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God's Promises in Amos

The book of Amos contains several promises from God, but many of them are warnings of impending judgment and punishment for the people's sins. However, there are also promises of restoration and blessings for those who repent and turn back to God. Here are a few examples:

1. Promise of restoration for Israel: "In that day, I will restore David's fallen shelter-- I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins--and will rebuild it as it used to be" (Amos 9:11).
2. Promise of blessing for the righteous: "Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts" (Amos 5:14-15).
3. Promise of mercy for those who repent: "Seek the Lord and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground ... seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is" (Amos 5:6-7, 14).
4. Promise of judgment for the wicked: "I will punish you for all your sins ... Therefore this is what I will do to you, Israel, and because I will do this to you, Israel, prepare to meet your God" (Amos 3:2, 14-15).
Overall, the book of Amos emphasizes the importance of justice, righteousness, and faithfulness to God, and warns of the consequences of disobedience and sin.
5. Promise of abundance and prosperity: "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills, and I will bring my people Israel back from exile" (Amos 9:13-14).
6. Promise of deliverance from enemies: "I destroyed the Amorite before them, though he was tall as the cedars and strong as the oaks. I destroyed his fruit above and his roots below. I brought you up out of Egypt and led you forty years in the wilderness to give you the land of the Amorites" (Amos 2:9-10).
7. Promise of a new day: "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord God, "when I will send a famine on the land - not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the Lord, but

they shall not find it. In that day, the lovely virgins and the young men shall faint for thirst" (Amos 8:11-13).

These promises show that God is both just and merciful, and that his ultimate desire is for his people to turn to him, repent of their sins, and live in obedience to his will.

8. Promise of restoration for the land: "I will bring Israel back to their own land that I gave to their ancestors, and they will take possession of it" (Amos 9:15).
9. Promise of protection: "Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. The lion has roared--who will not fear? The Sovereign Lord has spoken--who can but prophesy?" (Amos 3:7-8).
10. Promise of judgment on false worship: "I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them" (Amos 5:21-22).
11. Promise of restoration for the remnant: "In that day I will restore David's fallen shelter--I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins--and will rebuild it as it used to be, so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name" (Amos 9:11-12).

These promises reveal God's desire to bring about restoration and renewal, even in the midst of judgment and destruction. They also emphasize the importance of true worship and obedience to God's will.