

The Prophets and Justice

- They called the people to righteousness and justice
- They warned of God's judgment
- They pointed to God's promises

Isaiah as an Example

Chapter 1

Biblical Justice

Week Five

Review

Why did God deliver Israel from the oppression of Egypt?

What was the purpose of the Mosaic Law?

Justice in the Context of National Israel

The Judges and Justice

- The nation established
 - Legal structure*
Deuteronomy 1:9-18
 - God promises to remove the nations*
Deuteronomy 9:1-6
- The nation unraveled
 - Disobedience, Judgment, Deliverance*
 - The people do not drive out the nations (Judges 1:27-36)
God judges them (2:1-5)
 - They adopt the idolatry of the other nations (2:11-13)
God judges them (2:14)
 - God raises up “deliverers”
Judges 3:9, 15, etc.
 - No Leadership/No Legal Structure*
 - Judges 17:6**
 - Judges 21:25**
- The cry for a king
 - Injustice in Shiloh*
1 Samuel 2:12-16

The Kings and Justice

- Their reasons for a king (1 Samuel 8:4-22)
 - The “custom” of kings (1 Samuel 8:9-18)
The nature of human government and their rulers is outlined here, and this depiction has been validated throughout the course of human history.
 - David as the prototypical king
 - 2 Samuel 8:15**
 - Ruled all of Israel (God’s people)
 - Administered justice and righteousness for God’s people
 - The corruption of the kings
 - Isaiah 1:23**
 - Isaiah 10:1-2**
- Both the adoption and application of law has been corrupted.
- Ultimately they were profaning the Name of their LORD (failing to reflect His image).
Jeremiah 34:16
Ezekiel 20:39, 39:7