

This Week's Text: Amos 1:3-2:16 – Yahweh: The Just God

Next Week's Text: Amos 3:1-15 – Yahweh: The Rejected God

I. God's Justice on Unbelievers (1:3-2:5)

a. The Court Identified

- i. The LORD – Yahweh – God of All
- ii. The Lord GOD – Adonai Yahweh – King of All

b. The Conviction Pronounced

c. The Charges Read

- i. 1:3-5 – Damascus of Syria – They Sinned Against Conquered Soldiers
- ii. 1:6-8 – Gaza of Philistia – They Sinned Against Conquered People
- iii. 1:9-10 – Tyre of Phoenicia – They Sinned Against Allies
- iv. 1:11-12 – Edom – They Sinned Against Family
- v. 1:13-15 – Ammon – They Sinned Against Women & the Unborn
- vi. 2:1-3 – Moab – They Sinned Against the Dead

d. The Condemnation Promised

II. God's Justice on False Believers

a. Israel Abused God's Grace (6-8)

- i. Through Injustice
- ii. Through Immorality
- iii. Through Idolatry

b. Israel Abandoned God's Grace (9-11)

- i. God's Grace Gave Them Their Land
- ii. God's Grace Gave Them Their Liberty
- iii. God's Grace Gave Them Their Law

c. Israel Attacked God's Grace (12)

- i. They Attacked Gracious Examples
- ii. They Attacked Gracious Messengers

d. Israel Abdicated God's Grace (13-16)

Corporate Reading Guide:

Read through the book of Amos this week. As you read, look for examples of God's justice. For example, 4:6-11 lists a number of ways God had tried to discipline Israel and guide them back – but was ignored. God says in verse 12 "therefore" – the punishment that comes is the just result of their sin.

Discussion Questions:

1. What impacted you and/or what did you learn from our study of Amos this week?
2. What impacted you and/or what did you learn about the Gospel? (God, Man, Christ, Response)
3. Read Amos 1:3-2:5. God's authority as God, King, and Judge **of all** should motivate us to share the Gospel. How else can this truth motivate us or encourage us in our walk with Christ?
4. All the charges against all the nations in all the centuries will be condemned – either in the sinner or the Savior. How does this truth give us comfort and equip us to comfort those who have suffered?
5. Read Amos 9:11-15. How does the atoning work of Christ help us understand and rejoice in God's grace to those who abused, abandoned, attacked and abdicated their claims to it?
6. Keeping in mind God's justice, share one way you need to trust God more faithfully this week? This could be challenges we're facing, temptations we're struggling against, or sorrows we're enduring.