

God's Concern for the Poor-6

Opening: John 8:32; 1 Cor. 1:26-29.

- A. Loving God and loving others—God, the poor, and social justice: Matt. 22:36-40; Psa 73:25; 1 Jn 3:16-19; James 2:14-17; Amos, Hosea, Isaiah (see charts); Jer. 1:10; 5:1, 26-29; 6:6, 13, 26-29; 7:5-15, 8:9, 10; 9:23-24; 11:18; 20:9, 14, 17, 18, 22:3; 34:3-17; Zech 7:9-10; Ezek 16:49-50; 18:5-8; Job 29:12-17; 31:13-28; Psa 72:1-14; 146:1-9; Pro 6:6-11; 14:31; 19:15, 17; 19:17; 20:13; 21:25; 24:30-34; Luke 4:17-21; 14:12-13; Mt. 11:2-6; 25:31-46; Acts 2:42-47; 4:34-35.**
- B. Through the Bible: Philippians 4:3-7.**
- C. Bible Doctrine The Kingdom of God-16.**
- 1. The Kingdom of God: Isa 2:4-6; Mt 4:17; 5:20; 7:21; 12:28.**
 - 2. God's politics: 5 Foundational Principles.**
 - 3. James and social justice—the socioeconomics of the Kingdom.**
 - a. James 1: The rich, the poor, and true Christian religion.**
 - b. James 2: Classism, social justice, and dead faith.**
 - c. James 3: Slandering and reviling the image of God.**
 - d. James 4: Spiritual adultery and pride.**
 - e. James 5: God's condemnation of laissez-faire economics. <http://www.fbcweb.org/sermons.html>**

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Amos 3:3 How can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

God's punishment of the nations
(as identified by Amos)

AMOS:
DIVINE
JUDGMENT
FOR
SOCIAL
INJUSTICE



Political, moral, and social sins committed by non-elect nations around Israel that God judged in Amos 1:3-2:3:

1. Time of great economic prosperity.
2. Tyre violated a treaty (lack of integrity)—will be destroyed by fire.
3. Edom was guilty of brutality without “pity”—will be destroyed.
4. Syria (from Damascus) tortured and slaughtered the people of Gilead—will be destroyed .
5. Philistia (from Gaza) carried a whole people into slavery for monetary reasons—will be destroyed.
6. Ammonites ripped open women with child in Gilead to annex territory—people will be exiled.
7. Moab was guilty of vandalism due to hate—no monetary motive.

ISRAEL'S SOCIAL SINS: Pride (6:13-14), rich with winter palaces adorned with ivory (3:15), gorgeous couches (3:12), precious oils (6:4-6), and addiction to wine (4:1). At the same time there was no justice in the land (3:10), the judges were corrupt (5:12), and the poor were afflicted, exploited, even sold into slavery (2:6-8; 5:11).

Amos Chapter 1



Tyre will be burned.

Aram will be conquered by Assyria.

Philistia will be destroyed.

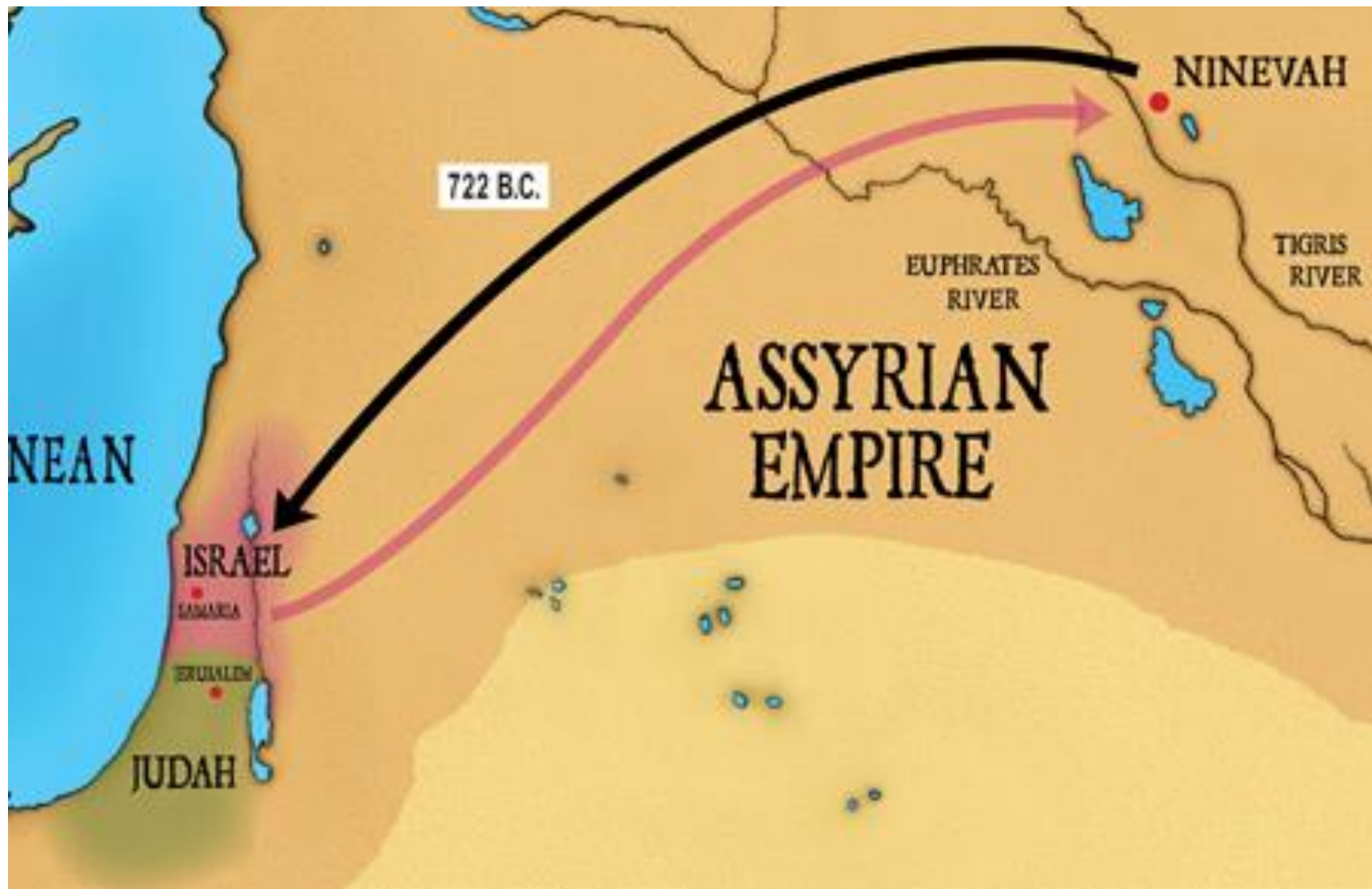
Ammon will be overpowered and its people exiled.

Edom will be destroyed.

HOSEA: ISRAEL'S SIN OF UNFAITHFULNESS

1. Time of great economic prosperity.
2. Central complaint: God's people do not know God (apostasy, idolatry) 3:1; 4:6; 6:6.
3. Political prostitution, Hos. 7:11; 8:4; 11:5; 12:1.
4. God's *chesed*, faithful/loyal love, 2:19-20; 11:1; 13:4-5.





ISAIAH

1. Times: Economic prosperity, Isa. 2:7-8.
2. Isaiah's concern: inner state of the nation. The evil of Isaiah's time: Isa. 1:10-17.
3. Political arrogance, Isa 31:3
4. God's grace, Isa. 28:16; 53:1-12.

