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Chapter 9

(1) I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and He said, Strike the ledge of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will kill the last of them with the sword: he who flees of them will not flee away, and he who escapes of them will not be delivered.

(2) Though they dig into hell, there My hand shall take them; though they climb up to heaven, there I will bring them down:

(3) And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out from there; and though they are hidden from My sight in the bottom of the sea, there I will command the snake, and he will bite them:

(4) And though they go into captivity before their enemies, there I will command the sword, and it will kill them: and I will set My eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

(5) And the Lord GOD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} is He Who touches the land, and it will melt, and all who live in it will mourn: and it will rise up wholly like a flood; and will be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.

(6) *It is* He Who writes His stories in the heaven,^a and has founded His troop in the earth; He Who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD {Jehovah} is His Name.

(7) *Are you not* as children of the Ethiopians to Me, O children of Israel? says the LORD {Jehovah}. Have I not brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

(8) Indeed, the eyes of the Lord GOD {Jehovah} are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; except I will not completely destroy the house of Jacob, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(9) Because, indeed, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as *corn* is sifted in a strainer, yet not the least grain will fall upon the earth.

(10) All the sinners of My people will die by the sword, who say, The evil will not overtake nor prevent {go before} us.

(11) In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up its holes; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

9:6a - the Lord gave the sun and the moon and the stars to portray His gospel to all the earth. Gen. 1:14; Romans chapter 1 - See Witness of the Stars by E.W. Bullinger See "The Heavens Declare The Glory of God – God's Plan of Redemption in the Stars" at www.TheWordNotes.com

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(12) That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen {nations}, who are called by My Name, says the LORD {Jehovah} Who does this.

(13) Indeed, the days are coming, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that the plowman will overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; and the mountains will drop sweet wine, and all the hills will melt.

(14) And I will bring again the captivity of My people of Israel, and they will build the waste cities, and live in *them*; and they will plant vineyards, and drink their wine; they will also make gardens, and eat their fruit.

(15) And I will plant them upon their land, and they will no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, says the LORD {Jehovah} your God.