



DOXOLOGIES FROM AMOS

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CONTEXT

- The 2nd of three imperatives to “hear the word” of God, the last being a lamentation – 3:1; 4:1; 5:1
- The Northern kingdom’s women are condemned for cruelty of heart – 4:1-3; 2:6-7
- They are sarcastically told to go SIN by worshipping God! – 4:4-5
- Israel experienced God’s grace in disciplinary actions but refused to return to Him – 4:6-12; Deut. 28:15-25; Titus 2:11-12

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“For behold, He who forms mountains and creates the wind and declares to man what are His thoughts, He who makes dawn into darkness and treads on the high places of the earth, the Lord God of hosts is His name.”

- God is to be feared and praised because:
 - He is Creator who formed the mountains, creates the winds
 - His vast power does not exclude a desire to reveal his thoughts to His creation
 - He brings judgment, making dawn into darkness, treading down the high places
- **Lord God of hosts** is His name – Yahweh Elohim Sabaoth – the Lord of great hosts, or armies, having infinite power

AMOS 5:8-9



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CHIASTIC PATTERN

- Lament – 1-3
 - Admonition – 4-6
 - Accusation – 7
 - Hymn – 8
 - Yahweh is his name - 8
 - Hymn – 9
 - Accusation – 10-13
 - Admonition – 14-15
 - Lament – 16-17

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- A lamentation, or dirge, concerning Israel's great loss of life due to sin – 5:1-3; Deut. 4:25-26
- Though the nation would die, God still calls individuals to repentance and life – 5:4-7
 - Salvation was not in the cities of their idolatry and false worship.
 - Salvation is only found in repentance and obedience.

AMOS 5:8-9

“He who made the Pleiades and Orion and changes deep darkness into morning, who also darkens day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the **Lord is His name.**⁹ It is He who flashes forth with destruction upon the strong, So that destruction comes upon the fortress.”

- A reminder of how formidable the Creator is with whom they must reckon!
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 - The sovereign Creator of the constellations who controls the seasons and weather.
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• A reminder to
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**Will Jehovah bring you light of morning
or darkness of night? – 5:14-15**

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CONTEXT

- Begins with *Amos seeing the Lord, Adonai*, beside/on the altar bringing judgment – 9:1
 - Gone is the time for object lessons, pleas, repentance, dialogue
 - God commands the temple's capitals smitten, its threshold shaken, and for it to be broken over the heads of Israel
 - The sword awaits those who escape.
- Judgment would be complete with no escaping – 9:2-4
 - “Though they go...From there My hand will take them”
 - Nothing they could do would keep God's judgment away

AMOS 9:5-6

“The Lord God of hosts, the One who touches the land so that it melts, and all those who dwell in it mourn, and all of it rises up like the Nile and subsides like the Nile of Egypt; ⁶ the One who builds His upper chambers in the heavens and has founded His vaulted dome over the earth, He who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth, **the Lord is His name.**”

- God’s cosmic power stresses that His threats are inescapable.
 - Touches the earth so it melts, bringing mourning as judgment covers the earth like the flooding Nile
 - Builds his chambers in the heavens and sets His dome over the earth, being everywhere from top to bottom.
 - He can bring the waters of the sea upon the earth in a devastating flood of judgment against the wicked.
 - **The Lord is His name!**