# Christmas Cards from the Minor Prophets

# The Hope of the King

Amos 9

**Overview**

In a book full of judgment, Amos wrote these verses at the end of this book to comfort and confront his hearers. Israel was meant to compare the hope Amos held out for them here with the things they were currently hoping in. These verses do the same for us today: they comfort us and confront us. Likewise, we should consider what we’re hoping in and compare that with what Amos holds out to us.

**Notes**

How can we hope in God's promises? We must look to:

1. The Reigning Messiah (11)
2. The Gathering Nations (12)
3. The Ending Curse (13-14)
4. The Coming Rest (15)

**Reflection Questions**

1. What are the things that draw your affections away from Christ? List two or three specific examples.
2. How does the promise that Jesus is the savior of all nations help you to hope in the future?
3. In what ways does the Christmas season expose the false hopes that tempt you?
4. What are some specific ways that you've seen brothers and sisters in Christ demonstrate that their hope is not in this world?
5. Proverbs 22:4 says, "The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life." Does this mean that we can expect riches and honor in this life?