

# Charts & Mechanical Layouts



# How to Study a Section of a Biblical Book



1. Read the whole text
2. Paragraph titles
3. Relate the paragraphs
4. Section to the whole
5. State the theme
6. Observations
7. Persons & places
8. Ask questions
9. What learned?



# Habakkuk: Babylon's Destruction

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Chapters 1–2				Chapter 3		
Punishment of Babylon				Praise Song		
Habakkuk's Perplexity				Habakkuk's Praise		
God's Actions Challenged				God's Actions Commended		
Faith Troubled				Faith Triumphant		
Problem				Resolution		
Habakkuk	God	Habakkuk	God	Habakkuk		
Why aren't you judging Judah's sin, God?	I will. I'll judge Judah with the Babylonians!	But can you use a nation more wicked than Judah?	Sure, but I'll judge them too.	In wrath remember mercy.	Our God is an awesome God!	I'll wait patiently for Babylon's judgment and rejoice in God.
1:1-4	1:5-11	1:12–2:1	2:2-20	3:1-2	3:3-15	3:16-19
<b>Judah</b>						
<b>c. 607-605 BC</b>						

# Philemon

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## Forgive Others and Seek Forgiveness

<b>Greeting</b> 1-3		<b>Prayer &amp; Commendation</b> 4-7		<b>Appeal for Onesimus</b> 8-21			<b>Conclusion</b> 22-25
<b>Preface</b>		<b>Praise</b>		<b>Petition</b>			<b>Postscript</b>
<b>People Concerned</b>		<b>Philemon's Character</b>		<b>Onesimus' Conversion</b>			<b>Paul's Co-Workers</b>
<b>Authors</b> 1a-b	<b>Recipients</b> 1c-3	<b>Thanks</b> 4-5	<b>Relationships</b> 6-7	<b>General Appeal</b> 8-11	<b>Reasons for Return</b> 12-16	<b>Specific Appeal</b> 17-21	<b>Preparations</b> Greetings Blessing 22-25

**Rome to Colosse**

**Fall AD 61**

## Judgment for Social Injustice

<b>Eight Judgments</b>	<b>Three Sermons</b>	<b>Five Visions</b>	<b>Promise of Restoration</b>
Chapters 1–2	Chapters 3–6	7:1–9:7	9:8-15
“This is what the LORD says...” (1:3, 6, 9, 11, 13; 2:1, 4)	“Hear this word...” (3:1; 4:1; 5:1)	“This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me...” (7:1, 4, 7; 8:1)	“In that day...” “The days are coming...” (9:11, 13)
<b>God's Impartiality</b>	<b>God's Justice</b>	<b>God's Judgments</b>	<b>God's Grace</b>
<b>Pronouncements of Judgment</b>	<b>Provocations of Judgment</b>	<b>Future of Judgment</b>	<b>Promises after Judgment</b>
<b>Judgment</b>			<b>Renewal</b>
<b>Horror</b>			<b>Hope</b>
<b>Neighbor Nations</b>	<b>Northern Nation</b>		
<b>767-753 BC (before the fall of Samaria)</b>			

How does God respond to **injustice**?

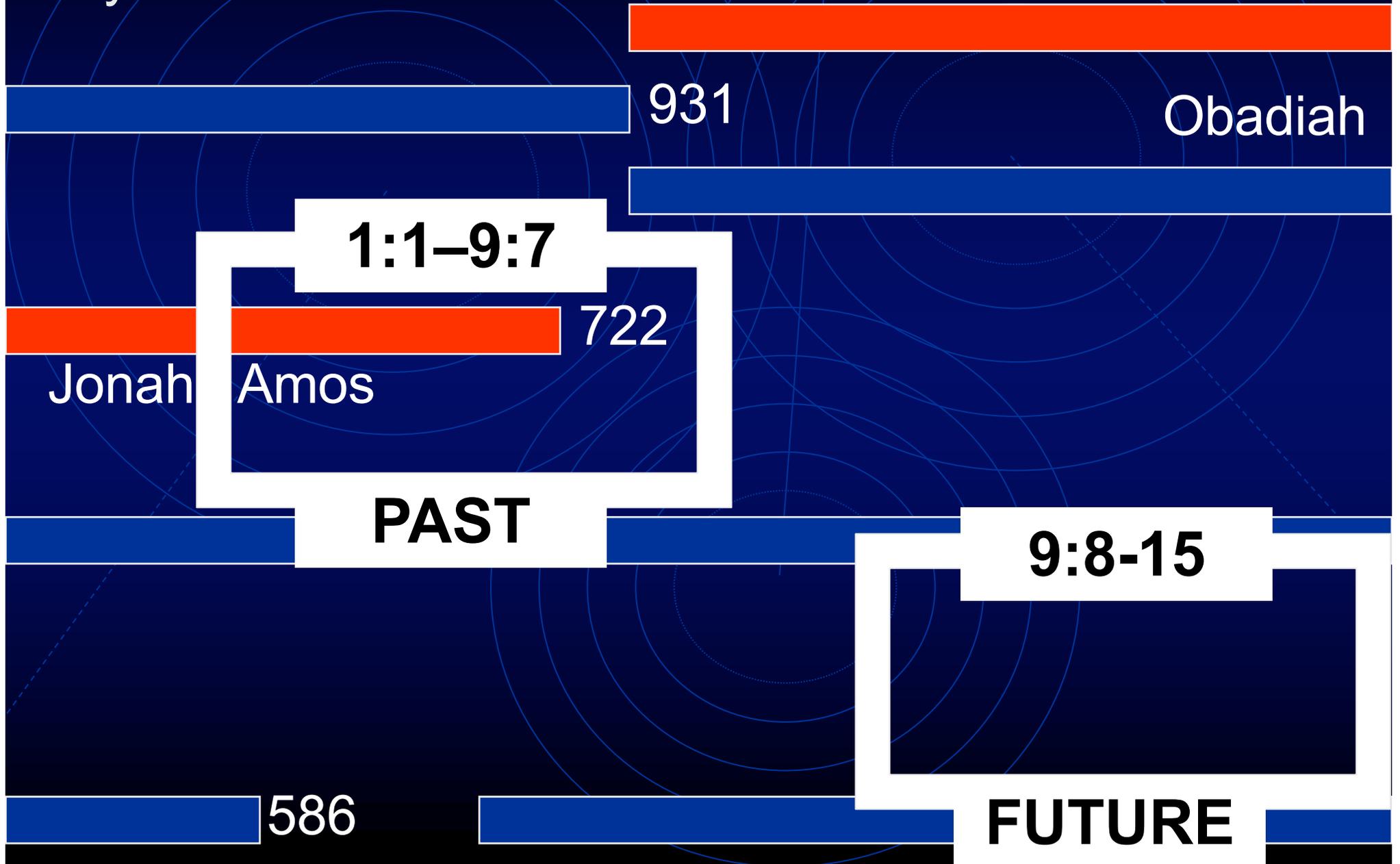
Two ways...



# Placing the Prophets

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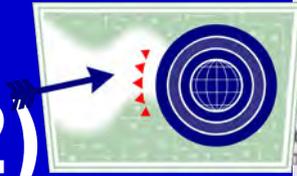
Key Dates



# I. God **judged** injustice in Israel (Amos 1:1–9:7).

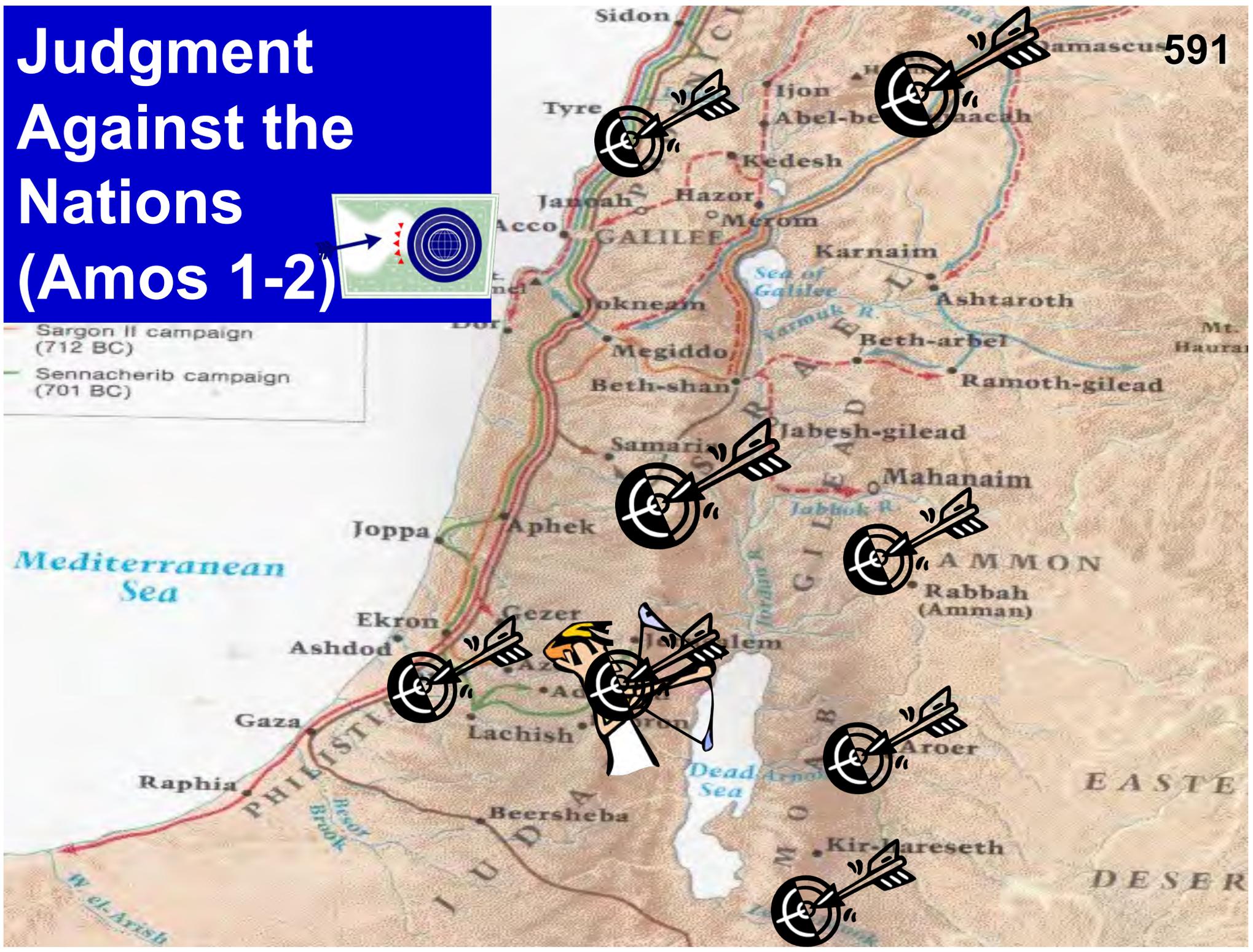


# Judgment Against the Nations (Amos 1-2)



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Sargon II campaign  
(712 BC)  
Sennacherib campaign  
(701 BC)



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Amos declared the  
sins and penalties of  
Israel and 7  
surrounding  
countries for their  
sins against God's  
people, Israel



# God will Judge Damascus

*Amos 1:3-4 NLT*

"This is what the LORD says:  
'The people of Damascus  
have sinned again and  
again,  
and I will not let them go  
unpunished!

They beat down my people  
in Gilead  
as grain is threshed with  
iron sledges.

<sup>4</sup>So I will send down fire on  
King Hazael's palace,  
and the fortresses of King  
Ben-hadad will be  
destroyed.'"



# God will Judge Philistia

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*Amos 1:6-7 NIV*

"This is what the LORD says:  
'For three sins of Gaza,  
even for four, I will not turn  
back [my wrath].  
Because she took captive  
whole communities  
and sold them to Edom,  
I will send fire upon the walls  
of Gaza that will consume her  
fortresses.'"



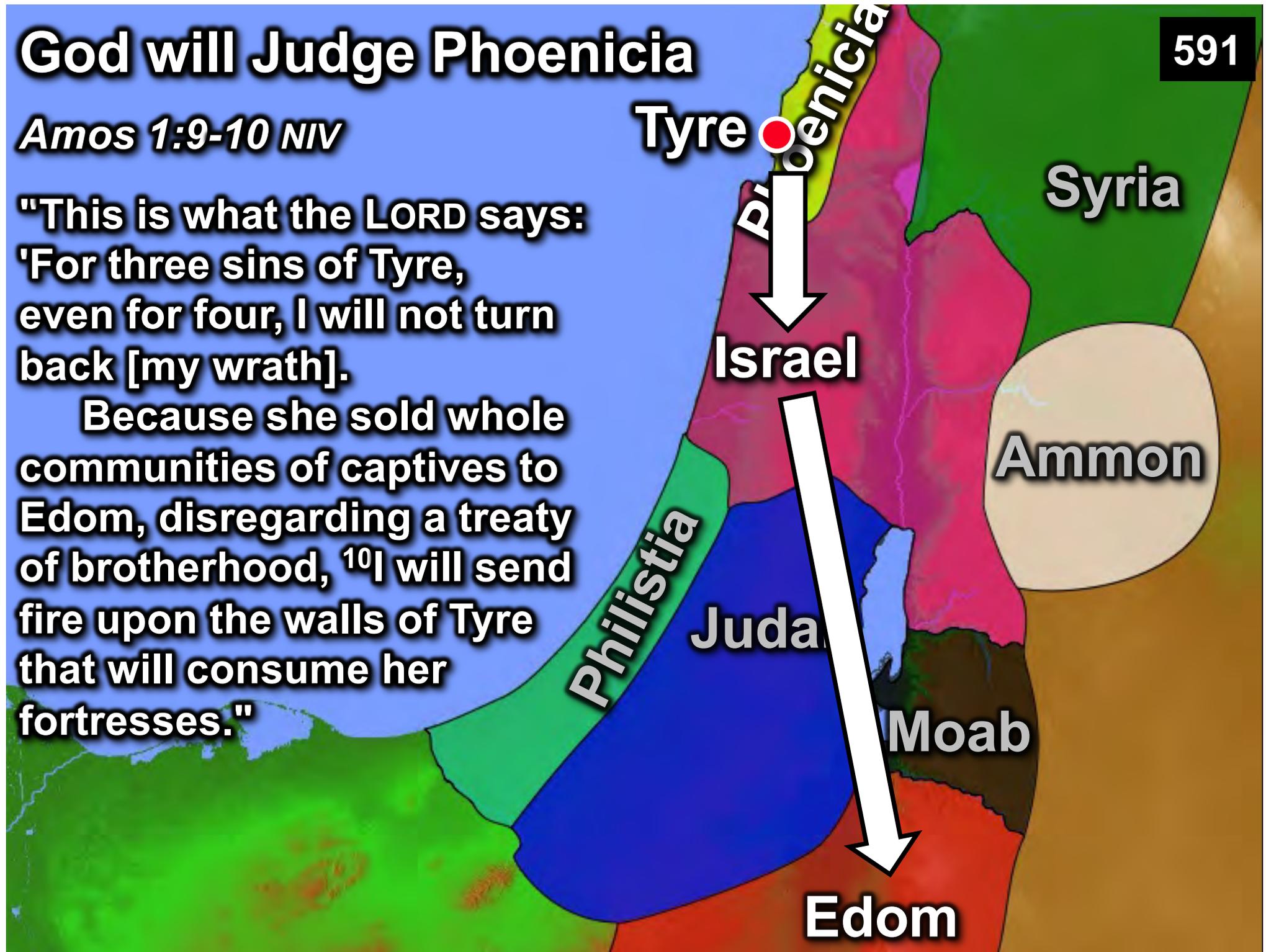
# God will Judge Phoenicia

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*Amos 1:9-10 NIV*

"This is what the LORD says:  
'For three sins of Tyre,  
even for four, I will not turn  
back [my wrath].

Because she sold whole  
communities of captives to  
Edom, disregarding a treaty  
of brotherhood, <sup>10</sup>I will send  
fire upon the walls of Tyre  
that will consume her  
fortresses."



# God will Judge Edom

*Amos 1:11-12 NIV*

"This is what the LORD says: 'The people of Edom have sinned again and again, and I will not let them go unpunished! They chased down their relatives, the Israelites, with swords, showing them no mercy. In their rage, they slashed them continually and were unrelenting in their anger.

<sup>12</sup>So I will send down fire on Teman, and the fortresses of Bozrah will be destroyed.'"



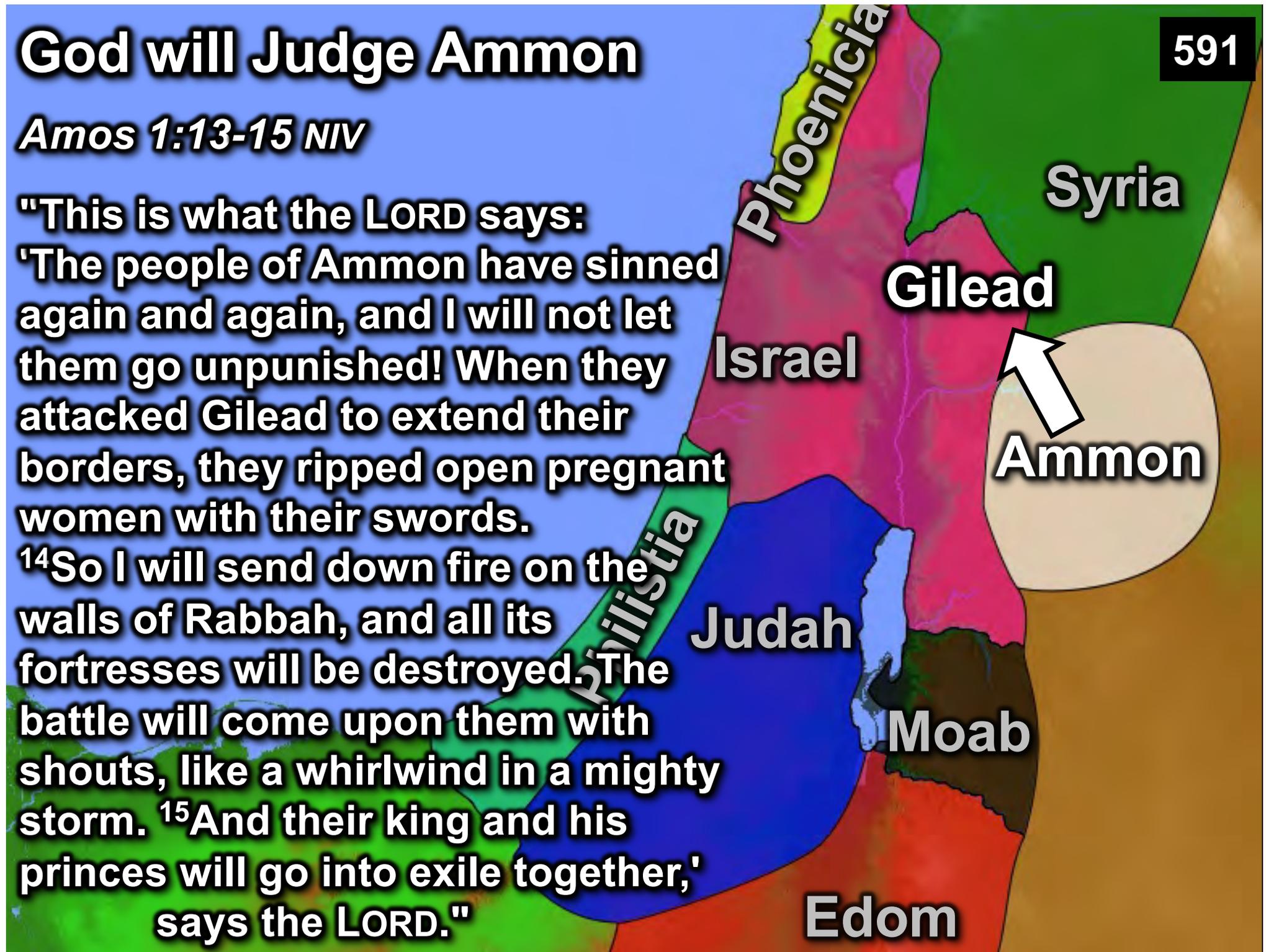
# God will Judge Ammon

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*Amos 1:13-15 NIV*

"This is what the LORD says:  
'The people of Ammon have sinned  
again and again, and I will not let  
them go unpunished! When they  
attacked Gilead to extend their  
borders, they ripped open pregnant  
women with their swords.

<sup>14</sup>So I will send down fire on the  
walls of Rabbah, and all its  
fortresses will be destroyed. The  
battle will come upon them with  
shouts, like a whirlwind in a mighty  
storm. <sup>15</sup>And their king and his  
princes will go into exile together,'  
says the LORD."



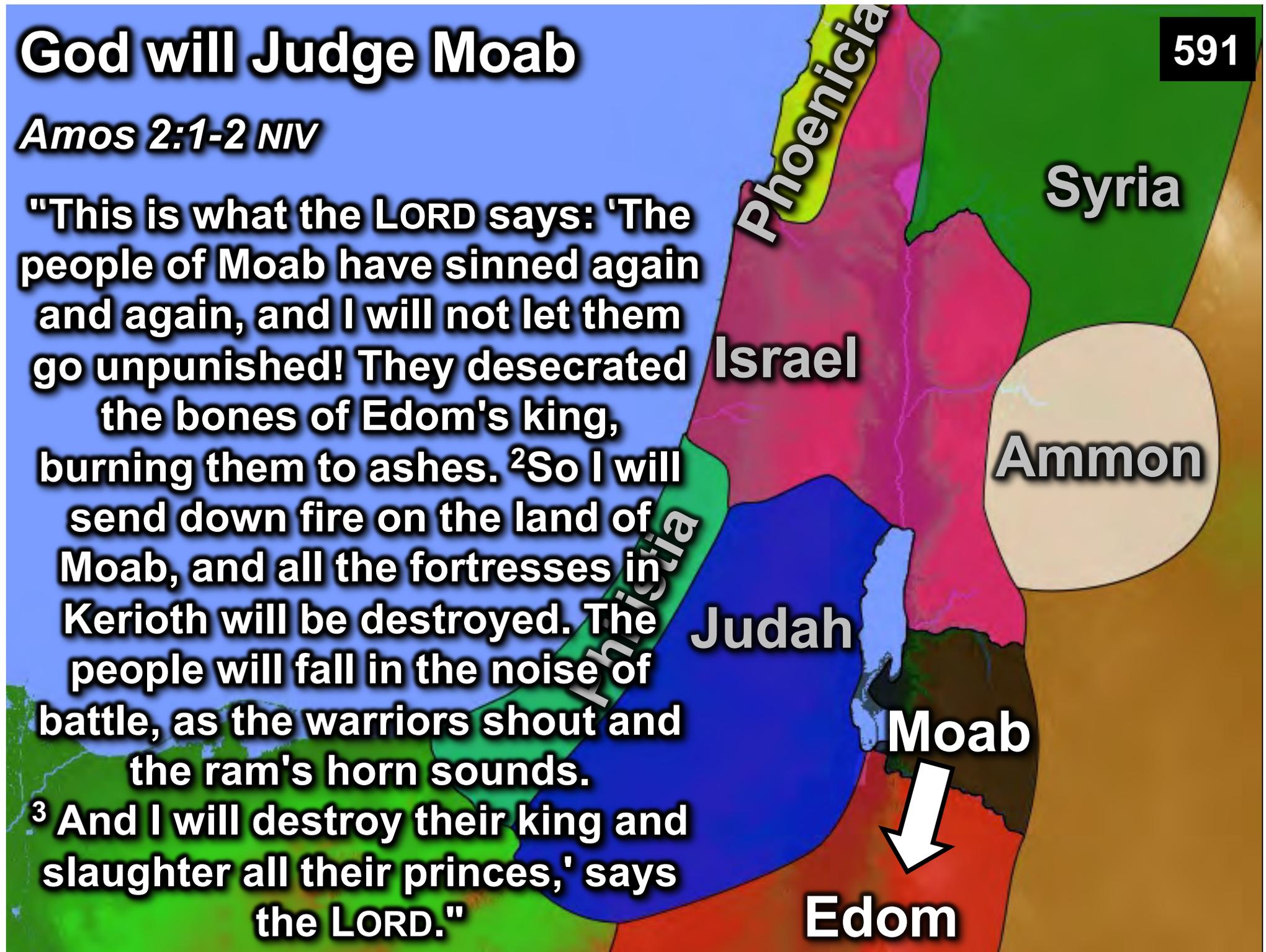
# Amos 2

# God will Judge Moab

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*Amos 2:1-2 NIV*

"This is what the LORD says: 'The people of Moab have sinned again and again, and I will not let them go unpunished! They desecrated the bones of Edom's king, burning them to ashes. <sup>2</sup>So I will send down fire on the land of Moab, and all the fortresses in Kerioth will be destroyed. The people will fall in the noise of battle, as the warriors shout and the ram's horn sounds. <sup>3</sup>And I will destroy their king and slaughter all their princes,' says the LORD."



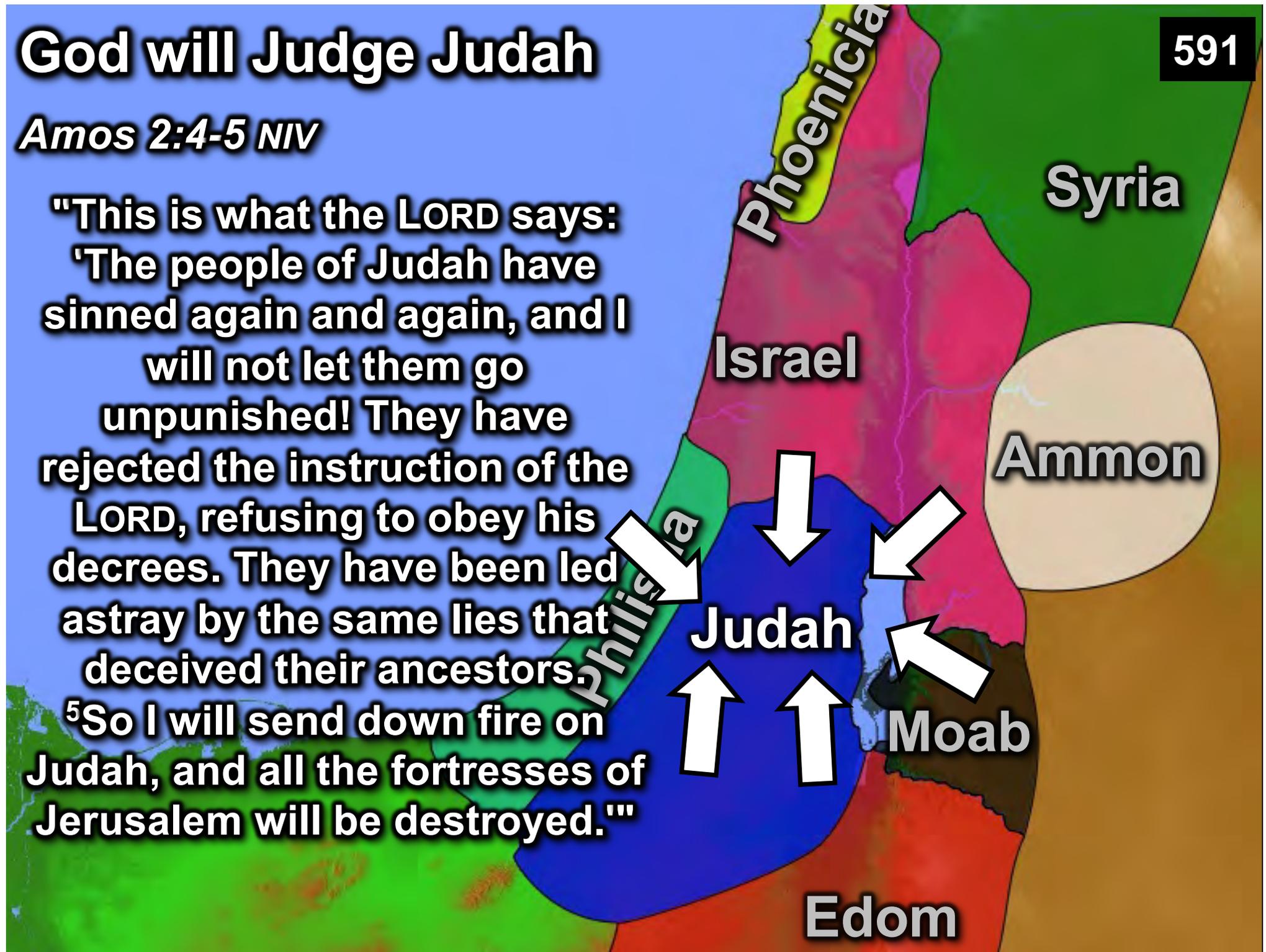
# God will Judge Judah

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*Amos 2:4-5 NIV*

"This is what the LORD says:  
'The people of Judah have sinned again and again, and I will not let them go unpunished! They have rejected the instruction of the LORD, refusing to obey his decrees. They have been led astray by the same lies that deceived their ancestors.

<sup>5</sup>So I will send down fire on Judah, and all the fortresses of Jerusalem will be destroyed.'"

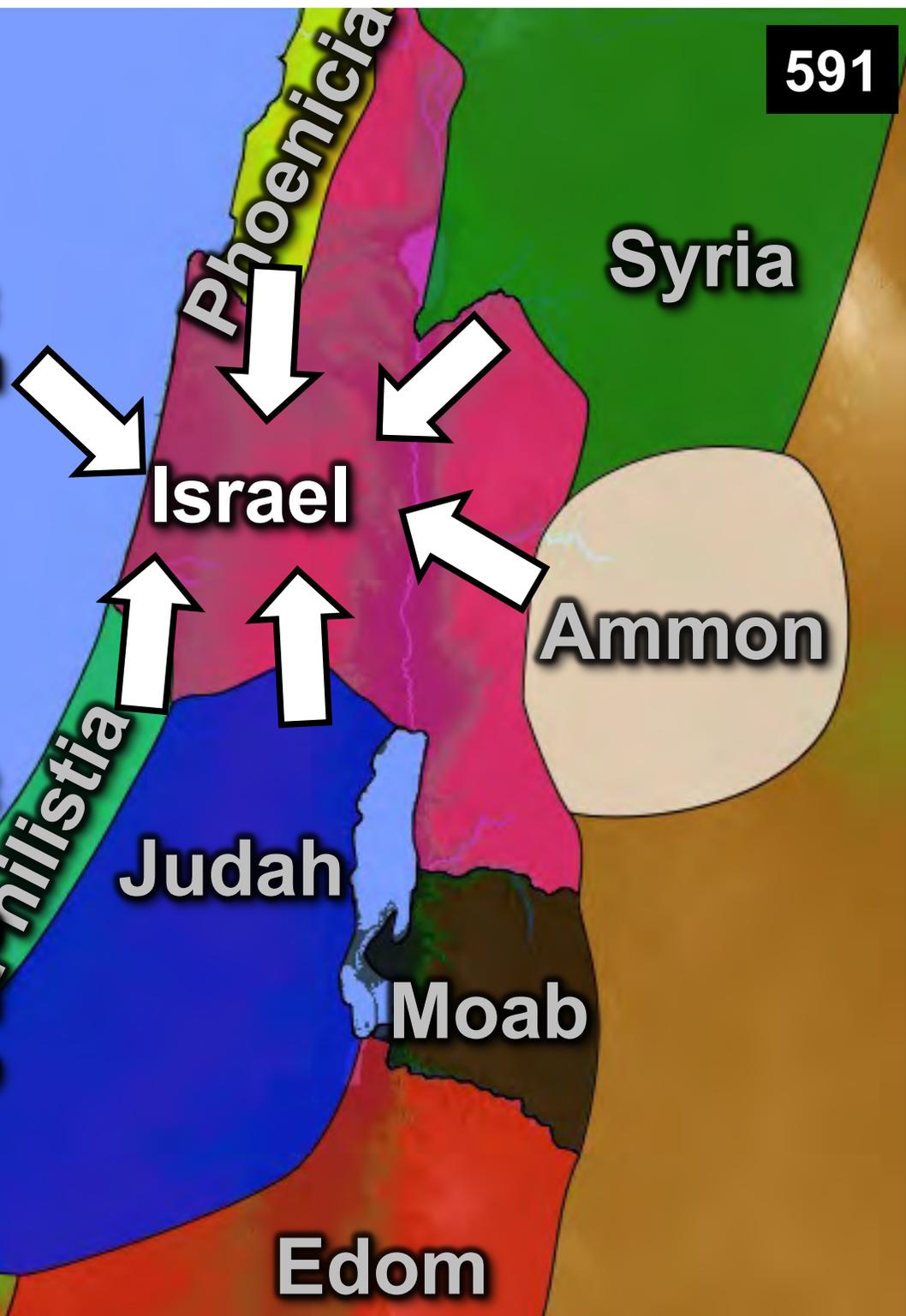


# God will Judge Israel

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*Amos 2:6-7 NIV*

"This is what the LORD says:  
'For three sins of Israel, even  
for four, I will not turn back  
[my wrath]. They sell the  
righteous for silver, and the  
needy for a pair of sandals.  
7They trample on the heads  
of the poor as upon the dust  
of the ground  
and deny justice  
to the oppressed. Father and  
son use the same girl and so  
profane my holy name.'"



# God will Judge Israel

*Amos 2:8-9 NIV*

"They lie down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge. In the house of their god they drink wine taken as fines. <sup>9</sup>I destroyed the Amorite before them, though he was tall as the cedars and strong as the oaks. I destroyed his fruit above and his roots below."

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# Crimes & Punishments of Eight Nations in Amos 1–2

NATION	CRIME	PUNISHMENT
<b>SYRIA</b> (1:1-5)	Harassed Israel many times, such as invading Gilead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Damascus burned</li> <li>▪ Strongholds burned</li> <li>▪ Citizens to be slaves (732 BC by Tiglath-Pileser III; cf. 2 Kings 16:7-9)</li> </ul>
<b>PHILISTINES</b> (1:6-8)	Sold people of Judah to Edom as slaves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Four main cities burned: Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Ekron (by Assyrians later in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC, and more completely in the Maccabean period (168-134 BC))</li> </ul>
<b>PHOENICIA</b> (1:9-10)	Sold people of Israel to Edom as slaves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tyre's forts and palaces burned (in 332 BC by Alexander)</li> </ul>
<b>EDOM</b> (1:11-12)	Murdered many Jews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cities destroyed (by 8<sup>th</sup> century Assyria and by Nabateans in 400-300 BC)</li> </ul>

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<b>AMMON</b> (1:13-15)	Murdered pregnant Jewish women of Gilead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cities burned (734 BC by Tiglath-Pileser III; cf. 2 Kings 16:7-9)</li> <li>▪ Exile of king and people</li> </ul>
<b>MOAB</b> (2:1-3)	Desecrated Edom's royal tombs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kerioth and other cities defeated in battle and burned (734 BC by Tiglath-Pileser III)</li> </ul>
<b>JUDAH</b> (2:4-5)	Rejected God's Word	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Temple was destroyed (in 586 BC by Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar)</li> </ul>
<b>ISRAEL</b> (2:6-16)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepted bribes (2:6b)</li> <li>• Abused the poor (2:7a)</li> <li>• Sexual sin (2:7b)</li> <li>• Abused collateral (2:8a)</li> <li>• False worship (2:8b)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cities destroyed (by 8<sup>th</sup> century Assyria and by Nabateans in 400-300 BC)</li> </ul>

II. God will **restore** Israel to fulfill his promises (Amos 9:8-15).



# Matthew 18:15-20

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If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. <sup>16</sup>But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

# The Mechanical Layout



**Rewrite  
the text  
for more  
accurate  
under-  
standing**

**Reveal the  
Grammar**

- 1. Main statements at left**
- 2. One statement per line**
- 3. Subordinate clauses below**
- 4. Modifiers generally below**
- 5. Coordinate clauses at left**
- 6. Lists tabulated vertically**

# Ephesians 4:11-15 ASV (1901)

11 And he gave  
    some (to be) apostles  
    and some, prophets;  
    and some, evangelists  
    and some,  
        pastors  
        and teachers;  
12 for the *perfecting* of the saints,  
    unto the work of ministering,  
    unto the building up of the body of Christ:  
13 till we all *attain*  
    unto the unity  
        of the faith,  
        and of the knowledge of the Son of God,  
    unto a fullgrown man,  
    unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:  
14 that we may be no longer *children*,  
    tossed to and fro  
    and *carried about* with every wind of doctrine,  
        by the sleight of men,  
        in craftiness,  
        after the wiles of error;  
15 but \_\_\_\_\_ may *grow up*  
    speaking truth in love, in all things  
        into him,  
            who is the head,  
            (even) Christ;

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**go** and show him his fault, just between the two of you.  
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**How to  
Restore  
15-17**

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