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<sup>1</sup> “The words of Amos, one of the shepherds of Tekoa—  
**the vision he saw concerning Israel** two years before  
the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and  
Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel.

<sup>2</sup> He said:

“The LORD roars from Zion  
and thunders from Jerusalem;  
the pastures of the shepherds dry up,  
and the top of Carmel withers.”

Amos 1:1-2



# Pattern of Judgment

- “For three sins of \_\_\_\_\_ even four”
- Specific Crime
- Judgment to come (against the ruler and nation)

# Judgment Against Syria

<sup>3</sup> This is what the LORD says:

“For three sins of Damascus,  
even for four, I will not relent.

**Because she threshed Gilead  
with sledges having iron teeth,**

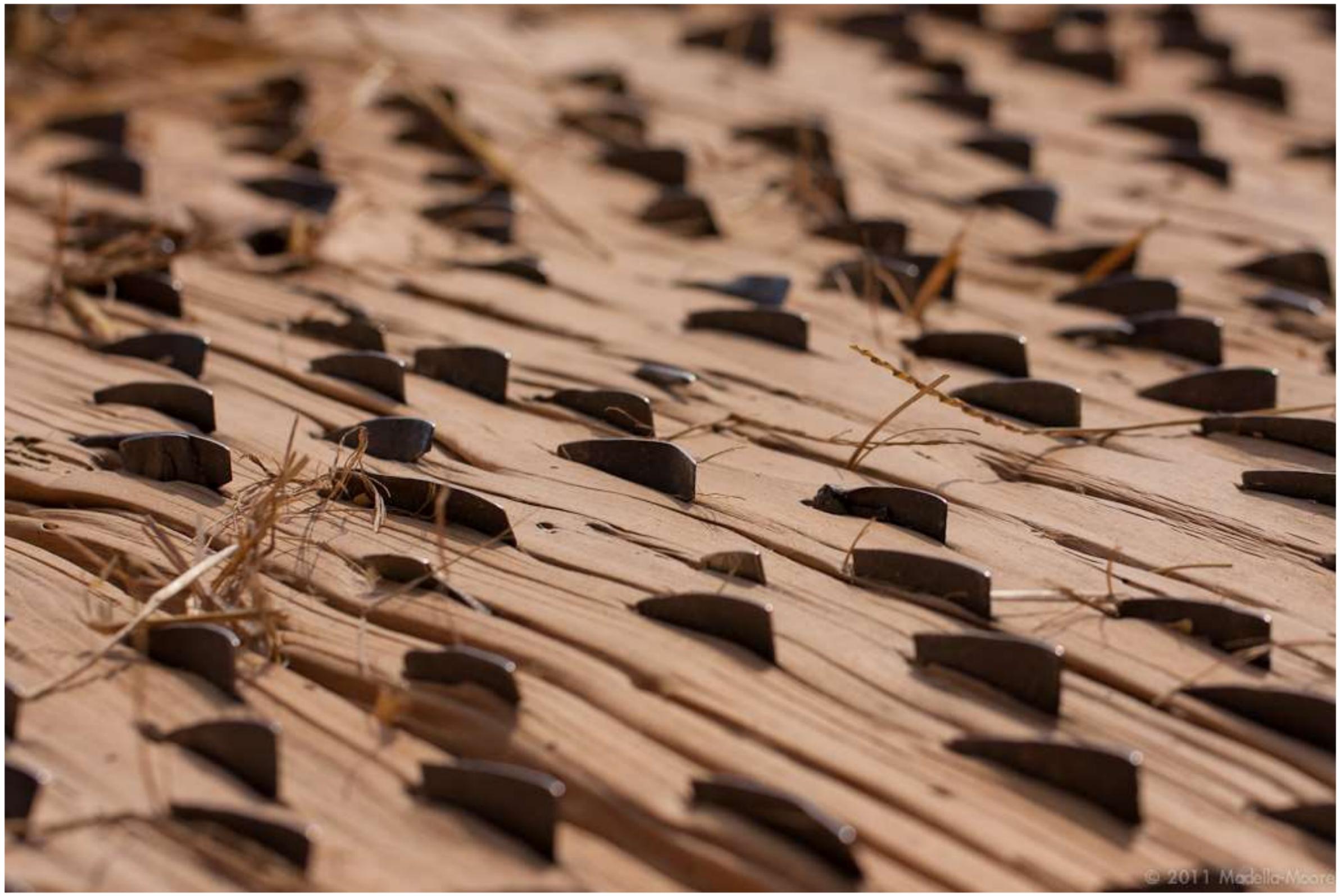
<sup>4</sup> I will send fire on the house of Hazael  
that will consume the fortresses of Ben-Hadad.

Amos 1:3-5

# Judgment Against Syria

<sup>5</sup> I will break down the gate of Damascus;  
I will destroy the king who is in the Valley of Aven  
and the one who holds the scepter in Beth Eden.  
The people of Aram will go into exile to Kir,"  
says the LORD.

Amos 1:3-5



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# Judgment against the Philistines

6 This is what the LORD says:

“For three sins of Gaza,  
even for four, I will not relent.

Because **she took captive whole communities**  
and sold them to Edom,

7 I will send fire on the walls of Gaza  
that will consume her fortresses.

Amos 1:6-8

# Judgment against the Philistines

<sup>8</sup> I will destroy the king of Ashdod  
and the one who holds the scepter in Ashkelon.  
I will turn my hand against Ekron,  
till the last of the Philistines are dead,"  
says the Sovereign LORD.

Amos 1:6-8

# Judgment against Judah

<sup>4</sup> This is what the LORD says:

“For three sins of Judah,  
even for four, I will not relent.

**Because they have rejected the law of the LORD  
and have not kept his decrees,**

because they have been led astray by false gods,  
the gods their ancestors followed,

<sup>5</sup> I will send fire on Judah

that will consume the fortresses of Jerusalem.”

Amos 2:4-5

# Pattern of Judgment

- “For three sins of \_\_\_\_\_ even four”
- Specific Crime
- Gracious Acts From God
- Judgment to come

# Judgment against Israel

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.

# Judgment against Israel

Father and son use the same girl  
and so profane my holy name.

<sup>8</sup> They lie down beside every altar  
on garments taken in pledge.

In the house of their god  
they drink wine taken as fines.

*This probably has nothing to do with the sacred prostitution practiced at Baal temples, nor an attempt by fathers to have sexual relations with their daughters-in-laws. Instead, it refers to sexual mistreatment of a hard-working household employee... The law provided some protection for female slaves because they were so vulnerable to mistreatment by their masters. In spite of this, powerful men could intimidate them with dire financial consequences if they did not cooperate with their deviant immoral desires.*

Gary Smith, NIV Application Commentary of Amos

<sup>9</sup> “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.

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

<sup>11</sup> “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.

<sup>12</sup> “But you made the Nazirites drink wine  
and commanded the prophets not to prophesy.

<sup>13</sup> “Now then, I will crush you  
as a cart crushes when loaded with grain.

<sup>14</sup> **The swift** will not escape,  
**the strong** will not muster their strength,  
and **the warrior** will not save his life.

<sup>15</sup> **The archer** will not stand his ground,  
**the fleet-footed soldier** will not get away,  
and **the horseman** will not save his life.

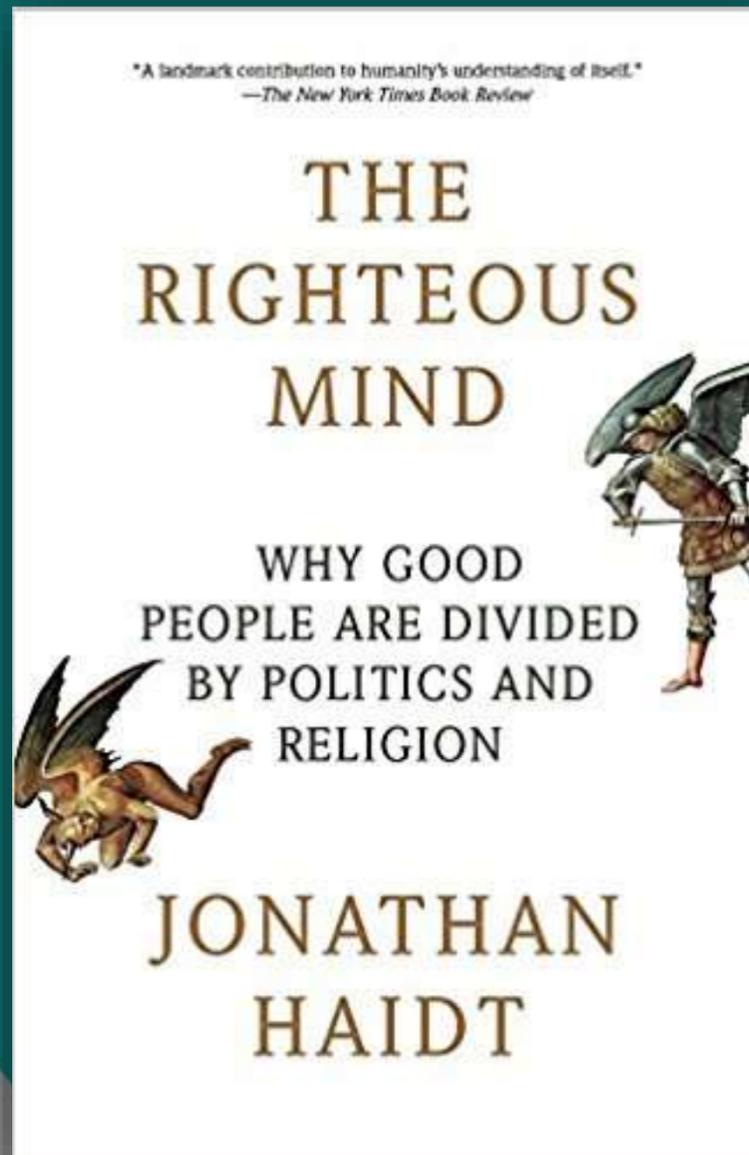
<sup>16</sup> Even **the bravest warriors**  
will flee naked on that day,” declares the LORD.

Amos 2:13-16

# Blind Spots For Us

## 1. Tribalism

*“Bumper stickers are often tribal badges.”*



*The Righteous Mind:  
Why Good People Are Divided by  
Politics and Religion”  
Jonathan Haidt*

48 ... Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

Luke 12:48

# Blind Spots For Us

**1. Tribalism**

**2. More Wealth for Self**

6 because they sell the righteous for silver,  
and the needy for a pair of sandals—

Amos 2:6

<sup>17</sup> Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.'

<sup>18</sup> You shall remember the LORD your God, for **it is he who gives you power to get wealth**, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

# **Blind Spots For Us**

- 1. Tribalism**
- 2. More Wealth for Self**
- 3. Deny Justice to the Oppressed**

7 They trample on the heads of the poor  
as on the dust of the ground  
and **deny justice to the oppressed.**

Amos 2:7