

3—In That Day

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INTRO:

I. **→ Amos 9:11-15**

11 "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,*

12 so that they may possess the remnant of Edom

and all the nations that bear my name,"

declares the Lord, who will do these things.

→ 13 *"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,

→ 14 *and I will bring my people Israel back from exile.*

*"They will **rebuild** the ruined cities and **live** in them.*

*They will **plant** vineyards and **drink** their wine;*

*they will **make gardens** and **eat** their fruit.*

→ 15 *I will plant Israel in their own land,*

never again to be uprooted

from the land I have given them,"

says the Lord your God.

II. **Amos 7:14-15**

Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees."

BODY:

I. Rebuild the Ruins

Heb (*banuw*) they shall build, rebuild (third, prophetic perfect)
Heb (*yashabuw*) they shall inhabit

A. God calls us to make spaces for restoring His community.

1) **Isaiah 54:2-3**

*“Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide,
do not hold back;
lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes.*

For you will spread out to the right and to the left.”

2) **BUILDING THE BUILDING DURING A RECESSION**

B. It has always been His plan to bring more people into the tent.

1) **THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL**

2) **Acts 15:13-18**

When they finished, James spoke up. “Brothers,” he said, “listen to me. Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles. The words of the prophets are in agreement with this as it is written:”

*“After this I will return
and rebuild David’s fallen tent.
Its ruins I will rebuild,
and I will restore it,
that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord,
even all the Gentiles who bear my name,
says the Lord, who does these things’—
things known from long ago.”*

3) **STARTING UP CAMP AGAIN**

II. Plant the Vine

Heb (*nata'u*) they shall plant

Heb (*shatu*) they shall drink

A. God calls us to plant for the benefit future generations.

1) **Amos 5:11**

*You levy a straw tax on the poor
and impose a tax on their grain.*

*Therefore, though you have built stone mansions,
you will not live in them;
though you have planted lush vineyards,
you will not drink their wine.*

2) EUROPEAN VITIS VINEFERA ALMOST WIPED OUT BY
PLAND LOUSE PHYLLOXERA

a) Native American vitus labrusca resistant to it

b) Grafted in the rootstock of Native American vines

B. If our fruit is to last we need to put down deep roots.

1) **John 15:16**

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you
so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.*

2) BEST TIME TO PLANT A TREE—20 YEARS AGO

III. Make the Garden

Heb (*asuw*) they shall make

Heb (*ak'luw*) they shall eat

A. God placed us in His garden so our work would prosper.

1) **Genesis 2:15**

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of
Eden to work it and take care of it.*

2) DREAMING ABOUT A COMMUNITY GARDEN

B. Fruitful living begins with a single seed of obedience.

1) **John 15:5**

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

2) **ONE SIMPLE ACT AT A TIME**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

John 15:1-2

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.