

Amos 1-2 • The Reason for God's Judgment

1. (1:1-2) It begins with God sounding a warning through an **authentic** messenger.
2. (1:3-5) Even though they obviously violated God's **Law** where the worship of false gods is concerned, the primary charge God brings against them is their **treatment** of **others**.
3. (1:6-8) Even though they obviously never **worshipped** anything except their false gods, the primary charge God brings against them is their **treatment** of **others**.
4. (1:9-10) The primary charge God brings against them is their **treatment** of **others** and the personal **covenant** relationship they had entered into with **others**.
5. (1:11-12) Even though they obviously violated God's Law where the **worship** of false gods is concerned, the primary charge God brings against them is their **treatment** of their **blood relatives**.
6. (1:13-15) The primary charge God brings against them is their **treatment** of **others**.
7. (2:1-3) The primary charge God brings against them is their **treatment** of **others**.

Summary: God's primary pronouncements against the nations center on their **treatment** of **others** far more than their **treatment** of **Him**. (See Jn. 13:34; Rom. 13:8-10; 1 Jn. 2:3-11)

8. (2:4-5) The primary charge God brings against them is not just forsaking God's **Word**, but making the worst possible **substitution** in its place.
9. (2:6-8) God's people are held more greatly accountable for their **treatment** of **others** because they had direct knowledge of

God's **requirements**. They are more **guilty** than everyone else around them.

Summary: Where God's people are concerned, the **treatment** of **others** can never be separated from their **treatment** of **Him** because of their having received His **Word** and having entered into a **covenant** relationship with Him.

10. (2:9-16) God's summary for His people:
 - a. (v.9-10) God reminds them of what He accomplished on their behalf in the **past** to fulfill His **Word**.
 - b. (v.11) God reminds them of what He provides on their behalf in the **present** to fulfill His **Word**.
 - c. (v.13-16) God describes the ultimate **future** consequences for a lifestyle of **sin**.

Application: There is a point when a **breach** in one's relationship with God becomes so great that the only thing left is **judgment**. God proves a **breach** with Him by our **breach** with others.

Epilogue: The last judgment of the nations described as the separation of the sheep and goats in Matthew 25.