



ready to
meet your God?

an historical reading of the prophet Amos

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- Inhumane treatment against Poor, weak in society
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Shock!



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the Lord, God of Hosts

Amos 4:12-13



Who is this God?

The LORD, God of Hosts (4:12)

Who delivers the weak from the oppressor.
(2:9-10)

Recalibrate your reading of:

- Lot from Sodom and Gomorra.
- Hebrews from Egypt.
- Joshua entering Canaan (Josh 5:13-14).



Why is He angry with Israel?

Amos 3:2

"You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities."

Genesis 12:1-2

"And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."



Exodus 22:21

“You must not mistreat or oppress foreigners in any way. Remember, you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.”

Exodus 22:22-23; 23:6

“Do not take advantage of / do not deny justice to the fatherless or widows. If you do and they cry out to me. I will certainly hear their cry.”

Deuteronomy 24-26 – Generously share

Harvesting edges, Sabbath year harvest, 3rd year tithe.



What does He want from them?

Amos 5:24-25

Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.



How can they escape His anger?

Amos 5:6

Seek the LORD and live...

Amos 5:14

Seek good, and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with
you, as you have said. (Ref: Joshua 5:13-14)

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James 2:17-18, 24

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.





Jeremiah 29:7

And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.



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