

## 2025\_6\_15 Amos

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### 2. Structure of AMOS

Chapters 1–2: Oracles of judgment against Israel's neighbors—and then Israel itself.

Chapters 3–6: A series of prophetic poems aimed at Israel's leaders and people, exposing their sin.

Chapters 7–9: Visions of coming judgment, culminating in a glimpse of future hope.

### 3. Truth #1:

God's holiness demands justice – even those who think they are on God's side can be the very ones he calls out.

### 4. Reasons for God's Judgement

Damascus (1v3-5) Because they threshed Gilead with iron sledges

Gaza (1v6-8) They exiled a whole community

Tyre (1v9-10) They handed over a whole community of exiles to Edom and broke a treaty

Edom (1v11-12) Because he pursued his family with a sword

5. Ammon (1v13-15) They ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead in order to enlarge their territory

Moab (2v1-3) He burned the bones of the king of Edom

Judah (2v4-5) They have rejected the Lord's instructions and have not kept his commands (crime against God; cov't violation)

Israel (2v6-16) They sell a righteous person for silver and a needy person for a pair of sandals

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7. You must not exploit a resident alien or oppress him, since you were resident aliens in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 22v21 (CSB)

8. If you ever take your neighbor's cloak as collateral, return it to him before sunset. For it is his only covering; it is the clothing for his body. What will he sleep in? And if he cries out to me, I will listen because I am gracious.

Exodus 22v26-27 (CSB)

9. Truth #2:

The privilege of being God's people comes with great responsibility.

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

Amos 3v2 (CSB)

11. 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 5v21-23 (CSB)

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

Amos 5v24 (CSB)

13. justice (mishpat): fair and restorative action in individuals and in society

righteousness (tsedaqah): working toward right relationship between God and others

14. Truth #3:

When God's people persist in idolatry and injustice, God's judgement isn't just possible, it's promised.

15. Strike the tops of the pillars so that the thresholds shake. Bring them down on the heads of all the people...

Amos 9v1 (CSB)

16. God's justice flows from God's love.

17. Truth #4:

Because of God's covenant love, grace has the last word.

18. "I will restore...I will repair...I will rebuild..."

Amos 9v11-15 (CSB)

19. "Simeon has reported how God first intervened to take from the Gentile a people for his name..."

Acts 15v12-17 (CSB)

20. A life of worship + justice proves a heart that is aligned with God.

21. Check the pipe – is my worship flowing through a just life?

22. Lift up the lowly: take a tangible step toward someone vulnerable this week

23. Tear down the idols – what cultural idols do we worship without even knowing it?