



OLD TESTAMENT • MINOR PROPHETS

Amos

Justice as an essential expression of worship

AUTHORSHIP • Amos

DATE & CONTEXT • Eighth century BC

The big picture

Amos addresses a prosperous society that worships enthusiastically while exploiting the poor. Judgment falls on neighboring nations and on Israel itself; election is a responsibility, not immunity from accountability. The prophet exposes luxury built on another person's suffering. A final promise of restoration keeps judgment from being the last word, but hope never makes injustice unimportant.

Words to carry

“But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.”

Amos 5:24 • KJV

Live it

- 01 Look for who bears the hidden cost of your convenience.
- 02 Treat someone with less influence as a person of equal dignity.
- 03 Choose one concrete act of fairness alongside prayer and worship.

Pause & reflect

Where might my comfort depend on ignoring another person's need?

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