Amos 8:1-14 Vision of Summer Fruit – Judgment of Israel Is Pending

Vision – The Basket of Summer Fruit

- 1 Thus Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God) showed me: Behold, a basket of summer fruit.
- 2 And He said, "Amos, what do you see?"

So I said, "A basket of summer fruit."

Then Yahweh (the Lord) said to me:

- "The end has come upon My people Israel; I will not pass by them anymore.
- 3 And the songs of the temple Shall be wailing in that day," Says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God)
- "Many dead bodies everywhere, They shall be thrown out in silence."
- 4 Hear this, you who swallow up the needy, And make the poor of the land fail,
- 5 Saying:
- "When will the New Moon be past, That we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, That we may trade wheat? Making the ephah small and the shekel large, Falsifying the scales by deceit,
- 6 That we may buy the poor for silver, And the needy for a pair of sandals Even sell the bad wheat?"
- ⁷ Yahweh (The Lord) has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their works.
- 8 Shall the land not tremble for this, And everyone mourn who dwells in it? All of it shall swell like the River, Heave and subside Like the River of Egypt.
- 9 "And it shall come to pass in that day," says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God), "That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight;
- 10 I will turn your feasts into mourning, And all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, And baldness on every head; I will make it like mourning for an only son, And its end like a bitter day.
- "Behold, the days are coming," says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God), "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of Yahweh (the Lord).
- 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of Yahweh (the Lord), But shall not find it.
- 13 "In that day the fair virgins And strong young men Shall faint from thirst.
- 14 Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, Who say, 'As your god lives, O Dan!' And, 'As the way of Beersheba lives!' They shall fall and never rise again."

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Facts Revealed:

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- ♦ No opportunity for negotiations, this is a straight statement of fact.
- ♦ When the time for judgment has come upon Israel because of their failure to accept the call to repentance, Yahweh's longsuffering is drawing to a close and Judgment of the nation is at hand.
- ♦ This is true of all nations who are not following God's paths of righteousness and truth.

♦ Songs of the Temple will be turned into wailing in that day, and many dead bodies will be everywhere, thrown out in silence.

Warning to those who oppress the poor of the land

- ❖ Those who oppress the poor and needy find all that speaks of Godliness to be offensive and a hindrance to their struggle to accumulate dishonest wealth.
- ❖ They despise holy days, use deceitful scales, weights and measures and devalue the people of the land.
- → Yahweh has a record of all and will judge each one according to their works. [Amos 8:7, Jeremiah 25:1-14, Revelation 2:23, 20:12-13]
- ♦ When the day of judgment comes the land will tremble, and all who dwell in it will mourn. The sun will be dark at noon and darkness will cover the earth in broad daylight.
- ♦ Yahweh will turn the feasts into mourning and their songs into lamentations. Its end will be like a bitter day.
- ♦ There will be a famine of hearing the Word of Yahweh, they will be seeking the Word of Yahweh but they will not find it.
- ♦ Because they have turned to idolatry, they shall fall and not rise again..