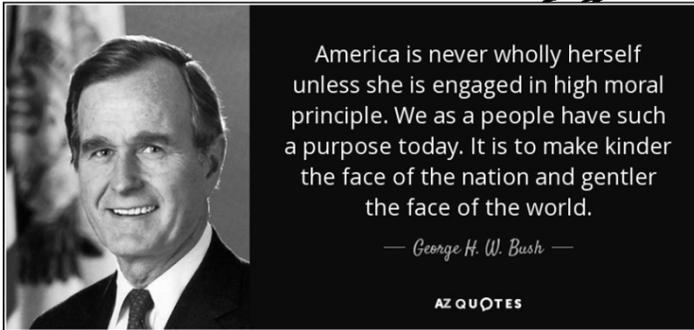


The Period of the Literary Prophets

Week 3:

How do we get there?

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A great nation is judged not by how many millionaires and billionaires it has, or by the size of its military budget. It is judged by how well it treats its weakest and most vulnerable citizens. A truly great nation is one that is filled with compassion and solidarity.



Sen. Bernie Sanders

Introduction: Teaching Linguistics



∞ Nouns

∞ Common

∞ Proper

∞ Abstract

∞ Verbs

∞ Transitive

∞ Intransitive

∞ Linking

This week's preparation taught me that it is time to re-think those categories ...

| Chronological List of Prophets in the Old Testament | | | |
|---|------------|-------------------------------|---|
| The Prophets | The Dates | Bible History | Kings and Events |
| Prophets of Israel | | | |
| Jonah | 810-790 BC | 2 Kings 13-14 | Jehoash, Jeroboam II (Amaziah) |
| Joel | 790-760 BC | 2 Kings 11-15 | Uzziah |
| Amos | 780-760 BC | 2 Kings 14-15 | Jeroboam II (Uzziah) |
| Hosea | 785-725 BC | 2 Kings 15-18 | Jeroboam II to Hoshea (Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz) |
| Prophets of Israel | | | |
| Isaiah | 750-695 BC | 2 Kings 15-20 | Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah |
| Micah | 745-725 BC | 2 Kings 15 | Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah |
| Prophets of Judah | | | |
| Nahum | 660-630 BC | 2 Kings 15-18 | Manasseh, Amon, Josiah |
| Zephaniah | 630-620 BC | Isaiah 10 | Josiah |
| Habakkuk | 620-610 BC | 2 Kings 23 | Josiah, Jehoahaz |
| Jeremiah | 628-588 BC | 2 Kings 22-25 | Josiah to Zedekiah. The Captivity |
| Prophets of the Captivity | | | |
| Daniel | 606-534 BC | 2 Kings 23-25 | The Captivity (Reign of Nebuchadnezzar to Cyrus) |
| Obadiah | 587 BC | 2 Kings 25 | After Jerusalem's Destruction (Reign of Nebuchadnezzar) |
| Ezekiel | 596-574 BC | 2 Kings 24 | to the Jews Before and During the Captivity (Reign of Nebuchadnezzar) |
| Prophets of the Return to Jerusalem | | | |
| Haggai | 520-518 BC | Ezra 5-6 | Rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem (Reign of Darius I) |
| Zechariah | 520-510 BC | Ezra 5-6 | Rebuilding and Dedication of the Temple (Reign of Darius I) |
| Malachi | 420-397 BC | Nehemiah 13 | Second Reformation by Nehemiah (Reign of Artaxerxes I) |

Chronology of the Prophets in the Old Testament. Bible History Online
<https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/prophets->

Messages of the "Minor" Prophets

- ☞ We focus today on three of the minor prophets, each concerned with social justice, each adding a unique perspective.
- ☞ **Amos 5:24:** "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"
- ☞ **Micah 6:8:** "and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"
- ☞ **Hosea 6:6:** "For I desire *hesed* ["steadfast love," "mercy"] and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings."

For each prophet, we will consider how we in the US stand up to that prophet's concerns.

Each prophet predicts hard times and punishment, but each also ends with the promise of better times. *And each tells the people how to get there ...*

Amos



- ∞ “the third of the Twelve (Minor) Prophets”
- ∞ nine chapters of oracles, “composed during the age of Jeroboam I, king of Israel from 786 to 746 bce.
- ∞ Jeroboam’s reign was marked by great economic prosperity, but the **rich were getting richer and the poor poorer.**
- ∞ **Social injustice ran rampant in the land.**
- ∞ **The economically weak could find no redress in the courts and no one to champion their cause –**

Amos, (flourished 8th century bc), he first Hebrew prophet to have a biblical book named for him. accurately foretold the destruction of the northern kingdom of Israel (although he did not specify Assyria as the cause) and, as a prophet of doom, anticipated later Old Testament prophets.

Encyclopedia Britannica
“Amos Hebrew Prophet”

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Concern for the Poor and Afflicted



- ∞ “Amos, a **shepherd from Tekoa** in Judah,” ... “said that he was “a dresser of sycamore trees.” Amos, thus, was no professional prophet nor a member of a prophetic guild.”
- ∞ “**first of the writing prophets**, but his work may be composed of oracles issued both by himself and by disciples who followed his theological views.”
- ∞ His prophetic oracles begin with a resounding phrase: “**The Lord roars from Zion.**”
- ∞ He then goes on to **indict various nations** – Syria, Philistia, Tyre, Ammon, and Moab – for the crimes and atrocities they have committed in times of peace: “**Because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes – they . . . trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth, and turn aside the way of the afflicted**” (chapter 2, verses 6-7).

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3 Sections

- ☞ oracles against foreign nations and Israel (chapters 1-2);
- ☞ oracles of indictment against Israel for her sins and injustices (chapters 3-6);
- ☞ visions and words of judgment (chapters 7-9).

2: 6 This is what the LORD says: "For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not relent.

They **sell the innocent for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals.**

7 They **trample on the heads of the poor** as on the dust of the ground and **deny justice to the oppressed.** Father and son use the same girl and so profane my holy name.

8 They **lie down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge.** In the **house of their god they drink wine taken as fines.**

9 "Yet I destroyed the Amorites before them, though they were tall as the cedars and strong as the oaks. I destroyed their fruit above and their roots below.

10 I brought you up out of Egypt and led you forty years in the wilderness to give you the land of the Amorites.

11 "I also raised up prophets from among your children and Nazirites from among your youths. Is this not true, people of Israel?" declares the LORD.

12 "**But you made the Nazirites drink wine and commanded the prophets not to prophesy.**

13 "Now then, I will crush you as a cart crushes when loaded with grain.

Commentary Text: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/The-Twelve-Old-Testament>

How we get there ...

- ☞ Amos proclaimed the coming of the day of Yahweh, which is "darkness, and not light."
- ☞ against superficial pretenses to worship: "**I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies**" (chapter 5, verse 21).
- ☞ "a rallying cry for those searching for social justice": "**But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream**" (chapter 5, verse 24).

Visions and Signs: section three 7-9

- **locusts** as a sign of punishment
- a summer **drought** as a sign of God's wrath
- a **plumb line** as a sign to test the faithfulness of Israel.
- a **basket of ripe fruit**, pointed to the fact that Israel's end was near.
- **Vision of the collapse of the Temple in Samaria**, symbolized the collapse of even the religious life of the northern kingdom.
- He ended his work with a **prophecy that the Davidic monarchy would be restored.**

The priest of the shrine at Bethel, Amaziah, resented Amos' incursion on his territory and told him to go back to his home in the south. In reply to Amaziah, Amos prophesied the bitter end of Amaziah's family.

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How do we stand in terms of Amos' concerns?

| Category of spending | Percent listed in meme | Category's share of 2015 discretionary spending | Category's share of all 2015 spending (including both discretionary and mandatory spending) | State Department and foreign aid | Energy and EPA | Science and NASA | Transportation | Labor | Food and agriculture | Social Security | Remainder* |
|--|------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| <p><i>We spend the most on defense, homeland security, health, and social security</i></p> | | | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Defense and homeland security | 57 | 54 | 16 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Education | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Veterans | 6 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Housing and Urban Development | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Health and Human Services | 5 | 9 | 28 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 25 | 6 |

Government Spending
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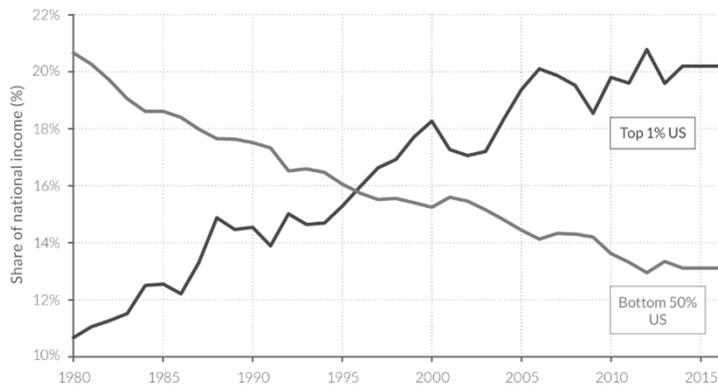
How do we stand in terms of Amos' concerns?

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Income



The rich get richer, the poor poorer, and numbers of the poor grow.



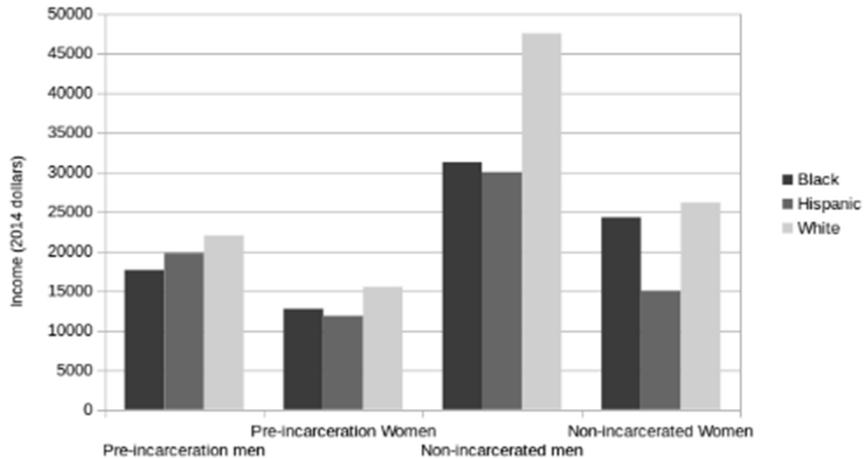
Source: WID.world (2017). See wir2018.wid.world/methodology.html for data series and notes. In 2016, 12% of national income was received by the top 1% in Western Europe, compared to 20% in the United States. In 1980, 10% of national income was received by the top 1% in Western Europe, compared to 11% in the United States.

How do we stand in terms of Amos' concerns?

Justice

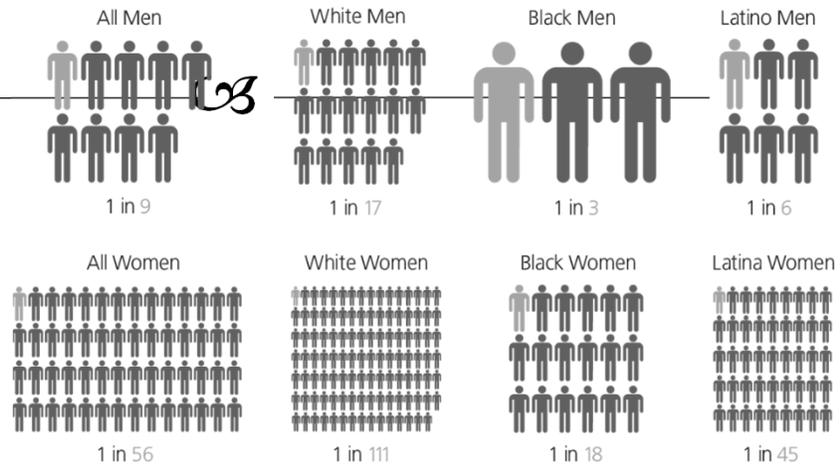
- ☞ The poor account for the greatest percentages of those imprisoned.
- ☞ The situation is worse for poor blacks and Hispanics

Median income for people 27-42 pre-incarceration, compared to non-inmate median



How do we stand in terms of Amos' concerns?

Lifetime Likelihood of Imprisonment of U.S. Residents Born in 2001



- ☞ Likelihood of imprisonment is higher for men, highest for black men, second highest for male Hispanics.

Justice

Source: Bonczar, T. (2003). *Prevalence of Imprisonment in the U.S. Population, 1974-2001*. Washington, DC: Bureau of Justice Statistics.



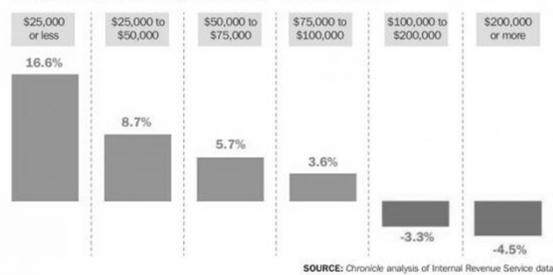
How do we stand in terms of Amos concerns?

Money

- ☞ The poor spend the *greatest percentages* on **transportation, health care, and food** at home. The least on "saving for old age"
- ☞ - *and are the most charitable.*

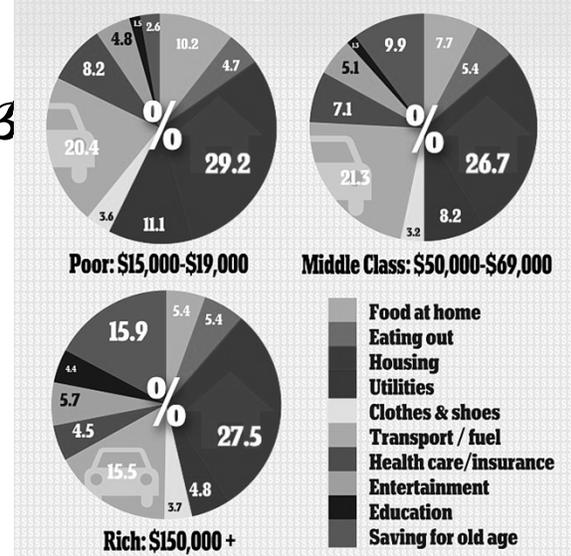
Big Divide in Giving Trends by Income

Change in share of income given to charity from 2006 to 2012



<http://media.salon.com/2014/10/change-income-bracket-page-0011-e1412613656177.jpg>

How we spend our money



<http://www.moneydiva.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Spending-pie-charts-poor-middle-rich.jpg>

Micah of Moresheth



- ☞ the sixth book of the Twelve (Minor) Prophets
- ☞ written by the prophet Micah in the 8th century bce.
- ☞ Composed of seven chapters, the book is similar in many ways to the Book of Amos.
- ☞ Micah attacked the corruption of those in high places and social injustice, and the book is divided into two sections:
 - ☞ (1) judgments against Judah and Jerusalem (chapters 1-3);
 - ☞ (2) promises of restoration for Judah and judgments against other nations (chapters 4-7).

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First Section: where we are

2: 2 Doom to those who devise wickedness,
to those who plan evil when they are in bed.
By the light of morning they do it,
for they are very powerful.
²They covet fields and seize them,
houses and take them away.
They oppress a householder
and those in his house,



☞ utters oracles against the corrupt religious and political leaders of Israel and Judah.

☞ attacks the prophets who attempted to give the people false hopes:

☞ **"Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry 'Peace' when they have something to eat, but declare war against him who puts nothing into their mouths . . . the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame" (chapter 3, verses 5-7).**

Commentary Text: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/The-Twelve-Old-Testament>

Second section: Where we could go



☞ 4 But in the days to come,
**the mountain of the LORD's house
will be the highest of the
mountains;
it will be lifted above the hills;
peoples will stream to it.**

²Many nations will go and say:
**"Come, let's go up to the mountain
of the LORD,
to the house of Jacob's God,
so that he may teach us his ways
and we may walk in God's
paths!"**

Instruction will come from Zion
and the LORD's word from Jerusalem.

☞ ³ God will judge between the nations
and settle disputes of mighty nations,
which are far away.

**They will beat their swords into iron
plows
and their spears into pruning tools.
Nation will not take up sword against
nation;
they will no longer learn how to
make war.**

⁴ All will sit underneath their own
grapevines,
under their own fig trees.
There will be no one to terrify them;
for the mouth of the LORD of
heavenly forces has spoken.

How we get there ...



⌘ Though he issues an indictment against Judah for its idolatries, **Micah proclaims what is necessary to renew the Covenant relationship between God and Israel:**
 ⌘ **“and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”**
(chapter 6, verse 8).

In this verse, Micah has given a brief summation of the messages of Amos, Hosea, and Isaiah.

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How do we stand
in terms of
Micah’s concerns?

Do justice

Washington Post: National Security
 “Trump takes ‘shackles’ off ICE,
 which is slapping them on
 immigrants who thought they were
 safe”
 Nick Miroff and Maria Sacchetti
 February 11



A week after he won the election, President Trump promised that his administration would round up millions of immigrant gang members and drug dealers. **And after he took office, arrests by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers surged 40 percent...**

But as ICE officers get wider latitude to determine whom they detain, **the biggest jump in arrests has been of immigrants with no criminal convictions. The agency made 37,734 “noncriminal” arrests in the government’s 2017 fiscal year, more than twice the number in the previous year.** The category includes suspects facing possible charges as well as those without criminal records.

Critics say ICE is increasingly grabbing at the lowest-hanging fruit of deportation-eligible immigrants to meet the president’s unrealistic goals, replacing a targeted system with a scattershot approach aimed at boosting the agency’s enforcement statistics.

How do we stand in terms of Micah's concerns?

Do Justice

Leslie Shapiro and Manas Sharma **Washington Post**
Updated Aug. 30, 2018



- ☞ **"How many migrant children are still separated from their families?"**
- ☞ 497 remained in custody 2,157 returned as of August 30, 2018
- ☞ **"The Trump administration's decision to criminally prosecute all adults crossing the southern border led to the separation of more than 2,600 children from their parents or other adults this spring.** After President Trump halted the separations on June 20, a federal judge ordered the government to reunite all children under age 5 with their families by July 12 and all older children by July 26."



"The reality is, for every parent who is not located, there will be a permanently orphaned child, and that is 100 percent the responsibility of the administration," U.S. District Judge Dana M. Sabraw

Frame of Reference

Ines Bellina. **The Cost of Immigrating to the United States. The Billfold.** By February 23, 2017

"It took over a decade and thousands of dollars."
<https://www.thebillfold.com/2017/02/the-cost-of-immigrating-to-the-united-states/>



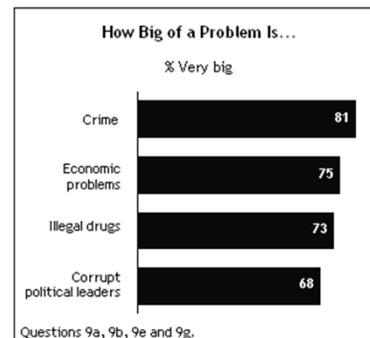
- ☞ **The cost of getting an F1 visa**
- ☞ SEVIS fee: **\$200**
- ☞ F1 visa application: **\$160**
- ☞ **TOTAL: \$360**

- ☞ **The cost of conditional legal residency, AKA my first green card**
- ☞ I-130 fee (Petition for Alien Relative): **\$420**
- ☞ I-485 and biometrics fee (Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status): **\$1,070** in 2011. Now it's \$1,140.
- ☞ **TOTAL: \$1,490**

- ☞ **The cost of permanent legal residency AKA my second green card**
- ☞ I-751 fee and biometrics (Petition to Remove Conditions): **\$590** in 2013. Today, \$680.

- ☞ **The cost of citizenship**
- ☞ N-400 filing fee (Application for Naturalization): **\$680**
- ☞ Lawyer fee: **\$600**
- ☞ **TOTAL: \$1,280**

- ☞ **GRAND TOTAL of all visas, green cards, and citizenship costs: \$3,720**



Reasons why Mexicans choose to immigrate to the US

In 2017, approximately 21 percent of Mexican immigrant families were living in poverty, a higher rate than for the native born (9 percent) and for immigrant families overall (14 percent). www.migrationpolicy.org

How do we stand
in terms of
Micah's concerns?

Do Justice



- ☞ **The United States will admit no more than 30,000 refugees in the coming fiscal year.** Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Monday, the lowest number in decades and a steep cut from the 45,000 allowed in this year.
- ☞ The new number is a small fraction of one percentage point of the almost **69 million displaced people in the world today.**
- ☞ But Pompeo said the United States remains the most generous nation when other U.S. aid to refugees is taken into account, including funds to shelter and feed refugees in camps closer to their home countries.
- ☞ Pompeo said the lower cap should not be the "sole barometer" of American humanitarian measures, but "**must be considered in the context of the many other forms of protection and assistance offered by the United States.**"

Washington Post
National Security
U.S. slashes the number of refugees it will allow into the country
Secretary of State
Mike Pompeo
announced Sept. 17
a new refugee limit
for the United
States for fiscal year
2019. (Reuters)
By Carol Morello
September 17

How do we stand
in terms of
Micah's concerns?

Do Justice



Criminal Justice
Reform seems
to be in the
works.

- ☞ **Federal Criminal Justice Reform in 2018 - ncs1.org**
- ☞ www.ncsl.org/.../federal-criminal-justice-reform-in-2018.aspx
- ☞ "Deliberations about criminal justice reform are gaining momentum in Congress in 2018"
- ☞ **CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM ACT, 2018 - gov.ai**
- ☞ [www.gov.ai/documents/ag/Criminal Justice Reform Bill...](http://www.gov.ai/documents/ag/Criminal%20Justice%20Reform%20Bill...)
- ☞ Anguilla Criminal Justice Reform Act, 2018 BILL 2 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM ACT, 2018 TABLE OF CONTENTS SECTION PART 1 AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL CODE 1. Interpretation 2. Amendment of section 140 3. Insertion of section 148A 4. Insertion of section 161A 5. Amendment of section 162 6. Insertion of section 169A 7.

How do we stand in terms of Micah's concerns?

☞ "In the wake of court decisions legalizing same-sex marriage, 2015 has seen many state legislatures take up bills that would restrict LGBT rights, including so-called "religious freedom" laws. (Map: Human Rights Campaign)"



Do Justice

How do we stand in terms of Micah's concerns?

Do Justice



☞ **10 Social Justice Organizations That Rocked 2016 – And Need You In 2017.**

There's an overwhelming sense of uncertainty about the future right now, but there's one thing we can be sure of: the fight for equality will continue.
Marcus Patrick Ellsworth 12/07/2016

☞ "Hundreds of groups are still working to protect people, resources, and liberties, and they're not going away – no matter who's in power."



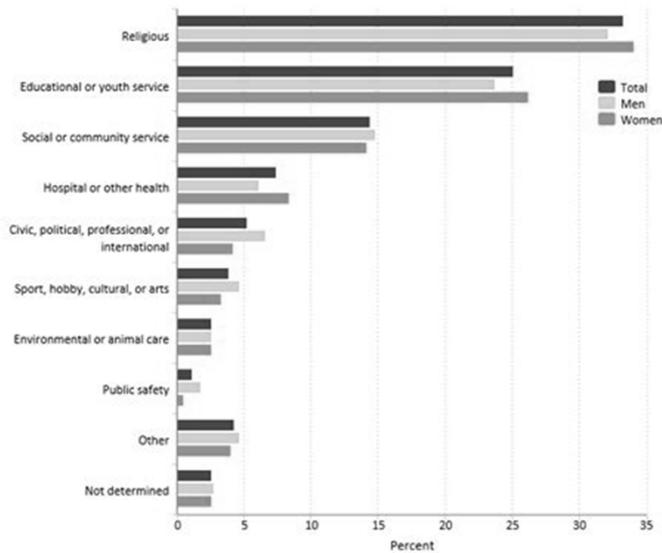
<http://www.mtv.com/news/2960911/social-justice-in-2016/>

How do we stand in terms of Micah's concerns?

- ⌘ Religious Volunteerism remains highest, with women leading.
- ⌘ We are strong on educational and community service.

Love
kindness

Percent distribution of volunteers by type of main organization, September 2014



Hover over chart to view data. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

US Department of Labor Statistics

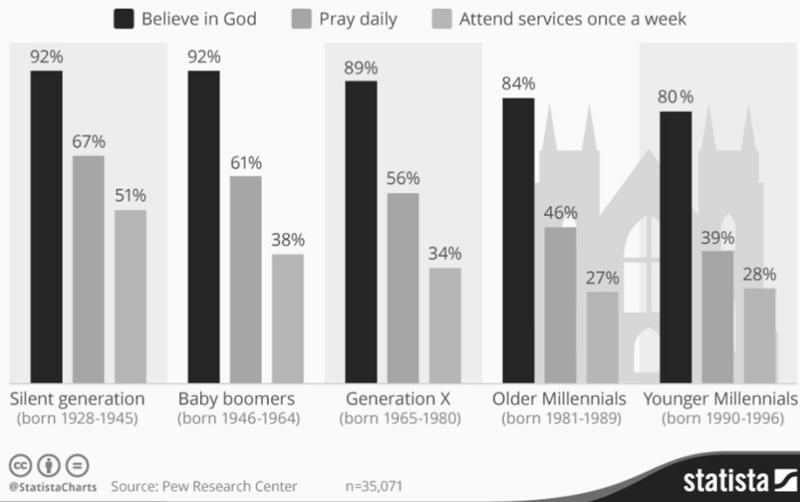
How do we stand in terms of Micah's concerns?

Walk Humbly with God

- ⌘ Church attendance down 23%
- ⌘ "Pray Daily" down 28%
- ⌘ Belief in God down 12%

Religion's Generational Decline In The U.S.

% of Americans who say they...



@StatistaCharts

Source: Pew Research Center

n=35,071

statista

http://infographic.statista.com/normal/chartoftheday_3961_religions_generational_decline_n.jpg

Hosea



- œ First of the canonical Twelve (Minor) Prophets
- œ His name means “salvation,” or “deliverance”
- œ Lived during the last years of the age of Jeroboam II in Israel and the period of decline and ruin that followed the brief period of economic prosperity.
- œ The Assyrians were threatening the land of Israel and the people of the Covenant acted as though they were oblivious to the stipulations of their peculiar relation to Yahweh.
- œ Hosea refers to Israel as Ephraim, “the largest tribe in Israel,” “sometimes the whole nation was referred to as Ephraim.” “Hosea Bible.org

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Hosea



- œ The Book of Hosea is a collection of oracles composed and arranged by Hosea and his disciples.
- œ Like his contemporary Amos, the great prophet of **social justice**, Hosea was a prophet of doom; but he held out a hope to the people that the Day of Yahweh contained not just retribution but also the possibility of renewal.
- œ His message against Israel’s “spirit of harlotry” was dramatically and symbolically acted out in his personal life.

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Hosea Section One: Chapters 1-3



- ☞ Hosea is commanded by Yahweh to marry a prostitute by the name of Gomer as a symbol of Israel's playing the part of a whore searching for gods other than the one true God. He is to have children by her. Three children are born in this marriage.
- ☞ **Jezeel** (a son), "to symbolize that the house of Jehu will suffer for the bloody atrocities committed in the Valley of Jezreel by the founder of the dynasty when he annihilated the house of Omri."

Omri

- commander-in-chief of the army of the Northern Kingdom of Israel under Elah, who ruled for two years, 886-885 BC.
- Zimri, an official in charge of half the chariot force, assassinated Elah in his palace in Tirzah, the capital.
- Omri invaded, and ruled Israel for 12 years, 885-874 BC (1 Kgs 16:15-23).
- The hill of Samaria was purchased by Omri and a new capital built there.
- **He established another fortress at Jereel which Jehu took and left abandoned.**



Wives and Lovers



- ☞ **Lo Ruḥama** (a daughter, "Not pitied"), "to indicate that Yahweh was no longer to be patient with Israel."
- ☞ **Lo 'Ammi** (a son, "Not my people"), "signifying that Yahweh was no longer to be the God of a people who had refused to keep the Covenant."
- ☞ In chapter 2, Hosea divorces her: "**she is not my wife, and I am not her husband.**" The deeper symbolism is that Israel had abandoned Yahweh for the cult of Baal, celebrating the "feast days of Baal."
- ☞ "Hosea buys a woman for a wife—probably Gomer. The woman may have been a sacred prostitute in a Baal shrine, a concubine, or perhaps even a slave. He confines her for a period of time so that she will not engage in any attempt to search for other paramours and thus commit further adulteries."

3: 3 Then the LORD said to me again, "Go, make love to a woman who has a lover and is involved in adultery, just as the LORD loves the people of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes." ²So I bought her for fifteen pieces of silver, a large amount of barley, and a portion of wine.

Image: Peter T. Chattaway. A brief note on cinematic depictions of Hosea. Patheos. Entertainment. March 23, 2015. <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/filmchat/2015/03/a-brief-note-on-cinematic-depictions-of-hosea.html>

Chapters 4-14 Desire determines outcome



How we get there:
6:6 ESV "For I **desire steadfast love** [*hesed* other translation: "mercy"] and not sacrifice, **the knowledge of God**, rather than burnt offerings."

Now:

8:7 "they **sow** the wind and they shall reap the whirlwind."

There:

14:4 "I will heal their **f** backsliding, I will **g** love them freely, For My anger has turned away from him. ⁵ I will be like the **h** dew to Israel; He shall **2** grow like the lily, And **3** lengthen his roots like Lebanon.

hesed, ¹חֶסֶד

- kindness or love between people
- of piety of people towards God
- love or mercy of God towards humanity.
- Wiki "Chesed"

How do we stand in terms of Hosea's concerns?



"David And Cecil were larger than life. They were two of them most kind, generous people. They were so entwined into the fabric of their community. They loved to walk all through Squirrel Hill. They would stop and talk to everyone and anyone." -- Chris Schopf, vice president of residential supports with ACHIEVA, the community home where the brothers lived.

Remembering Cecil And David Rosenthal, Brothers Killed In Synagogue Shooting
4:35 October 29, 2018 4:28 PM ET
Heard on All Things Considered NPR

"Hesed"



Maya Wernick. 'The enemy of my enemy is my friend': how the rise of hate crimes is bonding Jews, Muslims. The Oracle. March 24, 2017. Chart from CNN



The USA is becoming a very scare place to live. - 🍓
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@damagedheartclub spam:
@4headasses kik: 90sblackdad
lgbtpoc queerpoc lgbt poc qpoc
mpoc lesbian pansexual queer
bisexual transgender pocyouth
blacktranslivesmatter lgbtq gay
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How do we stand
in terms of
Hosea's concerns?

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4-year-old spends his allowance on feeding the homeless

When 4-year-old Austin Perine of Birmingham, Alabama, learned that there were people in the world who were both homeless and hungry, he decided to do something about it. Donning a cape and going by "President Austin," he asked his parents **to take all the money they would spend on his toys and instead buy chicken sandwiches for him to hand out to the homeless.** As he did, he gave each recipient a piece of advice: "Don't forget to show love."

Justice, kindness, and mercy are verbs!

Summary



- ☞ Though each prophet predicted doom for past behavior, each laid the groundwork for *a brighter future that could only happen through concrete action.*
- ☞ They remind us that *religion, justice, kindness and humility are not abstract concepts; unless they are embodied, they are useless.*

Amos 5:24: "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"

Micah 6:8: "and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Hosea 6:6: "For I desire *hesed* ["steadfast love," "mercy"] and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings."

Summary



∞ *The prophets remind us that behind all the statistics are individual people who directly benefit from kind and just actions.*



Where will the strands of the present lead us?



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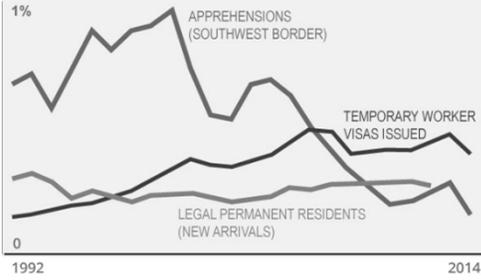


- ☞ More Mexican immigrants have returned to Mexico than have migrated to the United States, and apprehensions of Mexicans at the U.S.-Mexico border are at a 40-year low.
- ☞ Mexico is also no longer the top origin country among the most recent immigrants to the United States.
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Facts about immigration

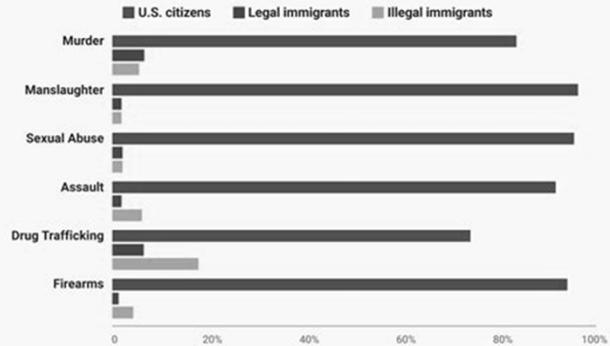
U.S. IMMIGRATION SLOWING

Migrant inflows as a percent of working age population (16-64) have decreased.



SOURCES: U.S. Department of State, Report of the Visa Office; U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Yearbook of Immigration Statistics; U.S. Customs and Border Protection; U.S. Census Bureau.

CITIZENS VASTLY OUTNUMBER IMMIGRANTS ON MOST VIOLENT CRIMES



NOTE: Data is based on 71,003 defendants sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act between Oct. 2014 and Sept. 2015. The SRA only collects information on cases sentenced under their guidelines. Crimes outside of these guidelines are not included.

SOURCE: United States Sentencing Commission

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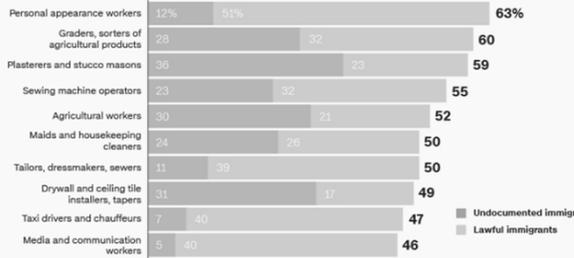
Most Common Country of Origin of Legal Immigrants Other Than Mexico (2012)



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Immigrant Under Employment

Jobs most likely to be filled by an immigrant



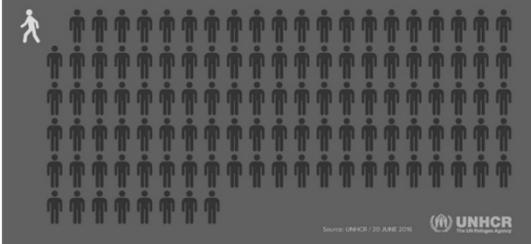
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Many immigrants have education and skills from their country of origin that they cannot use in the US. **Underemployment** →



Facts on Refugees

1 in every 113 people on earth is an asylum-seeker, internally displaced or a refugee

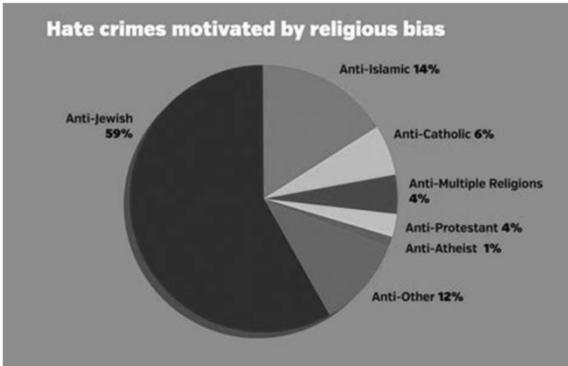


Historically, the United States has led the way on global refugee resettlement, taking in tens of thousands every year. But in **January 2017, President Donald Trump slashed the refugee resettlement quota by more than half, and issued an executive order banning entry to nationals of half-a-dozen countries, including some of the world's largest producers of refugees, from entering the US.** Since then, the flow of refugees to the US has slowed to a trickle, and 2018 is on pace to be **the worst year for resettlement to the US in decades.** Here's how this year's resettlement numbers to date (January to March) in 13 refugee crises stack up against the past, according to State Department data. ...

Chris Gelardi. **Here's How Many Refugees the US Has Accepted in 2018.** April 26, 2018 . The US is on pace to resettle the fewest number of refugees in 40 years. <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/us-accepted-refugees-2018/>

In the midst of the world's worst refugee crisis since World War II, the US is on pace to resettle roughly 21,000 refugees in 2018. According to State Department data, which measures in fiscal years (October to September), that would be the lowest since 1977.

Facts on Anti-Semitism and other religious hate crimes



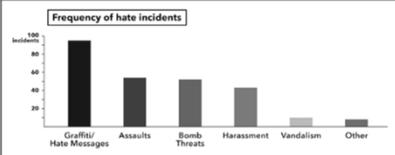
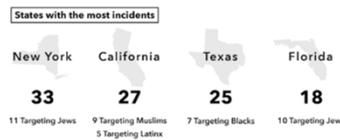
- ☞ “If you go by number of crimes that are actually committed based on religion, then in the US antisemitism is more prevalent, even taking into account that the Jewish population is larger than the Muslim population in the US.
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Hate Crimes since the election

MAPPING HATE: Recapping the first three months of hate incidents in Trump's America

- ☞ **Hate crimes since the election: Here's who's been targeted since Trump's win**
- ☞ Sarah Harvard
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- ☞ *Source: Adam Peck/ThinkProgress*

261 documented incidents of hate since Election Day. (11/9/2016- 2/9/2017)



41.7% of documented incidents are connected to the election victory of Donald Trump. ThinkProgress

“Now, the number does seem notably smaller than Southern Poverty Law Center's 867 reported post-election hate crime incidents. *ThinkProgress'* tracker **only included acts of hate violence toward individuals and communities** rather than public and private places – like vandalized mosques or spray-painted churches. The incidents listed in *ThinkProgress'* database also **only included incidents that were backed up with news coverage, police reports or through the publication's own investigation into the incident.**”



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