

Amos 5:10

Text

Hebrew	שָׂנְאוּ בְּשַׁעַר מוֹכִיחַ וְדֹבֵר תְּמִים יִתְעַבּוּ
ESV	They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth.
NIV	you hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth.
NLT	How you hate honest judges! How you despise people who tell the truth!
	ἐμίσησαν ἐν greek Preposition meaning “in”. πύλαις ἐλέγχοντα καὶ greek Meaning * And * Also * Both * Even * Too * So
LXX	Is a conjunction that connects single words or terms or sentences. IT is most frequently translated as “and” λόγον Meaning * A word or words * Statement * Message * Speech * Account * Used in John to mean God the Son Masculine noun. Related to the verb λέγω. λόγος in Greek Thought Before the New Testament, λόγος already had deep philosophical use. In Greek philosophy, λόγος was the rational principle that ordered the universe, the divine reason that structured all things. In Heraclitus, λόγος referred to the unifying rational principle behind the constant change in the world.... ὅσιον ἐβδελύξαντο
KJV	They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

Amos 5:10 condemns those who “hate the one who reproves in the gate” and “abhor the one who speaks the truth.”

The gate ((שַׁעַר)) was typically where elders judged disputes ([Genesis 3:10](#))

Hebrew עֵפְרוֹן יָשָׁב בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי חֵט וַיַּעַן עֵפְרוֹן הַחִתִּי אֶת אַבְרָהָם בְּאִזְנֵי בְנֵי חֵט לְכָל בְּאֵי שַׁעַר עִירוֹ לְאֶמְרָא
 ESV Now Ephron was sitting among the Hittites, and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the Hittites, of all who went in at the gate of his city, NIV Ephron the Hittite was sitting among his people and he replied to Abraham in the hearing of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of his city.
 δεκάθετοένμέ..., [Deuteronomy 21:19](#)

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καὶ συλλαβόντες αὐτὸν ὁ πατήρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐξάξουσιν αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τὴν γερουσίαν τῆς πόλεως αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν πύλιν τοῦ τόπου αὐτοῦ... and [Ruth 4:1-11](#)). Parallelism shows that the elite not only refused to uphold justice but actively opposed truth-tellers. And so while some have argued “gate” here might mean a political faction, the surrounding context of legal corruption fits the judicial setting.

These are the same “strong” ([Amos 5:9](#)[plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big](#)Amos 5:9

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