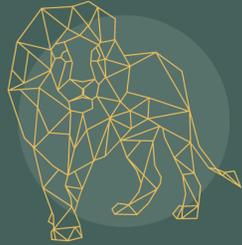


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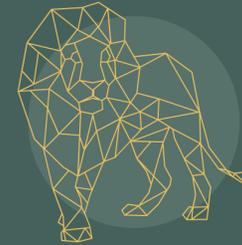
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Is the restoration promised in Amos and fulfilled in Jesus something we can experience now or only in the world to come after the resurrection? Explain your answers.

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