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40/100 1. The prophetic vision of the world is one that goes against the grain of ancient Israelite society. ~~Q~~ A prophetic vision was a God-endowed view ~~that~~ ^{people known as} given to a small group of prophets. The vision involved calling a nation to repentance from idolatry and sin. Typically, this idolatry was through nationalism, foreign conflict, and an unequal distribution of wealth. In their vision, the prophets exposed the exploitation a nation took against the poor.

Overall, the prophetic vision fit into an ~~idea~~ ^{idea} known as the concept of "universal man." The "universal man" concept was one of fair and equal treatment of everyone both socially and financially. Through the prophets calling for a more equal distribution of wealth, this fits the "universal man" concept because of more ^{equal treatment}.

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The prophetic vision ~~is~~ is still applicable today. Books such as

"Rediscovering Values," "Supercapitalism," and "Richistan" pose one side of this prophetic vision for modern society. These books echo ~~the~~^a prophetic voice for social justice, along with the need to redistribute wealth more equally. Over the last few years, the rich have gained more wealth, while the poor and middle class have effectively lost wealth. The authors of the three books pose some economic policy alternatives, such as higher tax rates for the wealthy to bring justice for the poor.

While the theories of "Rediscovering Values," "Supercapitalism," and "Richistan" pose what seem to be valid economic policy alternatives, there are other ways to bring justice for the poor ^{and oppressed} than advocating for higher tax rates on the wealthy. A ~~couple~~^{few} examples of these alternatives would be the Laffer curve, supply-side economics, and ^{religious} charity. The Laffer curve is an economic theory of taxation. ^{proposed by economist Andrew Laffer} It says that ~~where~~ there is a point where maximum output and maximum tax revenue meet. When taxes Thank
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Good are too high, people, especially rich ones are less-inclined to work. This ^{could be} brings government tax revenue down ^{that can be redistributed to the poor.} However, when there are extremely low taxes, ~~the~~ worker output increases, but government tax revenue for redistribution ^{that could be used for social justice purposes.} decreases. ~~Through the government~~

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Another ^{prophetic} policy alternative could be supply-side economics. This method was employed by President Ronald Reagan, which brought prices down and stimulated economic growth across all socioeconomic levels. Through businesses keeping a higher level of supply, prices on goods ~~were~~ cheaper. This method helps the poor by allowing them to purchase goods at a cheaper rate.

Finally, the importance of charity through churches and religious non-profits can be employed to bring justice for the poor. Sadly, many churches are idle on the prophetic vision and do not employ their

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members to become passionate about social justice. It was through the prophetic voices that God was able to fulfill his mission. Preachers, ^{and church leadership} must be this prophetic voice today to call the church back to the first principles of prophetic justice.

This all stems from the differences between apocalyptic literature and the prophetic vision. Apocalyptic literature, such as Revelation, emphasizes that ~~that~~ ^{and} all have sinned and done wrong, ~~that~~ God is the only one who can make things right. On the other hand, prophetic vision emphasizes the wrong doing of people, but that they can grow closer to God through turning from their sinful ways. This can be done through acts of justice service in the community, ~~good~~ prayer for God to refine ~~the~~ values of justice, and policymaking that is ~~for~~ friendlier toward the poor and oppressed.