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# 1) What is Social Justice?



**“When the words *justice* and *righteousness* are joined together, they form a single concept or idea – best expressed in English by the term *social justice*.”**

*Peter Gentry*





But let ~~justice~~ flow like water,  
and ~~righteousness~~, like an unfailing stream.

**Amos 5:24**



He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

**Matthew 22:37-40**

**“We are not adherents of the secular “Social Justice” movement as held in progressive circles, but we do believe that biblical justice has social implications, particularly in protecting those who are most vulnerable and marginalized.”**

*Where We Stand In the EFCA*



- 1) What is Social Justice?**
- 2) The Message of Amos:**





The words of Amos, who was one of the **sheep breeders** from Tekoa—what he **saw** regarding Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and Jeroboam son of Jehoash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

**Amos 1:1**



**So Amos answered Amaziah, “I was not a prophet or the son of a prophet; rather, I was a herdsman, and I took care of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”**

**Amos 7:14-15**

	<b>Israel</b>	<b>Judah</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> century	Jonah, Amos, Hosea	Isaiah, Micah
7 <sup>th</sup> century		Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk
6 <sup>th</sup> century		Obadiah, Joel?, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel



**1) What is Social Justice?**  
**2) The Message of Amos:**  
**A. Judgment on the Nations (1-2)**





**He said:**

**The Lord roars from Zion  
and makes his voice heard from Jerusalem;  
the pastures of the shepherds mourn,  
and the summit of Carmel withers.**

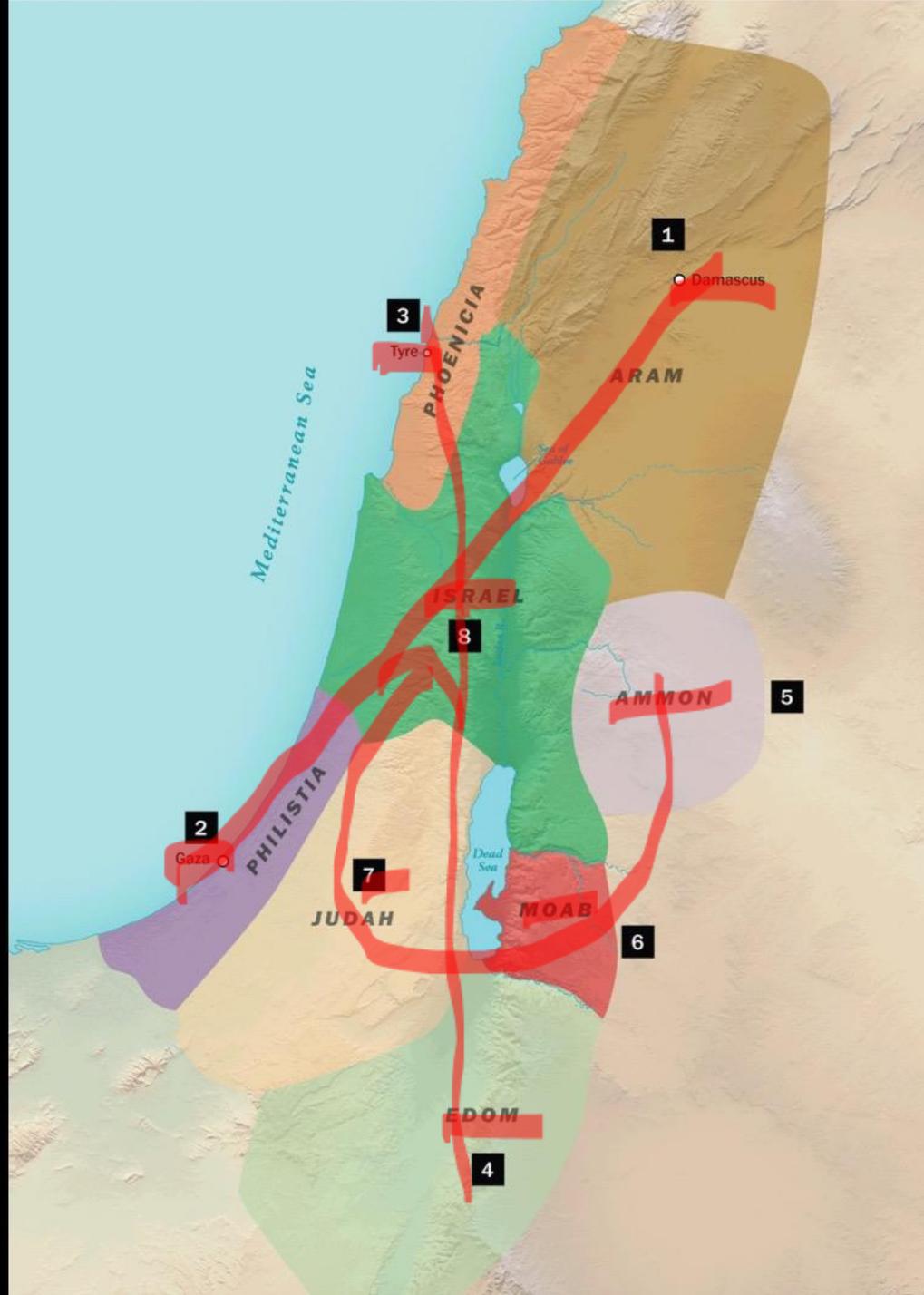
**Amos 1:2**



**The LORD says:**

**I will not relent from punishing Damascus  
for three crimes, even four,  
because they threshed Gilead with iron sledges.**

**Amos 1:3**





**ISRAEL**

Samaria ○

**Bethel** ○

○ Gilgal?

**Jerusalem** ○

**Tekoa** ○

Dead  
Sea

**JUDAH**

Mediterranean Sea





**The Lord says:**

**I will not relent from punishing Israel  
for three crimes, even four,  
because they sell a righteous person for silver  
and a needy person for a pair of sandals.  
They trample the heads of the poor  
on the dust of the ground  
and obstruct the path of the needy.**

**Amos 2:6-7**



Assyria  
Sargon Gates  
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Enter the palace of the Assyrian king, ruler of the world's first empire. Located in northern Iraq, the Assyrian empire dominated the Middle East from 900 to 600 BC.

The sculptures in these rooms are from the royal capitals of Nineveh, Khorsabad and Nimrud. Many of them were excavated in the 1800s, and new discoveries continue today.

#### The Balsawat gates

The cedarwood gates of King Sargon II (722-705 BC) at Khorsabad were 11.5 m tall. Each of its four panels depicts a different military conquest, listing the conquered cities and the tribute paid to Assyria.

This full-size reconstruction is made of oak.



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**B. Words to Israel (3-6)**





**Listen to this message that the LORD has spoken  
against you, Israelites, against the entire clan  
that I brought from the land of Egypt:**

**I have known ~~only~~ you  
out of all the clans of the earth;  
therefore, I will punish you for all your iniquities.**

**Amos 3:1-2**



I will punish the **altars** of Bethel  
on the day I punish Israel for its crimes;  
the horns of the altar will be cut off  
and fall to the ground.  
I will demolish the **winter house**  
and the **summer house**;  
the houses inlaid with **ivory** will be destroyed,  
and the great houses will come to an end.  
This is the LORD's declaration.

**Amos 3:14-15**



**Listen to this message, you cows of Bashan  
who are on the hill of Samaria,  
women who oppress the poor  
and crush the needy,  
who say to their husbands,  
“Bring us something to drink.”**

**Amos 4:1**



**Come to Bethel and rebel;  
rebel even more at Gilgal!  
Bring your sacrifices every morning,  
your tenths every three days.  
Offer leavened bread as a thanksgiving sacrifice,  
and loudly proclaim your freewill offerings,  
for that is what you Israelites love to do!**

**This is the declaration of the LORD GOD.**

**Amos 4:4-5**



Woe to you who long for ~~the day of the Lord!~~

What will the day of the Lord be for you?

It will be darkness and not light.

It will be like a man who flees from a lion  
only to have a bear confront him.

He goes home and rests his hand against the  
wall

only to have a snake bite him.

**Amos 5:18-19**

I hate, I despise, your feasts!  
I can't stand the stench  
of your solemn assemblies.  
Even if you offer me  
your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
I will have no regard  
for your fellowship offerings of fattened cattle.  
Take away from me the noise of your songs!  
I will not listen to the music of your harps.  
But let justice flow like water,  
and righteousness, like an unfailing stream.

**Amos 5:21-24**

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**C. Visions for Israel (7-9:10)**





**The LORD God showed me this: He was forming a swarm of locusts at the time the spring crop first began to sprout—after the cutting of the king’s hay. When the locusts finished eating the vegetation of the land, I said, “Lord God, please forgive! How will Jacob survive since he is so small?”**

**Amos 7:1-2**



The LORD God showed me this: The LORD God was calling for a judgment by fire. It consumed the great deep and devoured the land. Then I said, “~~Lord God, please stop!~~ How will Jacob survive since he is so small?”

**Amos 7:4-5**



**He showed me this: The LORD was standing there by a vertical wall with a plumb line in his hand. The Lord asked me, “What do you see, Amos?” I replied, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will no longer spare them:**

**Amos 7:7-8**



The Lord God showed me this: a basket of summer fruit. He asked me, “What do you see, Amos?”

I replied, “A basket of ~~summer fruit.~~”

The Lord said to me, “~~The end~~ has come for my people Israel; I will no longer spare them.

**Amos 8:1-2**



**I saw the LORD standing beside the altar, and he said:**

**Strike the capitals of the pillars  
so that the thresholds shake;  
knock them down on the heads of all the people.  
Then I will kill the rest of them with the sword.  
None of those who flee will get away;  
none of the fugitives will escape.**

**Amos 9:1**

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**D. Restoration (9:11-15)**





In that day

I will ~~restore~~ the fallen shelter of David:

I will ~~repair~~ its gaps,

~~restore~~ its ruins,

and ~~rebuild~~ it as in the days of old,

so that they may possess

the remnant of Edom

and ~~all the nations~~

that bear my name—

this is the declaration of the LORD; he will do this

**Amos 9:11-12**



Look, the days are coming—  
this is the LORD's declaration—  
when the plowman will overtake the reaper  
and the one who treads grapes,  
the sower of seed.

The mountains will drip with sweet wine,  
and all the hills will flow with it.

**Amos 9:13**



**I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel.  
They will rebuild and occupy ruined cities,  
plant vineyards and drink their wine,  
make gardens and eat their produce.  
I will plant them on their land,  
and they will never again be uprooted  
from the land I have given them.  
The LORD your God has spoken.**

**Amos 9:14-15**

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➤ **What's the point of worship?**

➤ **The inclusion of EVERYone**





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