

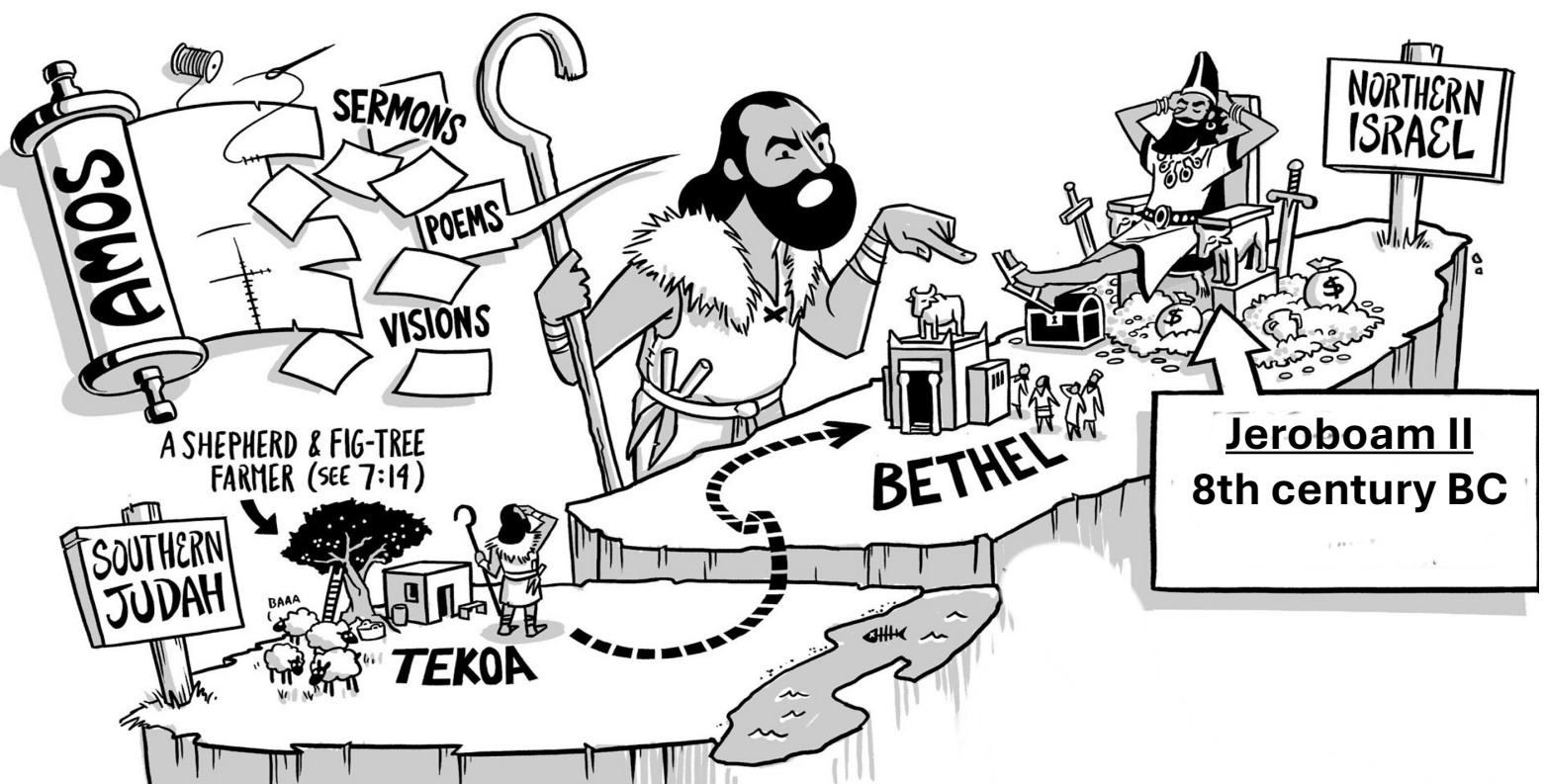


# God's Covenant People



Living with God as His chosen people

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- **CHAPTERS 1-2  
MESSAGE TO THE  
NATIONS & ISRAEL**
- **CHAPTERS 3-6  
MESSAGE TO  
ISRAEL & ITS LEADERS**
- **CHAPTERS 7-9  
AMOS' VISIONS**

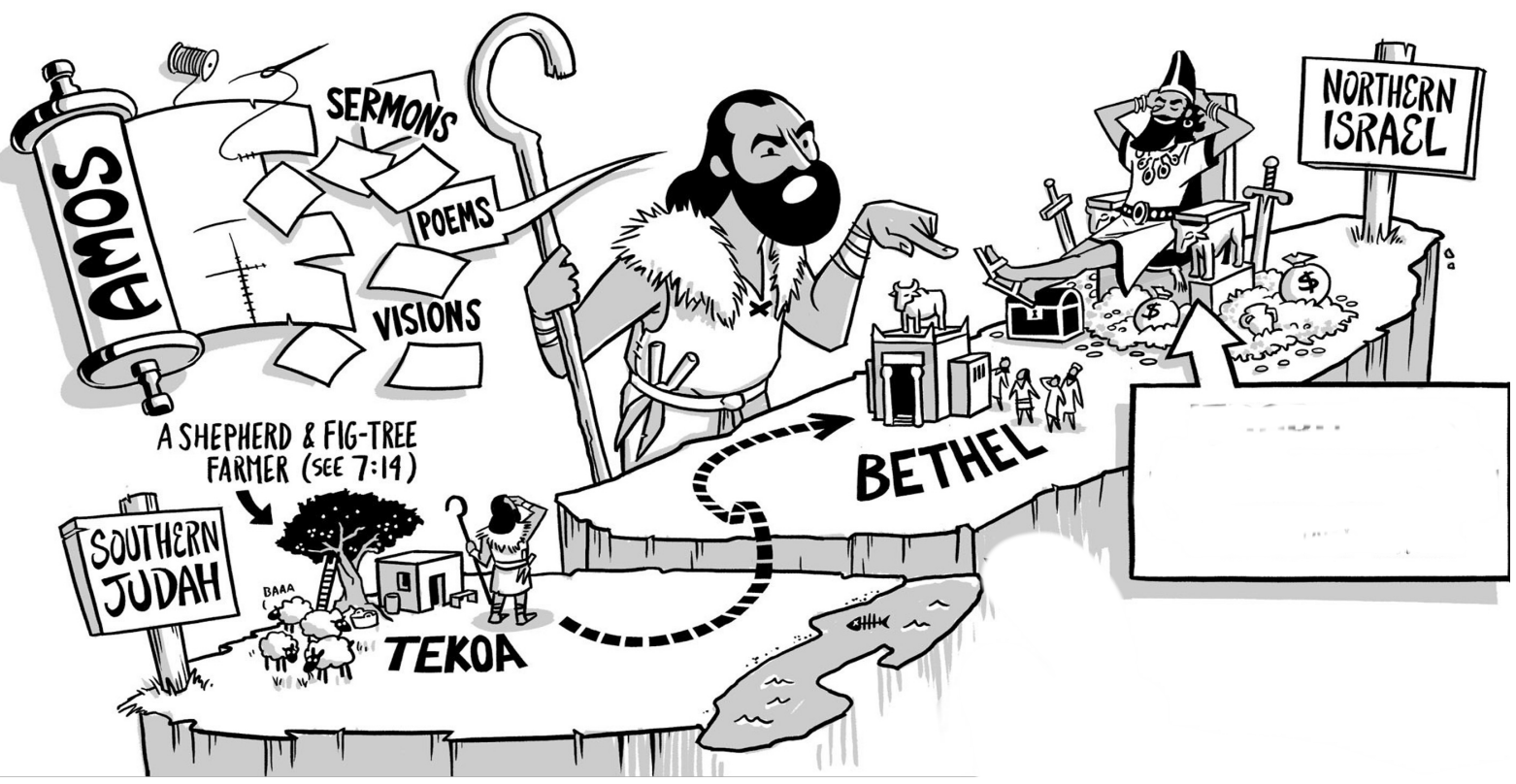
# TRUE WORSHIP of GOD should always lead to JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, & LOVING OUR NEIGHBOUR

- God's long-term purposes are for restoration & a new family
- Great calling + great responsibility = great consequences
- Key Verse: Amos 5:24





# Reading: Amos 5:21 to 6:1





**POLITICALLY**  
looked like a golden age— political success, strong borders, growing influence, prosperity, and national confidence.

**CULTURALLY**  
Prosperous—but deeply unequal. Wealth among the elite, poor exploited in unjust trade, debt slavery, corrupt legal systems. Gap between rich and poor had become normalised. Amos condemns those who “*sell the righteous for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals.*” (Amos 2:6, 8:6)



## SPIRITUALLY

Time of high activity but low authenticity. Frequent worship but disconnected: lived in injustice, idolatry, complacency. God rejects their worship entirely - it became empty performance. BUT they assumed they were safe as God's chosen people - regardless of how they lived.

Amos confronts this directly, reminding them that privilege brings responsibility, not immunity.




## Gods Covenant People: When Worship Meets Real Life

**Key Verse:** *“Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”* (Amos 5:24)



**God rejects empty worship but pours out His Spirit where justice, righteousness, and repentance flow together.**



**GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE SHOULD  
RECOGNISE THAT WHEN WORSHIP  
MEETS REAL LIFE**

***JUSTICE + RIGHTEOUSNESS  
ARE CENTRAL TO FAITH***

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# Amos confronts systemic injustice and oppression of the poor

- **Amos 3:9–10** “...they do not know how to do right... those who store up violence and robbery in their strongholds.” → Society itself is corrupt—violence is embedded in systems, not just individuals.
- **Amos 4:1** “...you women... who oppress the poor, who crush the needy...” → Direct accusation of exploitation by the wealthy elite.
- **Amos 5:11–12** “...you trample on the poor... you afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate.” → Legal systems are corrupt; justice is being denied structurally.
- **Amos 6:4–6** “...you lie on beds of ivory... but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!” → Indifference to suffering is part of injustice.



## God still speaks prophetically today (covenant enforcers)

**Amos 3:7** *“Surely the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.”*

→ God raises prophetic voices to reveal and confront.

**Amos 3:8** *“The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken; who can but prophesy?”*

→ Prophetic speech is compelled by God.

**Amos 5:10** *“They hate him who reproveth in the gate...”*

→ Prophetic voices are resisted—still relevant today.






## The Sin Beneath Success (Amos 3–6)

### Prosperity can hide spiritual decay

- Israel was thriving—but exploiting the poor
- Key sins:
  - ➔ Economic injustice
  - ➔ Corrupt leadership
  - ➔ Complacency
  - ➔ Religious hypocrisy



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## **Worship must align with life**

- God *hates* religious activity disconnected from justice (Amos 5:21–23) “I hate, I despise your festivals...” (5:21)
- Not just powerful worship—but **transformed lives**
- The Spirit is not just for experience, but **ethical, everyday life transformation**



# How does that apply to us as an Intercultural church?

Acts 15:15-17 quotes Amos → multicultural church fulfilled

## What Amos originally meant (Amos 9:11–12)

- Promise of restoration of Israel (“David’s fallen tent”)
- Expansion of God’s rule beyond Israel to include the nations (Gentiles)
- A future where God’s kingdom is restored and inclusive




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## In Acts 15 James applies this prophecy to what God is doing through Jesus and the early church:


- The “rebuilding” = the new community formed around Christ as the cornerstone
- The “Gentiles” = non-Jews now included without becoming Jewish first (remember Galatians...)
- Fulfilment = happening now, not just in the distant future



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- Because of God’s covenant plan & promise...
  - Worship styles differ—but **justice is non-negotiable**
  - Unity is not just singing together—it’s **standing together in unity**

***GOD IS NOT IMPRESSED BY OUR SONGS IF  
HE IS GRIEVED BY OUR LIVES.***





**GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE SHOULD  
RECOGNISE THAT WHEN WORSHIP  
MEETS REAL LIFE *THERE IS A PLACE OF  
JUDGMENT AND RESTORATION*  
(AMOS 5:4–6, 9:11-15)**



Amos warns of exile but ends with **hope & restoration**

**Revival begins with repentance**

- “Seek me and live” (Amos 5:4-6)
- Revival is not emotional hype—it’s **spiritual realignment**
- **True revival = justice + repentance + Spirit-filled living**





**A SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH IS NOT JUST  
LOUD IN WORSHIP—IT IS JUST IN LIFE.**

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# **CONCLUSION:**

## **Promise of Hope & Restoration (Amos 9:11–15)**

**(RETURN) - Restore – Repair - Rebuild**



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Where the tears of the desperate  
Reach the feet of the Savior  
Nothing I wouldn't offer  
There's no waste at the altar  
Where the heart of surrender  
Meet the hands of the Maker  
Nothing I wouldn't offer  
There's no waste at the altar  
You can bring everything, everything

Don't make it perfect just let it be honest  
He can use anything, sit back and watch Him  
There's no waste at the altar

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***IS NOW  
FINISHING***

SEE YOU NEXT TIME



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