
Big Idea: *In the book of Amos, God’s punishment is coming upon Israel. It’s not arbitrary or subjective: they have forsaken Yahweh’s covenant by not showing justice to the poor, among other things. God’s wrath and justice and mercy and love aren’t disconnected attributes, they are related.*

I. The Lament for Israel

Amos 5:1-2

Is there any hope? How so?

Amos 5:3-4

II. God and His Covenant People

Amos 5:5-9

What was the “job description” of a prophet?

Amos 3:1-2

What does the divine name (Yahweh) have to do with the covenant?

Amos 5:4,6, etc.

Why is God as Creator presented here? What does it have to do with Amos?

Amos 5:8-9

III. The Case Against God’s People

Amos 5:10-

What is justice? Why does it flow from God’s goodness?

Is the treatment of the poor part of the covenant? How so?

IV. Justice

Amos 5:24

Are God’s mercy and wrath opposite things, somehow in balance with one another?

What was the misunderstanding about the “Day of the Lord”?
How can you personally relate to this?

Amos 5:18-

V. Conclusion

What is an appropriate response to God? Worship? Offerings?

Amos 5:21-