 7:8-9
 - E 1 His determination to set a plumb line (a standard of measuring their holiness, or lack thereof) amid Israel 7:8
 - E 2 The results of the plumb line 7:8-9
 - G 1 He would spare Israel no longer 7:8
 - G 2 The high places (illegal centers of idolatrous worship) would be destroyed 7:9
 - G 3 The sanctuaries of Israel (all illegal) would be razed
 - G 4 He would rise against the line of Jeroboam II with the sword
- C 2 The reaction to the vision 7:10-17
 - D 1 The opposition of Amaziah, Priest of Bethel 7:10-13
 - E 1 His accusation to King Jeroboam 7:10-11
 - G 1 Amos' conspiracy against the King 7:10
 - G 2 The inability of the country to endure his words

- G 3 His version of Amos' message 7:11
 - H 1 Jeroboam's death by the sword [this was an inaccurate report - see 7:9]
 - H 2 Israel's impending exile [Amos confirmed this - 7:17; see also 4:2-3; 5:5,27; 6:7]
- E 2 His intimidation of Amos 7:12-13
 - G 1 His command to flee to Judah to prophesy 7:12
 - H 1 His label of "seer"
 - H 2 His implication of Amos as a mercenary storyteller
 - G 2 His forbidding Amos to prophesy at Bethel 7:13
 - H 1 It is the sanctuary of the king
 - H 2 It is the royal residence
- D 2 The response of Amos 7:14-17
 - E 1 His self-defense 7:14-15
 - G 1 His protest at being called a prophet 7:14
 - H 1 "I am not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet"
 - H 2 His vocation
 - J 1 A herdsman
 - J 2 A grower of sycamore figs
 - G 2 His call from God 7:15
 - H 1 "Yahweh took me from following the flock"
 - H 2 "Yahweh told me to prophesy to Israel"
 - E 2 His prophecy of judgment: "Hear the word of Yahweh" 7:16-17
 - G 1 The repetition of Amaziah's threats 7:16
 - H 1 "Don't prophesy against Israel"
 - H 2 "Don't speak against the house of Isaac"

- G 2 The message from Yahweh 7:17
 - H 1 "Your wife will become a harlot in the city"
 - H 2 "Your sons and daughters will fall by the sword"
 - H 3 "Your land will be parceled up by [its conquerors]"
 - H 4 "You will die upon unclean [foreign] soil"
 - H 5 "Israel will certainly go into exile"

B 4 The Vision of a Basket of Ripe Fruit 8

- C 1 The substance of the vision 8:1-3
 - D 1 The object displayed by Adonai Yahweh: A basket of summer [ripe] fruit 8:1
 - D 2 The interchange 8:2
 - E 1 God's question: "What do you see?"
 - E 2 Amos' answer: "A basket of summer fruit"
 - D 3 Yahweh's commentary: The time has come 8:2-3
 - E 1 For the beginning of judgment; the end of mercy 8:2
 - E 2 The onslaught of wailing and death 8:3
- C 2 The impact of the vision 8:4-14
 - D 1 The need for judgment: The wealthy oppression of the poor 8:4-6
 - E 1 The characterization of the businessmen 8:4
 - G 1 "Trampling the needy"
 - G 2 "Doing away with the humble of the land"
 - E 2 The specific sins of the businessmen 8:5-6
 - G 1 Irreligious, mercenary greed 8:5
 - H 1 "When will the new moon [feast] be over - so we can buy grain?"
 - H 2 "When will the sabbath be over - so we can open the wheat market?"

- G 2 Unethical trade practices
 - H 1 Making the bushel smaller [when selling commodities]
 - H 2 Making the shekel [weight on the scale] bigger [against which the customer would weigh out his silver, etc.]
 - H 3 Cheating with dishonest scales
- G 3 Oppression of the poor 8:6
 - H 1 Buying the helpless for money
 - H 2 Buying the needy for a pair of sandals [i.e. forcing the destitute into slavery for insignificant sums (Sunukjian, *TBKC*, I, 1448)]
 - H 3 Mixing in substandard wheat
- D 2 The nature of the judgment 8:7-14
 - E 1 The calamities from God 8:7-10
 - G 1 The vehemence of God's feelings: Yahweh's oath 8:7
 - G 2 The inevitability of His judgment: "I will never forget any of their deeds"
 - G 3 The nature of the calamities 8:8-9
 - H 1 Earthquake 8:8
 - J 1 Causing the inhabitants to mourn
 - J 2 Tossing the ground up and down like the Nile (River's rising and falling)
 - H 2 Eclipse? 8:9
 - Note: A total eclipse occurred in Asia Minor in June 763 (*RSB*)
 - J 1 The declarer: Adonai Yahweh
 - J 2 The time: "In that day"

- J 3 The phenomenon
 - I1 The sun will go down at noon
 - I2 The earth will be dark in broad daylight
- G 4 The reaction to the calamities: God will bring about 8:10
 - H 1 Festivals become mourning
 - H 2 Songs become lamentation
 - H 3 Sackcloth around every waist
 - H 4 Baldness on every head
 - H 5 Mourning as if for an only son
 - H 6 The end of it as a bitter day
- E 2 The spiritual famine from God 8:11-14
 - G 1 The time: "Days are coming" 8:11
 - G 2 The declarer: Adonai Yahweh
 - G 3 God's action: Sending a famine on the land
 - H 1 Not a famine of bread and water
 - H 2 But a famine for hearing the words of the Yahweh
 - G 4 The peoples' reactions 8:12-14
 - H 1 The fruitless search for God's word 8:12
 - J 1 People staggering from sea to sea
 - J 2 (People staggering) from north to east
 - J 3 Their going to and fro
 - J 4 Their seeking the word of Yahweh
 - J 5 Their inability to find it

H 2 The fainting from thirst [for a word from God, see Sunukjian (*TBKC*, I, 1449)] 8:13

J 1 By the beautiful virgins

J 2 And the young men

H 3 The falling never to rise again 8:14

J 1 Of those who swear by the guilt of Samaria

J 2 Who say, "As your god lives, Dan"

J 3 Who say, "As the way of Beersheba lives"

B 5 The Vision of God Standing in Judgment by the Altar [of Bethel] 9:1-10

C 1 The posture of Yahweh: Standing beside the altar 9:1

C 2 The command of Yahweh 9:1

D 1 "Smash the tops of the pillars so the thresholds shake

D 2 "Break them on the heads of them all" [so the pagan temple comes crashing down on the false worshipers (Sunukjian, *TBKC*, I, 1449) and others]

C 3 The execution by Yahweh 9:1

D 1 "I will slay the rest of them (who happened to escape the temple) with the sword

D 2 "They will not have a fugitive who will flee (successfully)

D 3 "Nor a refugee who will escape"

C 4 The pursuit by Yahweh: The impossibility of anyone's escape, though they 9:2-4

D 1 Dig to Sheol 9:2

--My hand will take them from there"

D 2 Ascend to heaven 9:2

--I will bring them down from there"

D 3 Hide on the summit of Carmel 9:3

--I will search them out and take them from there"

D 4 Conceal themselves on the floor of the sea 9:3

--I will command the serpent to bite them"

- D 5 Be led into captivity by their enemies 9:4
 - E 1 "--I will command the sword that it slay them
 - E 2 "--I will set My eyes against them for evil and not for good."
- C 5 The sovereignty of Yahweh over the universe 9:5-6
 - D 1 Adonai Yahweh of Troops 9:5
 - D 2 The One Who touches the land 9:5
 - E 1 It melts
 - E 2 All who dwell in the land mourn
 - E 3 It rises and falls like the Nile
 - D 3 The One Who builds His upper chambers in the heavens 9:6
 - D 4 The One Who founded His vaulted dome over the earth 9:6
 - D 5 The One running the water cycle 9:6
 - E 1 He calls the waters from the seas
 - E 2 He pours them out on the earth
 - D 6 Yahweh is His name. 9:6
- C 6 The sovereignty of Yahweh over Israel 9:7-10
 - D 1 His sovereign control over all nations 9:7
 - E 1 The equality of Israel with Ethiopia in this respect
 - E 2 His equal control in respect to national movements
 - G 1 In bringing up Israel from Egypt
 - G 2 In bringing up the Philistines from Caphtor
 - G 3 In bringing up the Arameans from Kir
 - D 2 His sovereign control over Israel among the nations 9:8-10
 - E 1 His determination to judge the sinful (northern) kingdom 9:8
 - G 1 The eyes of Adonai Yahweh are on the sinful kingdom
 - G 2 He will destroy it from the face of the earth

- E 2 His determination not to destroy *completely* the **people** of Jacob (i.e. the Jewish people) 9:8
- E 3 His determination to winnow Israelites among the nations of the world 9:9
 - G 1 The comparison: "As grain is shaken in a sieve"
 - G 2 The preservation: "But not a kernel will fall to the ground" [i.e. God would preserve the righteous, contrasting with 9:10]
- E 4 His determination to execute the sinners 9:10
 - G 1 The extent of judgment: "All the sinners of My people"
 - G 2 The method of judgment: "will die by the sword"
 - G 3 The identification of the sinners: "Those who say, 'The calamity will not overtake or confront us.'"

A 4 RESTORATION TO FAVOR 9:11-15

B 1 The Restoration of the House of David 9:11-12

- C 1 The statement of the restoration 9:11
 - D 1 The time of the restoration: "In that day*"
 - *Note: "The aspect of the Day of the Lord known as the Millennium" (*RSB*)
 - D 2 The target of the restoration: "The fallen booth of David" [i.e. the physical descent of David.]
 - Note: This ultimately means Jesus of Nazareth sitting as King in Jerusalem.
 - D 3 The terms used of the restoration
 - E 1 "I will raise up (the fallen booth of David)"
 - E 2 "And wall up its breaches"
 - E 3 "I will raise up its ruins"
 - E 4 "And rebuild it as in the days of old"
- C 2 The result of the restoration: Ruling over other nations 9:12
 - D 1 "That they (Israel) may possess the remnant of Edom"

D 2 "And all the nations who are called by My name"

Note: This prophecy implies that one day

E 1 Israel will be a sovereign state.

E 2 Israel will be not only sovereign, but powerful enough to be Imperial, ruling over other nations without contest from them or the world community.

E 3 There will be a plurality of nations who are so thoroughly "Christian" that they permit themselves to be called by Yahweh's Name!

E 4 Israel will rule over *all* these Christian nations!

C 3 The guarantor of the restoration: "Declares Yahweh, who does this!" 9:12

B 2 The Agricultural Plenty: 9:13

C 1 The time of the plenty: "Behold, days are coming"

C 2 The guarantor of the plenty: "Declares the LORD"

C 3 The description of the plenty

D 1 "the plowman will overtake the reaper

D 2 "the treader of grapes [will overtake] him who sows seed

D 3 "the mountains will drip sweet wine

D 4 "all the hills will be dissolved"

B 3 The Restoration of Israel to Her Land 9:14-15

C 1 Restoration: "I will restore the captivity of My people Israel" 9:14

C 2 Possession 9:14

D 1 Their rebuilding of and living in ruined cities

D 2 Their planting and usage of vineyards and gardens

C 3 Permanency 9:15

D 1 The promise

E 1 "I will also plant them on their land

E 2 "They will not again be rooted out from their land"

D 2 The reason: "I have given (it) to them"

D 3 The guarantor: "Says Yahweh your God."

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