

Money,
wealth



and
generosity

- Amos 6 deviates to include the Kingdom of Judah
- Ordinary Israelite citizens usually only ate meat at the time of the biblical festivals
- Yehoveh deemed the imbalance of diet between rich and poor as unfairness, not “loving your neighbor”
- Matthew 6:19 - 24

TREASURES — IN — HEAVEN



- The Bible never rails against the idea of wealth
- Humanist Socialist ideal of all people living equally at the lowest common denominator is not biblical
- A person's virtuous and compassionate actions and deeds are measured by God as having greater value
- A "good eye" reveals a generous soul, an "evil eye" reveals a stingy and wicked soul

No one can
be a slave to
2 masters.....



- The meaning concerns the focus of our life
- No matter the era, work and toil has always been necessary to provide a good living
- Socialistic “leveling-up” is not the sense of it
- Greed and decadence were not tolerated, neither were laziness and foolishness 2 Thess. 3:11 - 12

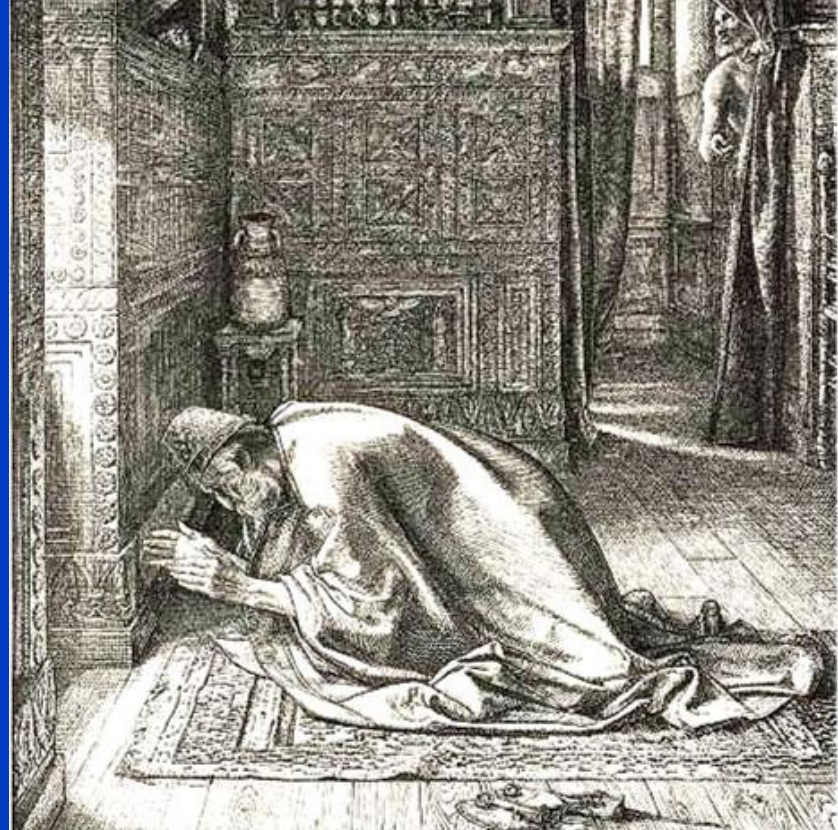
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



- The issue was not the wealth, but rather what they did with it
- Elite showed no generosity while gorging themselves on meat
- Wealthy are to keep their lifestyles in check so as not to descend into decadence
- Israel's wealthy are trying to act like King David, the gold standard of kings

ISRAEL SHOULD BE IN MOURNING

- Wine is not wrong, but drinking in excess is
- Olive oil rid a person of lice, and moisturized dry skin
- Daniel 10:3
- Daniel deprived himself exactly of the items Amos mentions because he was mourning for Israel
- Joseph was doubly-blessed because sons Ephraim and Manasseh both became tribes



THE COMING DEFEAT



- It is the “choicest” of Israel that will be exiled at the choicest position: the first to go
- Vs. 8 begins a new literary unit
- God vows by Himself
- Calls Himself “Lord Yehoveh” then next “Yehoveh, Elohim of Hosts”
- Elohim usually translated as God or gods

The meaning of Elohim....



- Psalm 82
- *“God has taken His place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods.....”*
- “Elohim” used twice in verse 1. The 1st time it means the God of Israel, but the 2nd time is the issue
- What is the “divine council”? Humans? The Trinity?
- Vss. 6 & 7 says these elohim are also called “sons of God” and they have become corrupt!

JOB 38

The Divine Council



- Michael Heiser: “... ***Christian history is NOT the context of the biblical writers...***”
- What existed before Creation? God alone? Job says the “morning stars” and “the sons of God” were there
- The translation of elohim as “divine beings” instead of “gods” is better because it doesn’t shock or offend

ELOHIM

אלהים

God

- Elohim is a plural word but it is used as a singular over 2000 times in the Bible
- Psalm 89 “... which of these gods (elohim) can rival Yehoveh... in the great assembly of the holy ones...?”
- 5 Ways that the Bible uses “elohim”
- 1) Refers to Yehoveh 2) the divine council
- 3) gods and goddesses 4) the dead Prophet Samuel
- 5) (rarely) of Angels
- Ex. 15:11 1Kings 8:23 Psalm 97:9

THE GOD ABOVE ALL OTHER GODS

- Believers tend to mentally add “false” or “non-existent” before “gods” (elohim) because of our monotheism
- Deuteronomy 32:17 *Shedim* (often “demons”)
- KEY!!! The Scriptures do NOT say no other elohim exist... they say no other elohim are the Most High God (Yehoveh)
- We should stop translating elohim as “gods” and instead make it “divine beings”

“Let us make humankind in our image...”



- Genesis chapter 3 is the **ONLY** other place in the Bible that has God perhaps speaking of Himself as a plurality
“See man has become like one of us...”
- It may be that God is not speaking of Himself, but rather is speaking to the divine council
- Although Genesis doesn't say anything about a “divine council”, the Psalms and Job do