

POLITICAL

Loyalty,
faithfulness

love

EMOTIONAL

Romance,
warm affections

MARRIAGE

**SUPERIOR,
COVENANT PARTNER**

VIOLENT EDMOM

- Long established ethnic ties between Edom and Israel
- Genesis 27:38 – 40
- God's judgment is about Edom's centuries-long history of wrath towards Israel
- A blood feud between the descendants of the twin brothers Esau and Jacob
- The next oracle was against Amon
- 2Kings 8:12



PUNISHMENT OF AMON



- Amman, Jordan is modern day Amon
- The fire to destroy Amon is NOT supernatural; it is from the attack of an enemy
- The Day of Combat, The Day of Battle, The Day of Storms are all synonymous with The Day of the Lord
- The crimes of these pagan nations revolve around NOT “loving your neighbor”

CHAPTER 2



- Judgment oracle against Moab
- Amos's prophecy proves that God's laws extend to all nations, not only Israel
- Moab and Edom were enemies
- Burning their bones was thought to be a means of keeping a person from being resurrected; they will be eternally dead
- Ezekiel 37

KERIOOTH, CENTER OF CHEMOSH CULT

- 1Samuel 31
- King Saul's body burned up, but not his bones
- Since Moab burned up the bones of a king of Edom, God will burn up Kerioth
- Mesha Stone
- Burning up will be a military action of an enemy of Moab



GOD'S JUDGMENT AGAINST JUDAH



- Ephraim/Israel saw Judah as almost as foreign as the 6 foreign nations
- The ramifications for Jerusalem's destruction center on the Temple
- No way to atone for sins, be ritually cleansed, present Firstfruits offerings, no place for their God to dwell

THE END OF GOD'S MORAL CODE ?



- Amos 2:4 “*because they have rejected the Torah of Yehoveh....*”
- The problem was disobedience, not lack of belief
- Christianity has also rejected God’s moral code
- The Modern Christian Church comes from 4th century Rome

social injustice



- *Tzaddik* = righteous *ebyon* = poor *na'al* = sandals
- Righteous means innocent of any crime
- God despises slave trafficking, but accepts bond servitude to pay off a debt or to pay reparations
- The accusation is about violating the foundational principle of “love your neighbor as yourself”

A STAND ON BIBLICAL SEXUAL MORALITY



- Vs. 7 expands upon the indictment of vs. 6
- The matter of a father and son sharing the same woman concerns violating God's sexual purity laws
- Leviticus 18:1 – 24 Sexual purity instructions
- Leviticus 20:10 – 23 Penalties for violating the sexual purity instructions