

The background of the slide is a grayscale image of a stone tablet, likely the Ten Commandments. It features a dove perched on a branch in the center, with Hebrew text inscribed on the tablet. The word 'AMOS' is superimposed in large red letters over the top half of the image.

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Key Word

**583
343**

Injustice

Amos

Theme

583

**Judgment for
Social Injustice**

Amos

Key Verse

583

"But let **justice roll on like a
river, righteousness like a
never-failing stream"
(5:24).**

Amos

Kingdom Statement

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Social **injustice should not occur in God's elect nation appointed to rule the world, so it will be disciplined (1:1–9:7) and restored under a Davidic king (9:8-15).**

Amos



Summary Statement

Amos' message of judgment upon social **injustice of Israel and the surrounding nations warns of the coming exile and declares God's promise to restore a remnant in faithfulness to the Davidic Covenant to urge the nation to repent.**

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Covenant

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The Davidic covenant promise of an eternal reign (2 Sam. 7:12-14) will occur after God judges Israel and places Christ on the throne of David (9:11).

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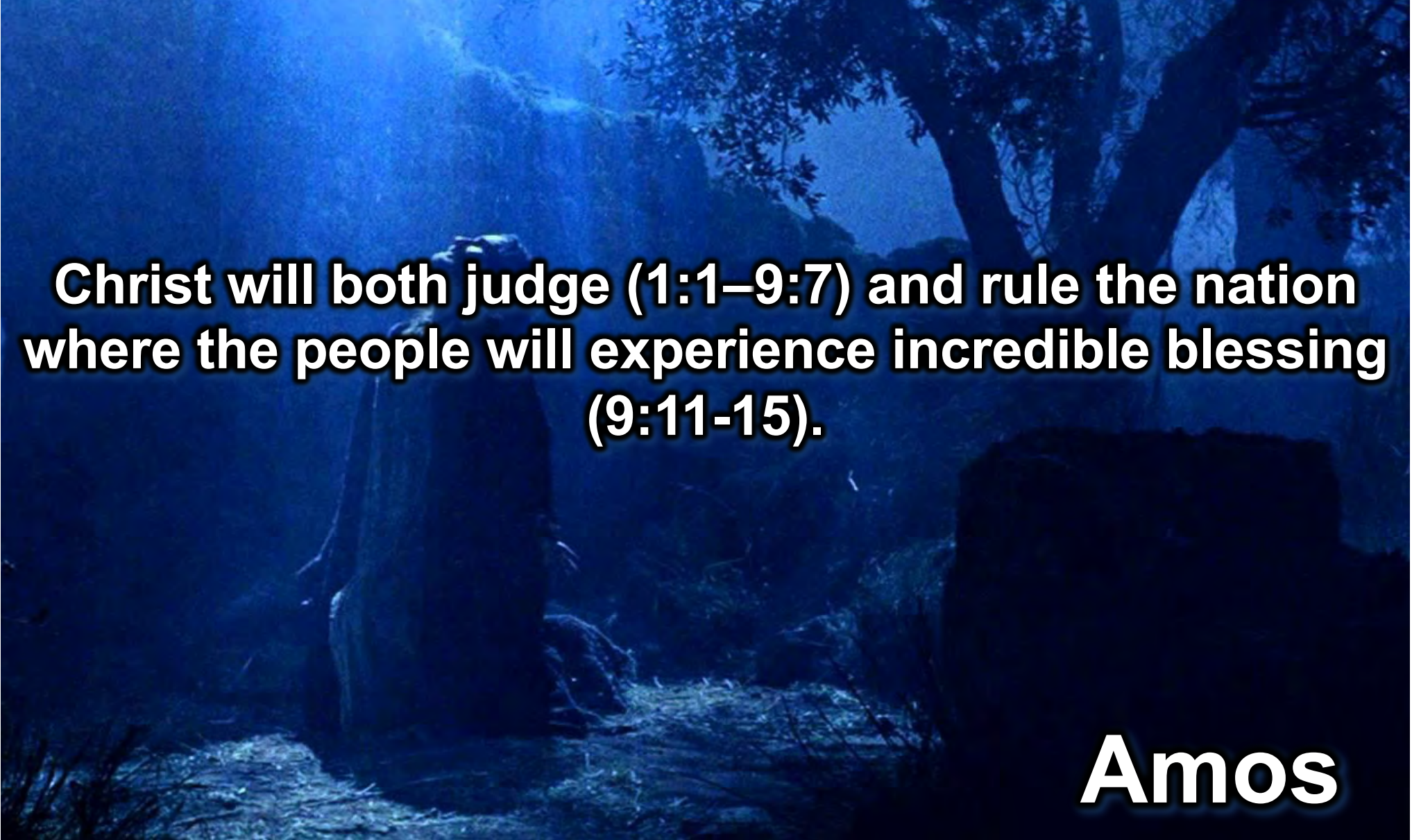
Redemption

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The LORD promises salvation of a remnant within the northern nation of Israel in the midst of judgment (3:12; 9:8) who will be restored to the land in blessing (9:11-15).

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Messiah



Christ will both judge (1:1–9:7) and rule the nation where the people will experience incredible blessing (9:11-15).

Amos

Judgment for Social Injustice

Eight Judgments	Three Sermons	Five Visions	Promise of Restoration
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)
God's Impartiality	God's Justice	God's Judgments	God's Grace
Pronouncements of Judgment	Provocations of Judgment	Future of Judgment	Promises after Judgment
Judgment			Renewal
Horror			Hope
Neighbor Nations	Northern Nation		
767-753 BC (before the fall of Samaria)			

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- 1 Judgment on Judah's neighbors
- 2 Ungodliness of Israel explained
- 3 Destruction of Israel coming
- 4 God's reproofs went unnoticed
- 5 Making plea for repentance
- 6 Elimination of unrighteous wealthy
- 7 Nature of God's judgments
- 8 Time ripe for judgment
- 9 Scattering and Israel's restoration



Be Just

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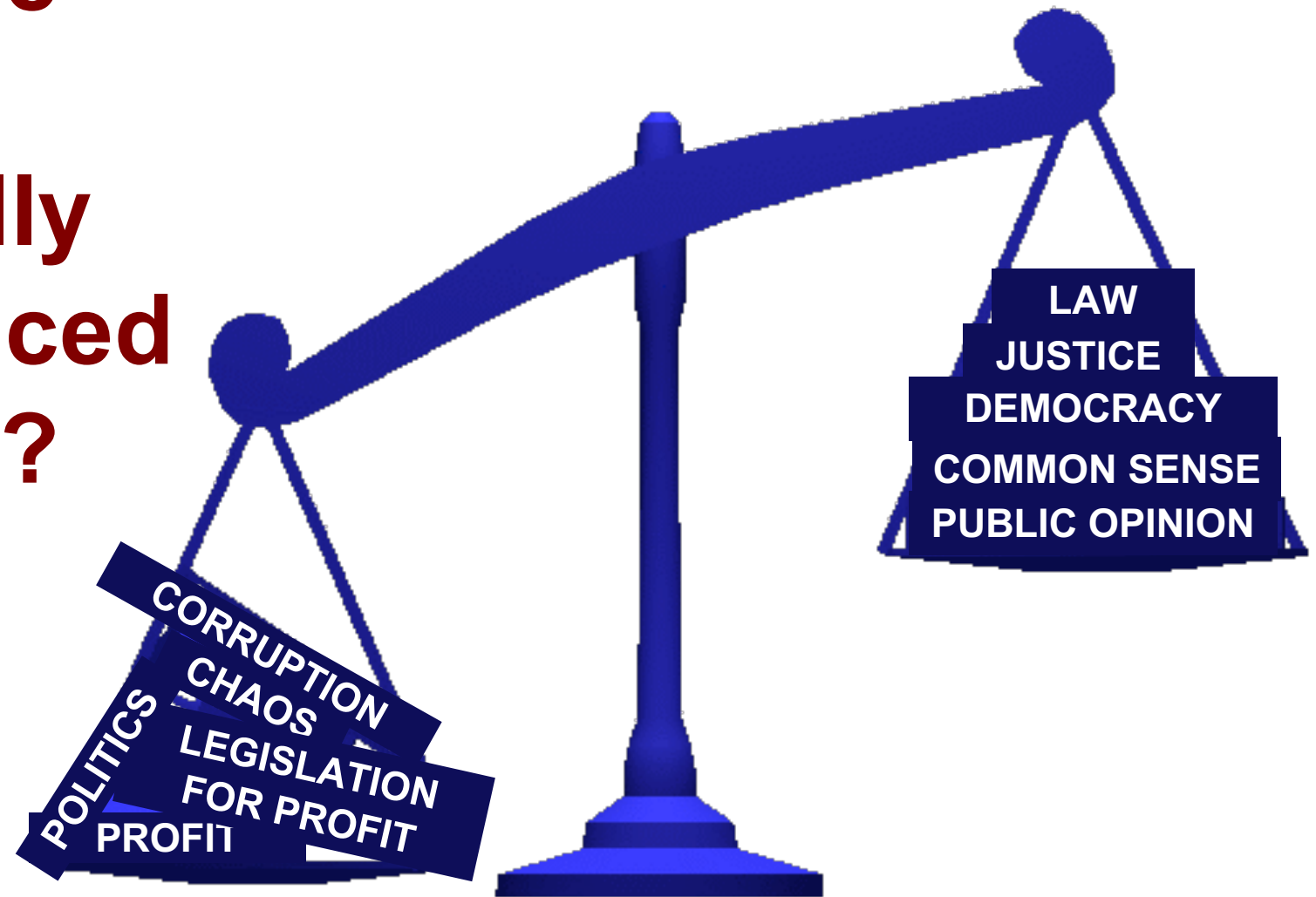
Discussion Group Question

**How would you
define social
justice?**



What About You?

How have
you
personally
experienced
injustice?



How does God respond to **injustice**?

Two ways...



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



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



Amos

**God is just
—past, present and future—
so we should be just too**



—Main Idea of Amos—

Applications

Prosperous Christians must not wink at social injustice:

- 1. What social injustices do you see in your country?**
- 2. What responsibility does the church have to correct these wrongs?**
- 3. What is God telling you to do about a social inequity?**

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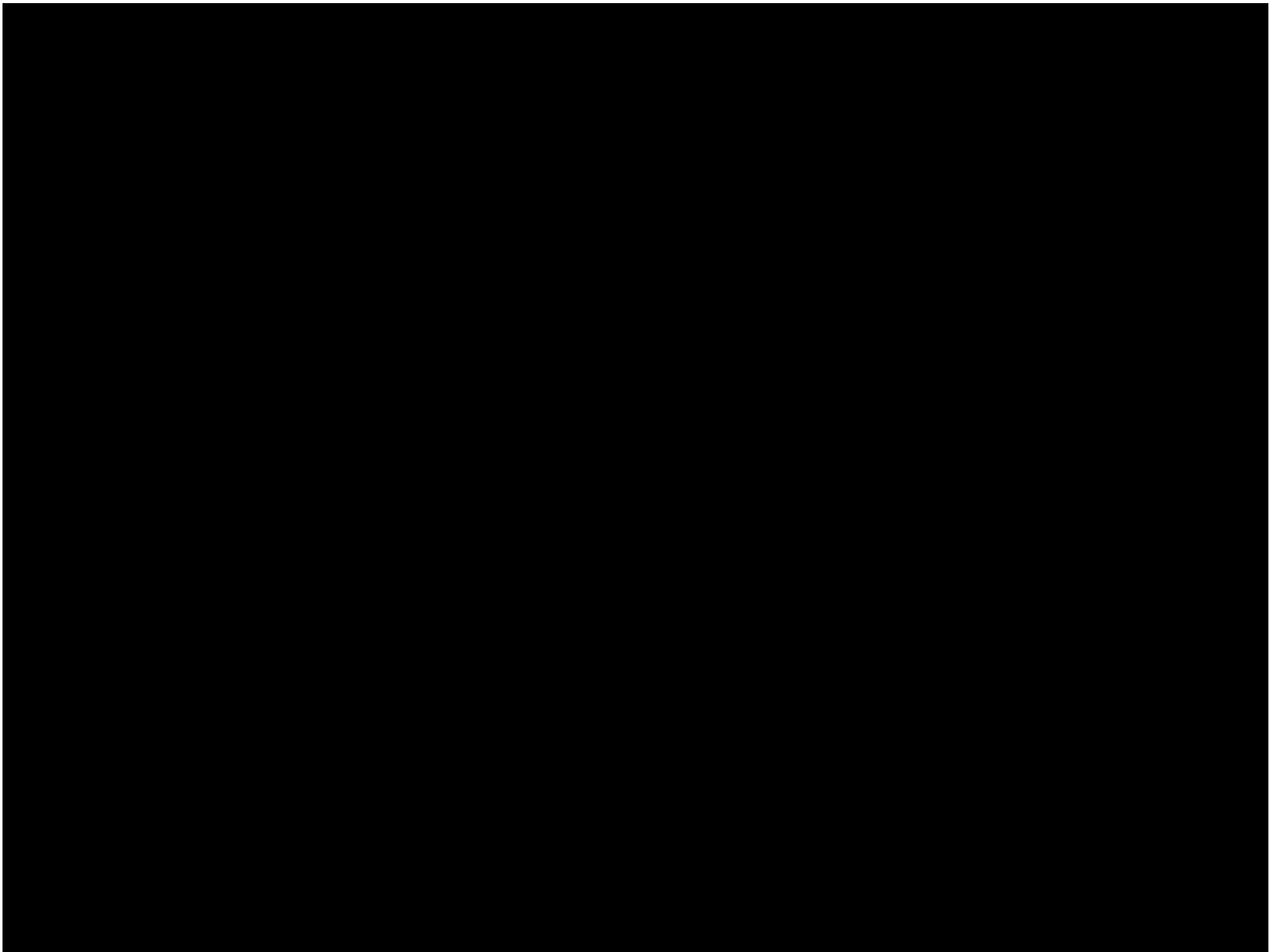
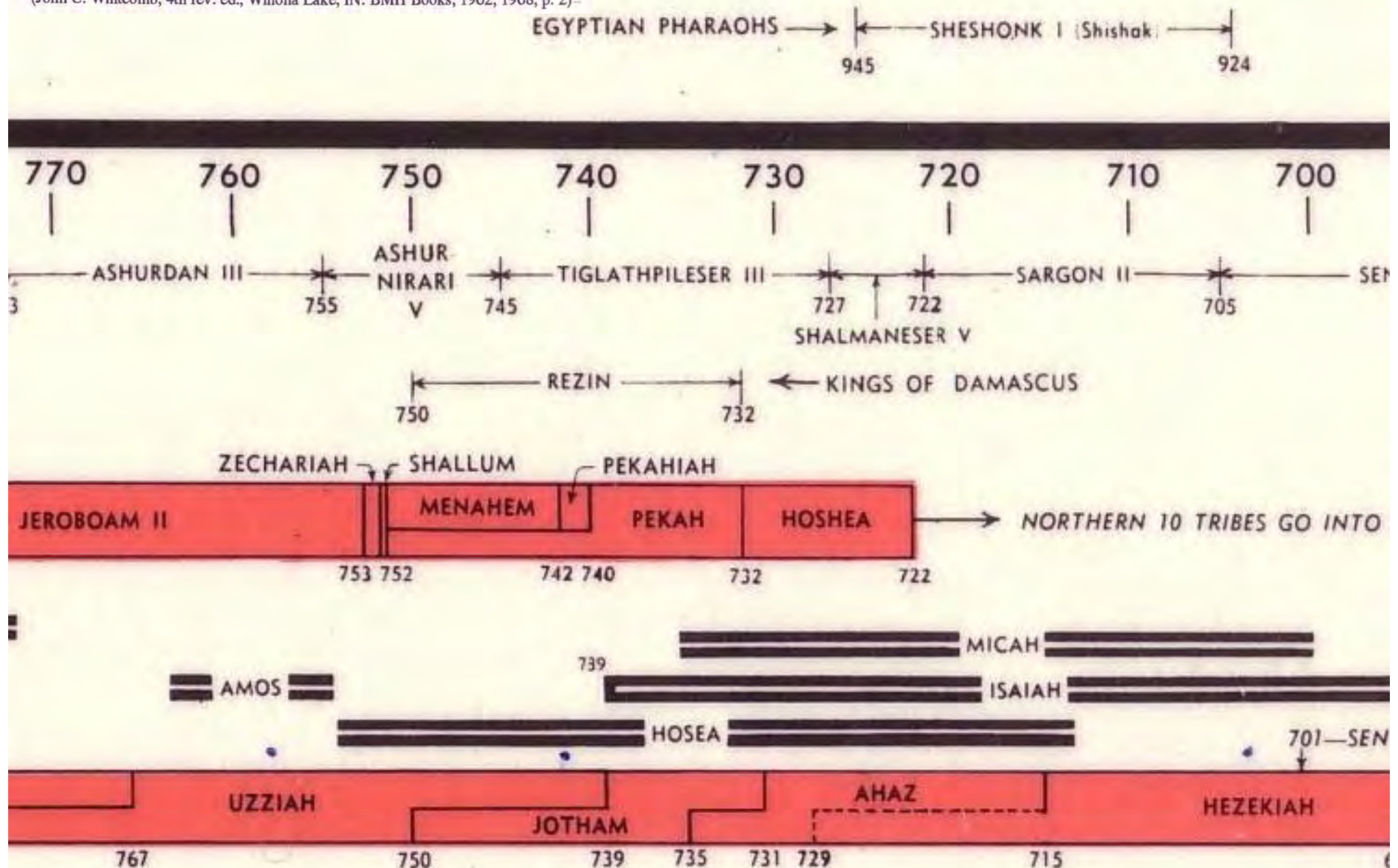


Chart of OT Kings & Prophets

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Chart of Old Testament Kings and Prophets

(John C. Whitcomb, 4th rev. ed., Winona Lake, IN: BMH Books, 1962, 1968, p. 2)



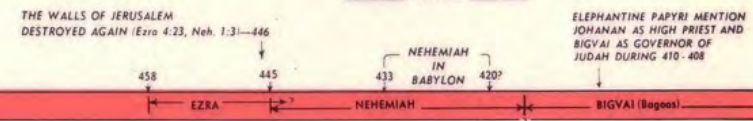
Placing the Prophets

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Key Dates



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Authorship and Date

- Amos not known outside of his writings
- Native of Tekoa
- Shepherd (1:1) or possibly businessman
- Fig farmer (7:14)
- Lived during the prosperous reigns of Uzziah, king of Judah (779-740 BC) and Jeroboam II, king of Samaria (783-743 BC)

Black Lives Matter
Of course they do.

BLM on the Streets



Why all the protests and riots in 2020?

At Trump Tower, New York City



Politicians Joined the Protests



NYC Mayor
DeBlasio

The Former BLM Website

BLACK
LIVES
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We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.



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WHAT WE BELIEVE

TAKE ACTION

Four years ago, what is now known as the Black Lives Matter Global Network began as a chant, a mission, a vision, and a movement.

In the beginning and creating a world free of anti-Blackness, where every Black person has the social, economic, and political power to thrive.

Black Lives Matter began as a call to action in response to state-sanctioned violence and

for Freedom, Liberation and Justice
supporting our work, checking out
on social media, or wearing our

We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise).

MOVEMENT

updates on special launches,
network actions, programs, partnerships, and more!

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<https://blacklivesmatter.com/about/> on 25 July 2020 (but boxes above deleted in Aug 2020)

Black Lives Matter Website Updated

ABOUT

#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc is a global organization with chapters in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to end anti-Black supremacy and build local power to liberate Black communities. We are combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy, we are winning immediate improvements in our lives.

We are expansive. We are a collective of liberators who believe in a movement. We also believe that in order to win and bring as many Black lives as possible, we must move beyond the narrow nationalism that is all too common in Black communities. We must ensure we are building a movement that brings all of Black lives into the fold.

We affirm the lives of Black queer and trans folks...and all Black lives along the gender spectrum.

We are working for a world where Black lives are no longer systematically targeted for demise.

We affirm our humanity, our contributions to this society, and our right to live free from deadly oppression.

The call for Black lives to matter is a rallying cry for ALL Black lives for liberation.

TAKE ACTION

Join the Movement to fight for Freedom, Liberation and Justice by signing up for updates, supporting our resources, and more.

BLM is "combating and countering acts of violence" as BLM protests burn down the cities of America!

"We are expansive...beyond the narrow nationalism...in Black communities" says they should not be patriotic Americans.

"We affirm the lives of Black queer and trans folks...and all Black lives along the gender spectrum."

"We are working for a world where Black lives are no longer systematically targeted for demise."

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<https://blacklivesmatter.com/about/> on 3 Oct 2020

BLM Founders

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NEWS ABOUT PROGRAMS GLOBAL ACTIONS WATCH+LISTEN SHOP



WHAT MATTERS RESOURCES CHAPTERS **DONATE**

HERSTORY

In 2013, three radical Black organizers — Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi — created a Black-centered political will and movement building project called #BlackLivesMatter. It was in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer, George Zimmerman.



Alicia Garza

Lesbian

Patrisse Cullors

Lesbian

Opal Tometi

TAKE ACTION

Join the Movement to fight for Freedom, Liberation and Justice by signing up for updates, supporting our work, checking out our resources, following us on social media, or wearing our dope, official gear.

JOIN THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT

Sign up here for updates on special launches, network actions, programs, partnerships, and more!

ADD YOUR NAME

<https://blacklivesmatter.com/about/> on 25 July 2020

Is God Concerned for Social Justice?

“The LORD is a God of social justice.” That’s the message in maybe most churches and synagogues in America and the West today. But here’s the problem. The Bible doesn’t actually say that. It says in Isaiah, “The LORD [is a God of] justice” [Isa 5:16]. You’ll find a lot of references to justice in the Bible. But you’ll never find it preceded by the word “social.” But you’re probably thinking, “What’s the difference? Isn’t God the God of justice and social justice?” Well, not if he is consistent.

You see, God cannot be the God of “justice” and “social justice” because social justice is not just.

Justice is getting what you deserve without favor.

Social justice is getting what you don’t deserve because you are favored.

Justice is blind.

Social justice is not.

Jan Markel, “The Church: Hijacked and Infiltrated,” podcast 25 July 2020
<https://www.oneplace.com/ministries/understanding-the-times/> accessed 25 July 2020

Black Lives Matter

Every day, we recommit to healing ourselves and each other and to co-creating alongside comrades, allies, and family a culture where each person feels seen, heard, and supported.

We acknowledge, respect, and celebrate difference and commonalities.

We work vigorously for freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension, all people.

We intentionally build and nurture a beloved community that is bonded together through a beautiful struggle that is restorative, not depleting.

We are unapologetically Black.

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We make space for transgender brothers and sisters to participate and lead.

We are self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege and uplift Black trans folk, especially Black trans women who continue to be disproportionately impacted by trans-antagonistic violence.

We build a space that affirms Black women and is free from sexism, misogyny, and environments in which men are centered.

We practice empathy. We engage comrades with the intent to learn about and connect with their contexts.

HELP US FIGHT DISINFORMATION

We need to see what you see. Black Lives Matter is a central target of disinformation and you are a key line of defense. Report suspicious sites, stories, ads, social accounts, and posts about BLM.

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Official 3 Stripe Streak Tee

Short Sleeve, Midweight, Crewneck
\$25.00



Official Red Heart Hashtag Fitted Tee

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Types of Justice

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Justice

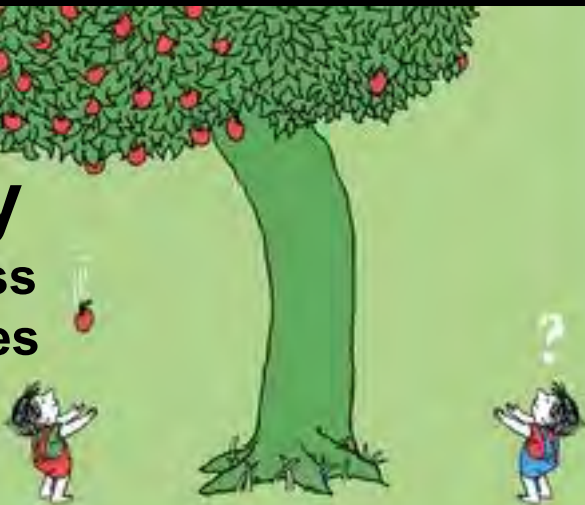


Social Justice

Distinguishing Terms

Inequality

Unequal access
to opportunities



Equality?

Evenly
distributed
tools and
assistance



Equity

Custom tools
that identify
and address
inequality



Justice

Fixing the
system to
offer equal
access to
both tools and
opportunities

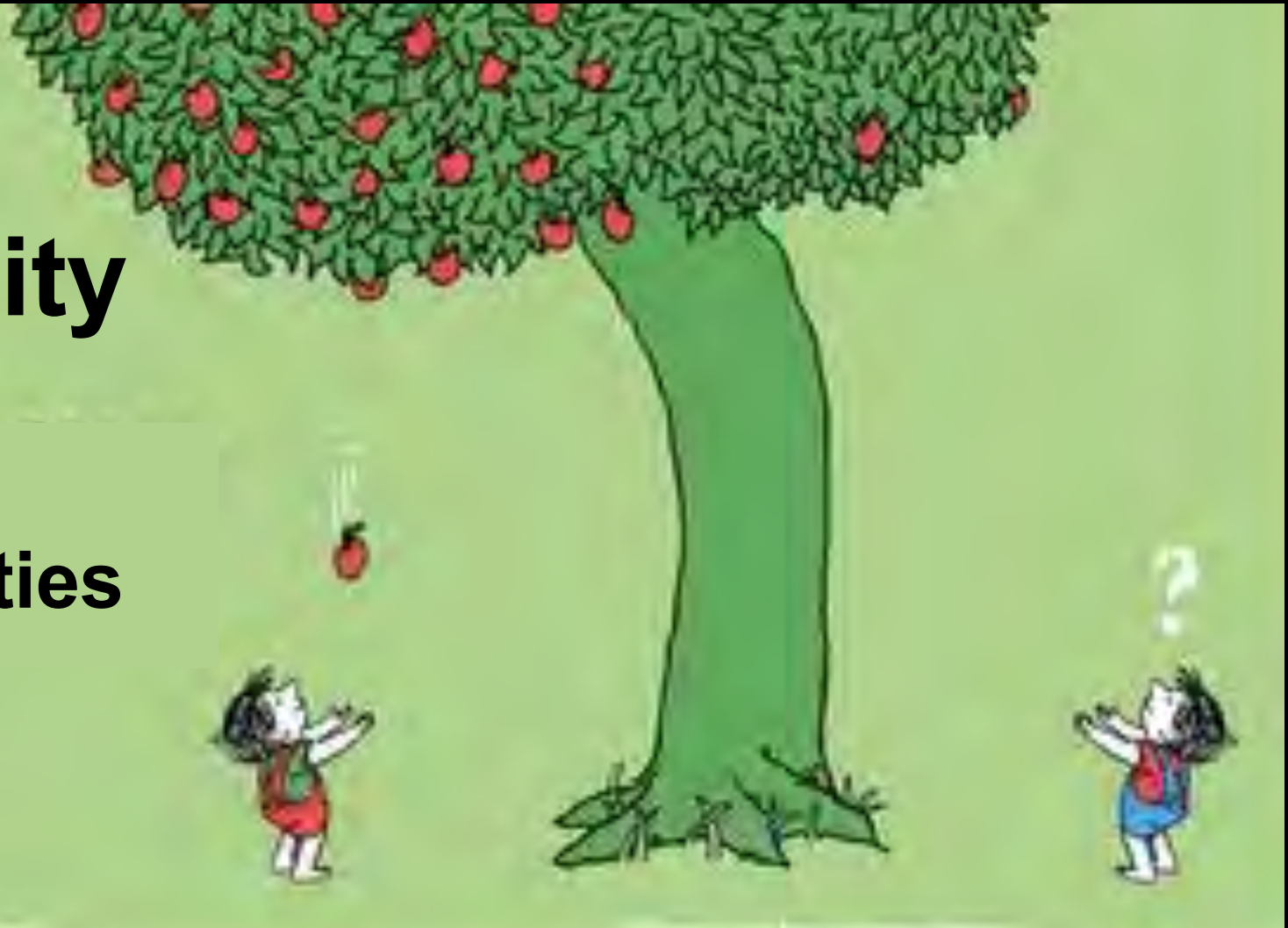


Tony Ruth cited by John Maeda, "2019 Design in Tech Report"

(<https://designintech.report/2019/03/11/%F0%9F%93%B1design-in-tech-report-2019-section-6-addressing-imbalance/>)

Critiquing the Inequality Tree

Inequality
Unequal
access to
opportunities

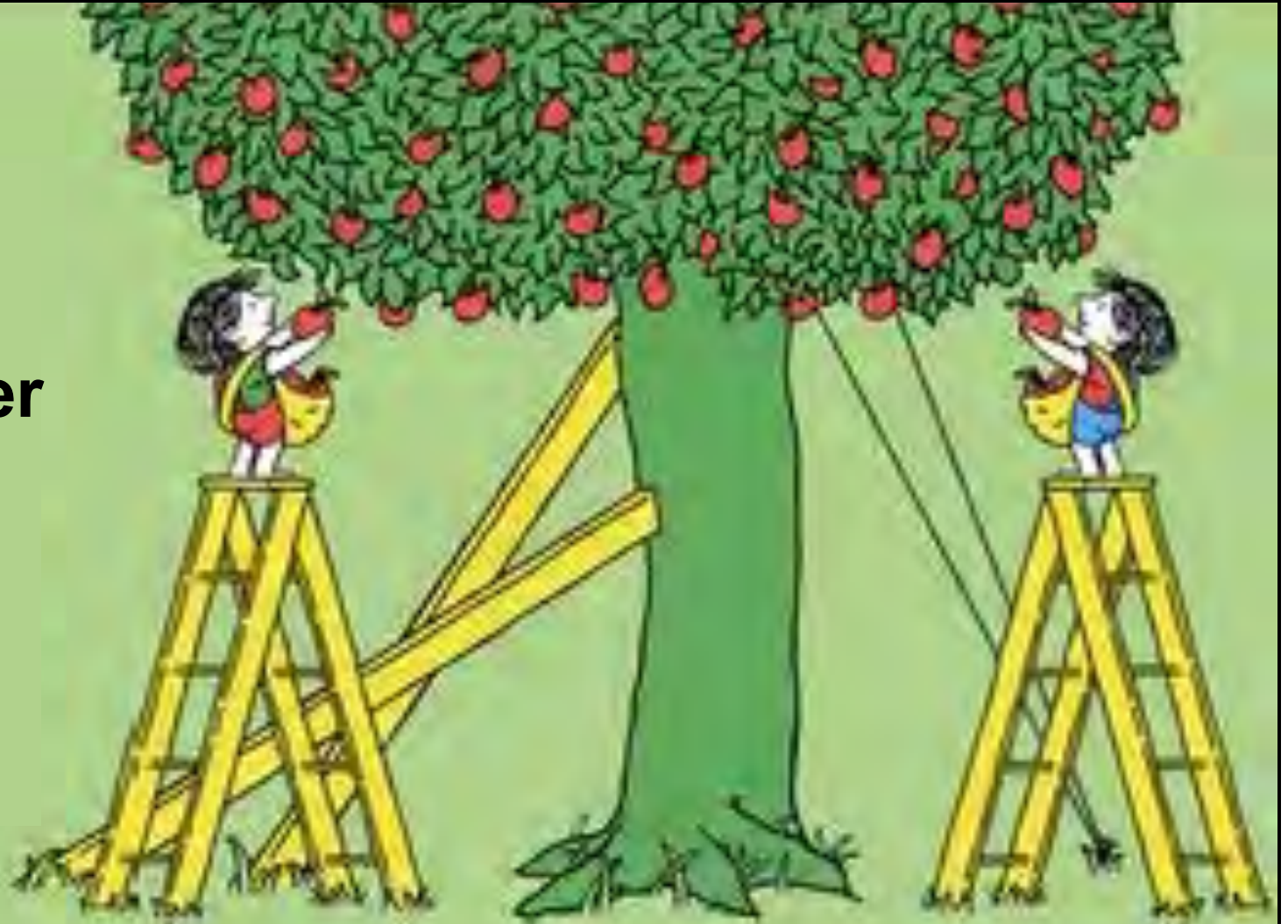


Richard Leong, "The problem with that new equity vs. equality cartoon you're sharing," 26 May 2020 (<https://medium.com/@leong.richard212/the-problem-with-that-new-equity-vs-equality-cartoon-youre-sharing-f1ebdfc793e8>)

Critiquing the Justice Tree

Justice

Fixing the system to offer equal access to both tools and opportunities



Richard Leong, "The problem with that new equity vs. equality cartoon you're sharing," 26 May 2020 (<https://medium.com/@leong.richard212/the-problem-with-that-new-equity-vs-equality-cartoon-youre-sharing-f1ebdfc793e8>)

Communist Ideology



**“WE ARE
TRAINED
MARXISTS.”**

**—PATRISSE CULLORS, COFOUNDER
OF BLACK LIVES MATTER**


**She sounds like a communist until you see
that she bought four homes with the \$80
million she raised to help the poor!**

Marxists Need Capitalists

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Evaluating BLM Biblically

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- A young Black child is shown from the chest up, holding a large, old, and worn Bible open. The child is looking down at the text in the Bible. The Bible has a dark cover with some gold lettering, and the pages are yellowed and aged. The child is wearing a white garment. The background is a wooden wall.
- BLM rejects God like all Marxist philosophies
 - BLM rejects the family
 - BLM rejects country
 - BLM disrespects property
 - God says to live in peace—not riot against others (1 Tim 2:24)

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Christians Protect Babies

The Drop Box

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Discussion Group Question

**How would you
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What About You?

How have
you
personally
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How does God respond to **injustice**?

Does He care?



Key Verse

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"But let **justice roll on like a
river, righteousness like a
never-failing stream"
(Amos 5:24).**

Amos



The Twelve

Courage to Confront Culture

—A Preaching Series on the Minor Prophets—



MINOR PROPHETS MAJOR PROFIT

Big Issues in the Little Books

Amos 1

The Prophet Amos

"The words of Amos, one of the shepherds of Tekoa—what he saw concerning Israel two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel."

Amos 1:1 NIV

When Amos Wrote





Assyrian Expansion

The Setting: Assyrian Might

Strong
883-783

Weak

Strong
745-626

790-745



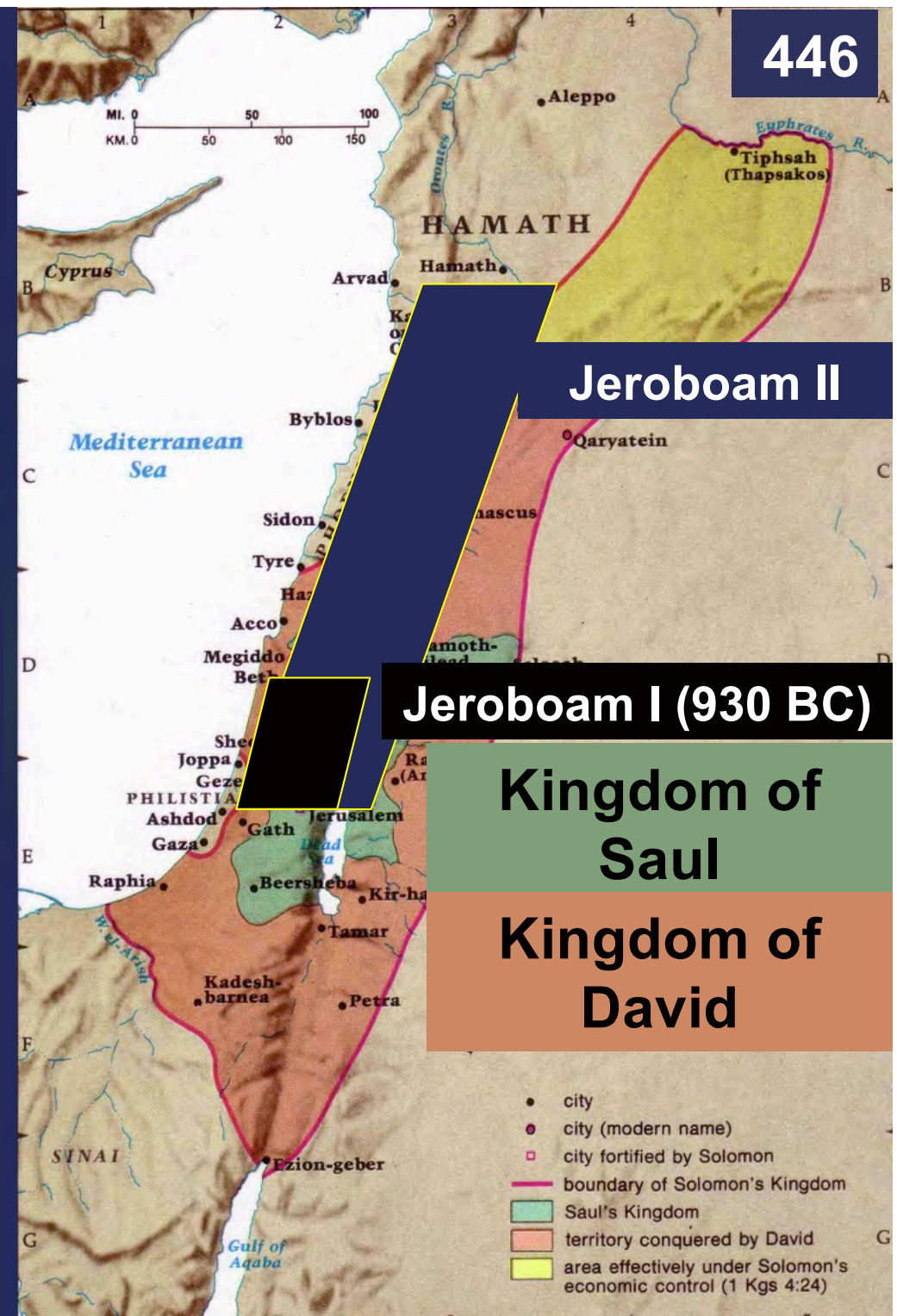
**Jonah &
Amos**

Expansion under Jeroboam II

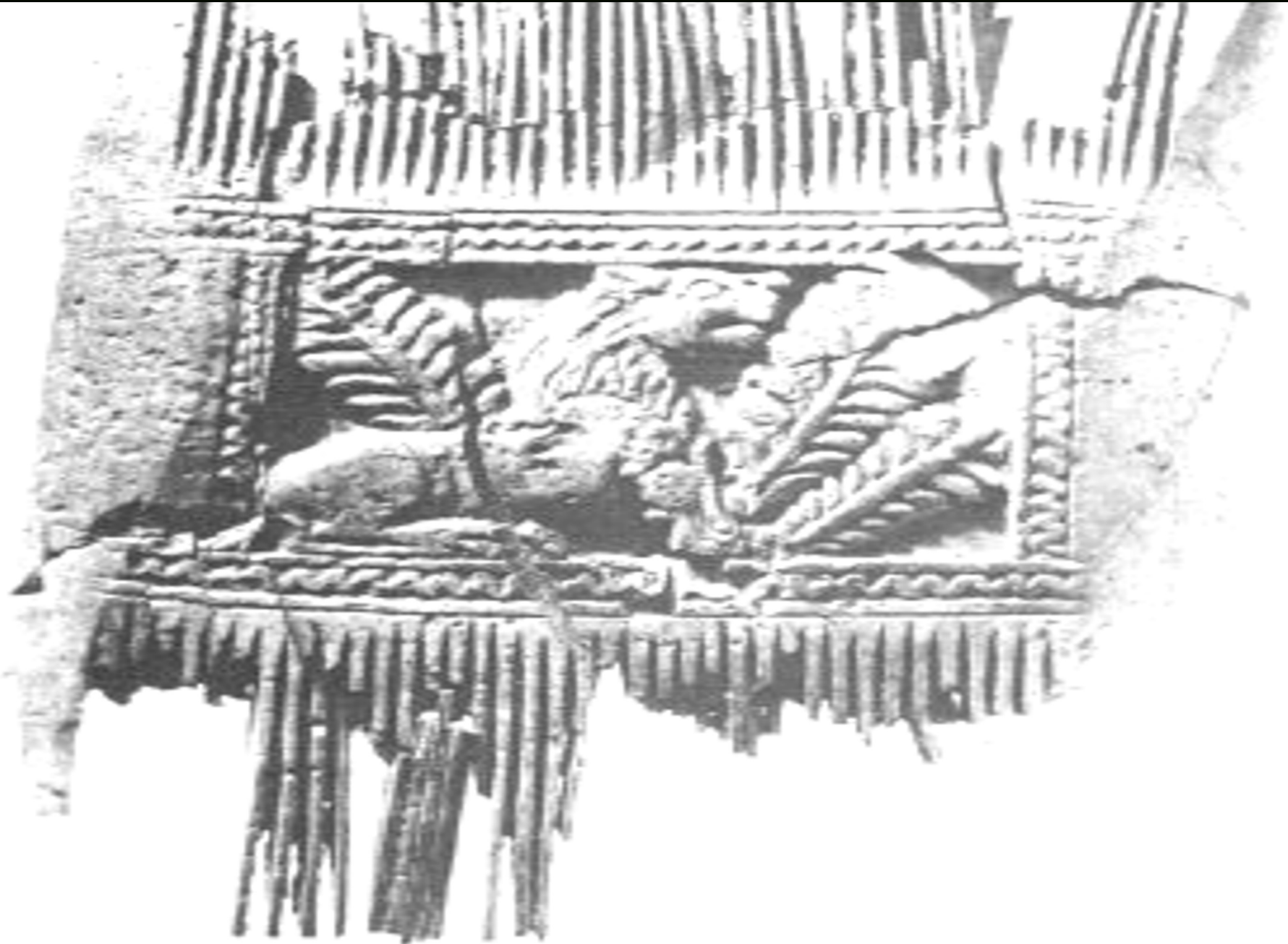
"Jeroboam II recovered the territories of Israel between Lebo-hamath and the Dead Sea,* just as the Lord, the God of Israel, had promised through Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath-hepher."

(2 Kings 14:25 NLT).

* Hebrew *the sea of the Arabah*



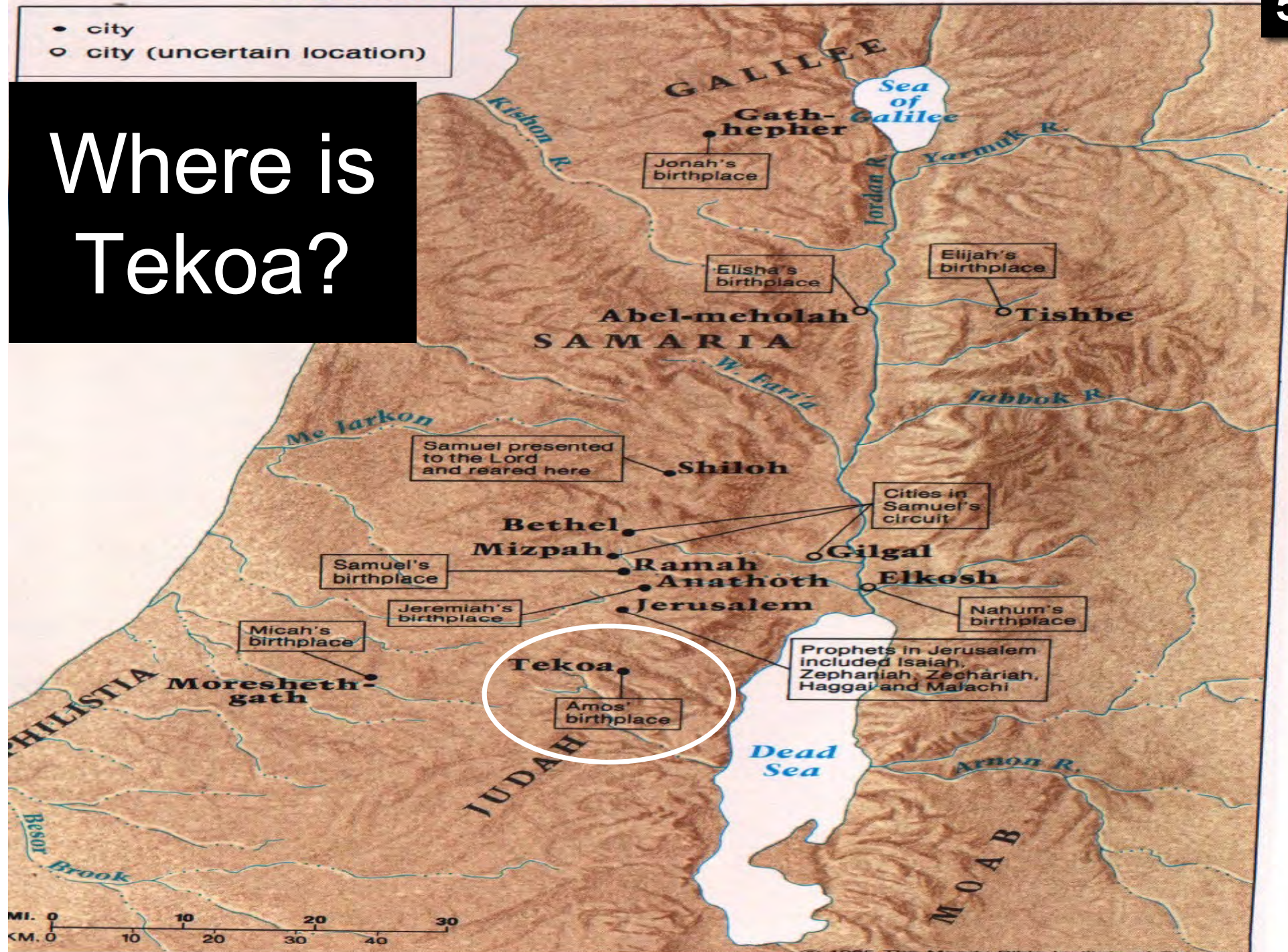
Ivory comb from time of Amos



Perils of Prosperity

	Jonah	Amos	Hosea
Responsibility Addressed	Evangelistic	Social	Spiritual
Israel's Problem	Myopia	Injustice	Adultery
God's Attribute	Compassion	Justice	Faithfulness
Key Word	Compassion	Injustice	Loyal
Summary	God cares even for cruel Gentiles, so you should too!	God is fair with you, so you should be fair with others!	God keeps His covenant with you, so be faithful to Him as well!
Modern Parallels	Failure in Mission Responsibility	Oppression of Maids & Foreign Workers	Church's God is Modernity (Methods)
Date of Ministry (approx.)	785-758 Beginning of Jeroboam's Reign	767-753 Middle of Jeroboam's Reign	755-710 End of Jeroboam's Reign

Where is
Tekoa?



God's View of Injustice



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"The LORD
roars from Zion
and
thunders from
Jerusalem;
the pastures of
the shepherds
dry up,
and the top
of Carmel
witheres."

Amos 1:2 NIV

Historical Background

- **A Hebrew prophet's ministry and message were intimately bound up with the conditions in which the people to whom he preached lived, and Amos' book is no exception.**
- **Israel under Jeroboam II had economic prosperity**
- **But they abused the peasant class**
- **Social conditions in Samaria affected religious habits**



Amos

**The first prophet to preach
Israel's captivity**

Characteristics

- A. The most negative of the prophets with only 8 positive verses (9:8-15)**
- B. Blunt businessman-like language**
- C. First prophet to condemn not only Israel and Judah, but also the surrounding nations**
- D. The object of intense study (60 different commentaries)**

How does God respond to **injustice**?

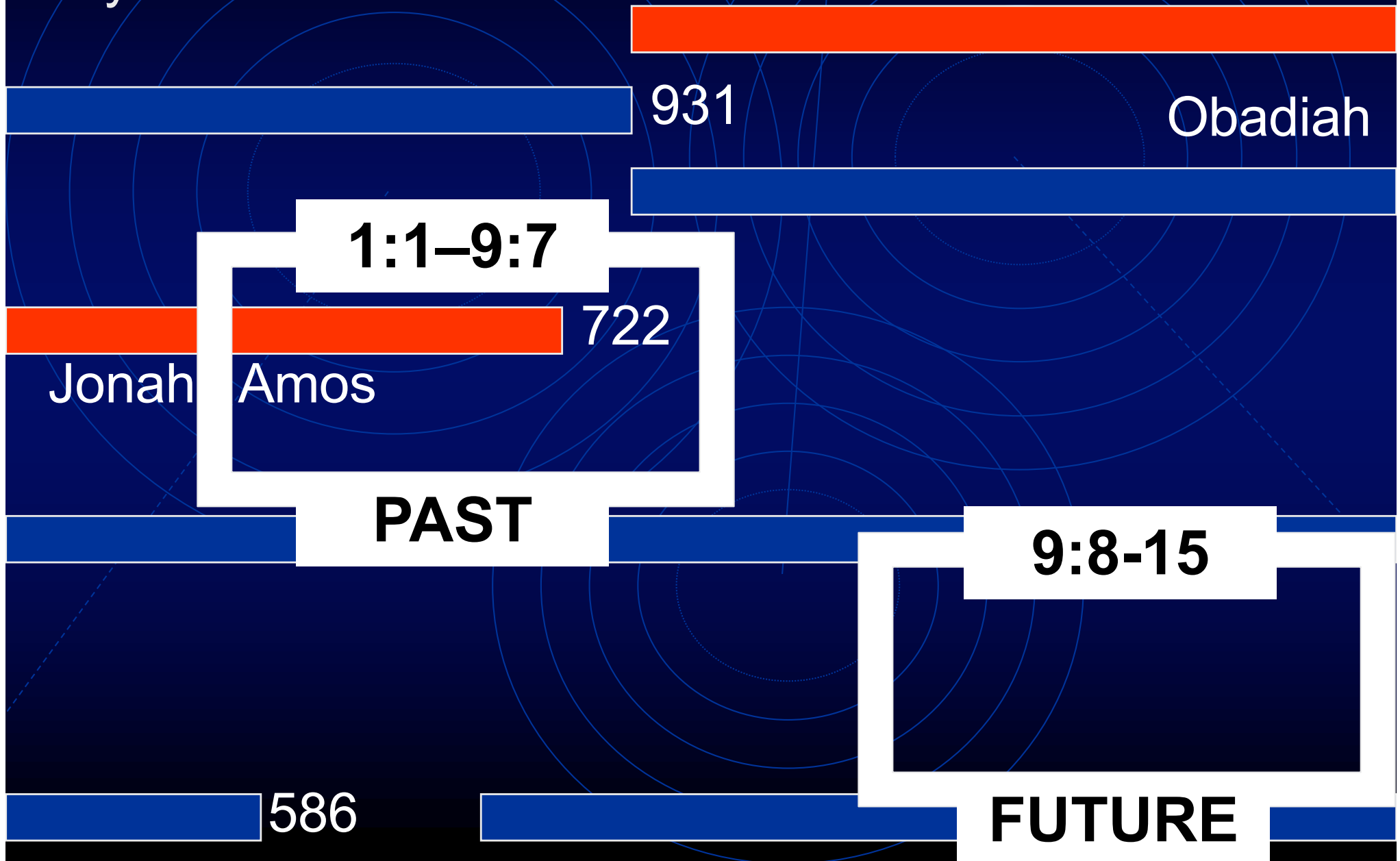
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Placing the Prophets

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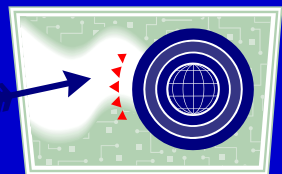
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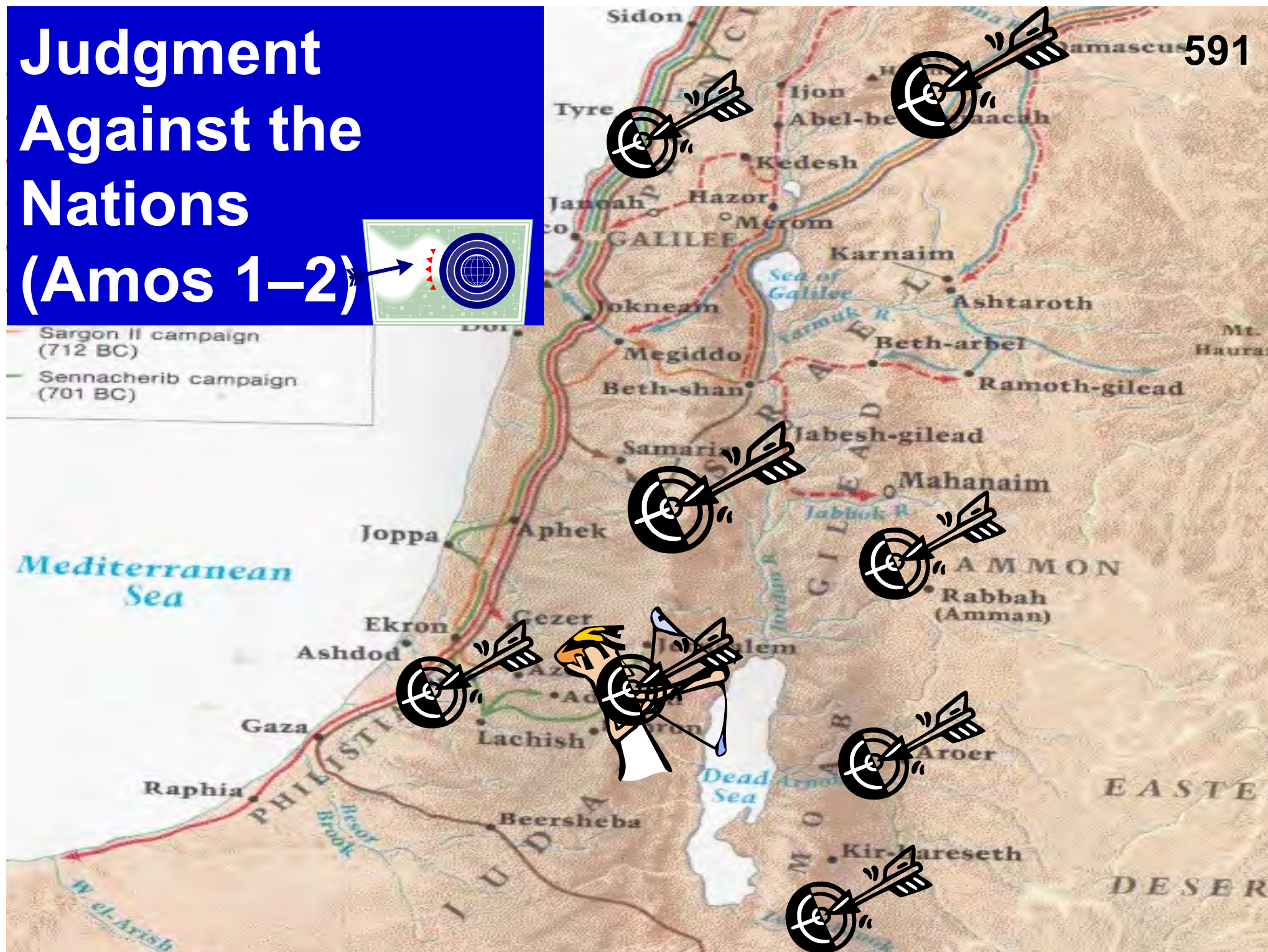
I. God **judged** injustice in Israel (Amos 1:1–9:7).



Judgment Against the Nations (Amos 1–2)



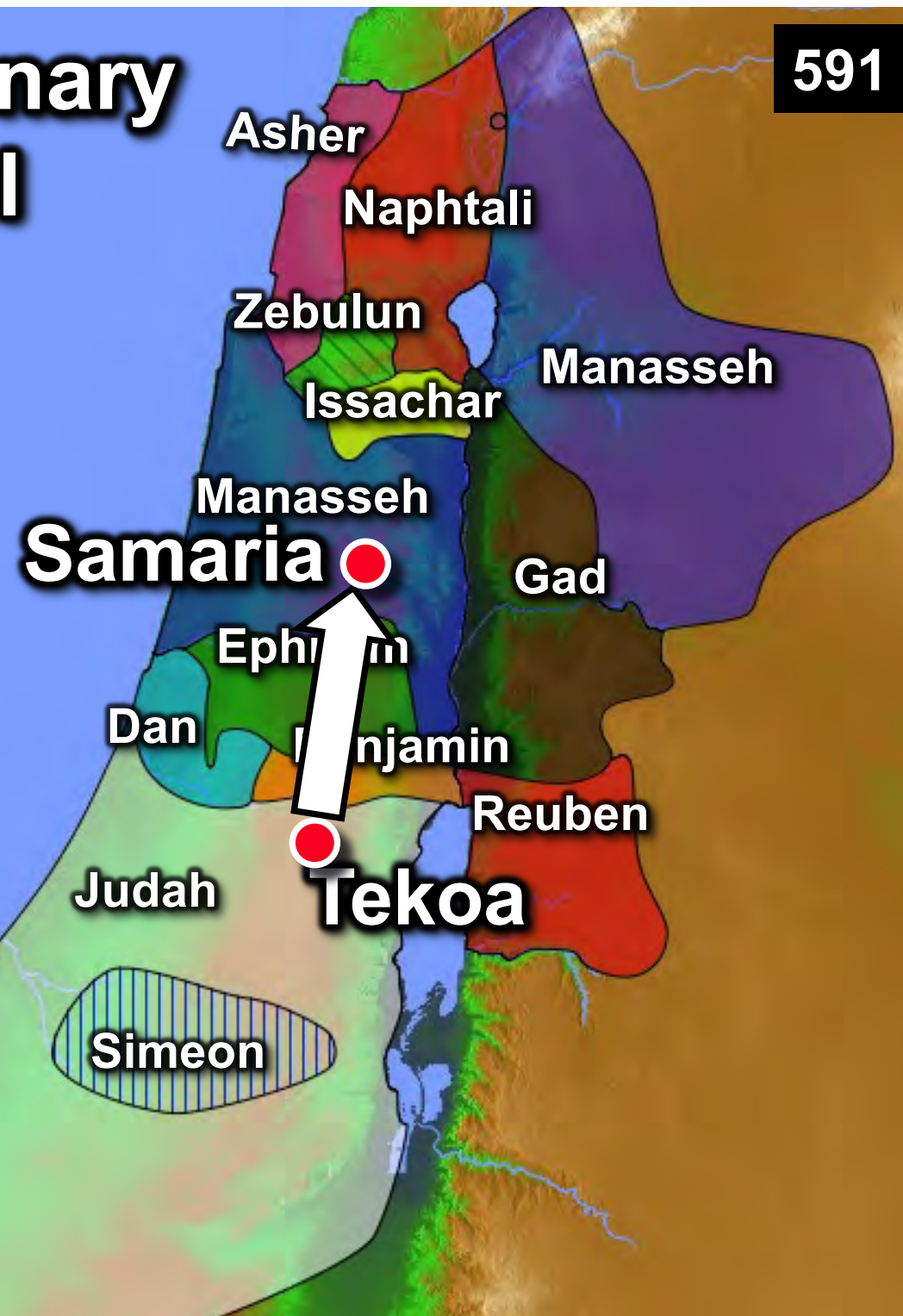
Sargon II campaign
(712 BC)
Sennacherib campaign
(701 BC)



Amos was a missionary from Judah to Israel

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Amos was from
Tekoa in Judah
but God called
him north to
Samaria in
Manasseh
(Israel's capital)



Judgment Against the Nations (Amos 1–2)

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



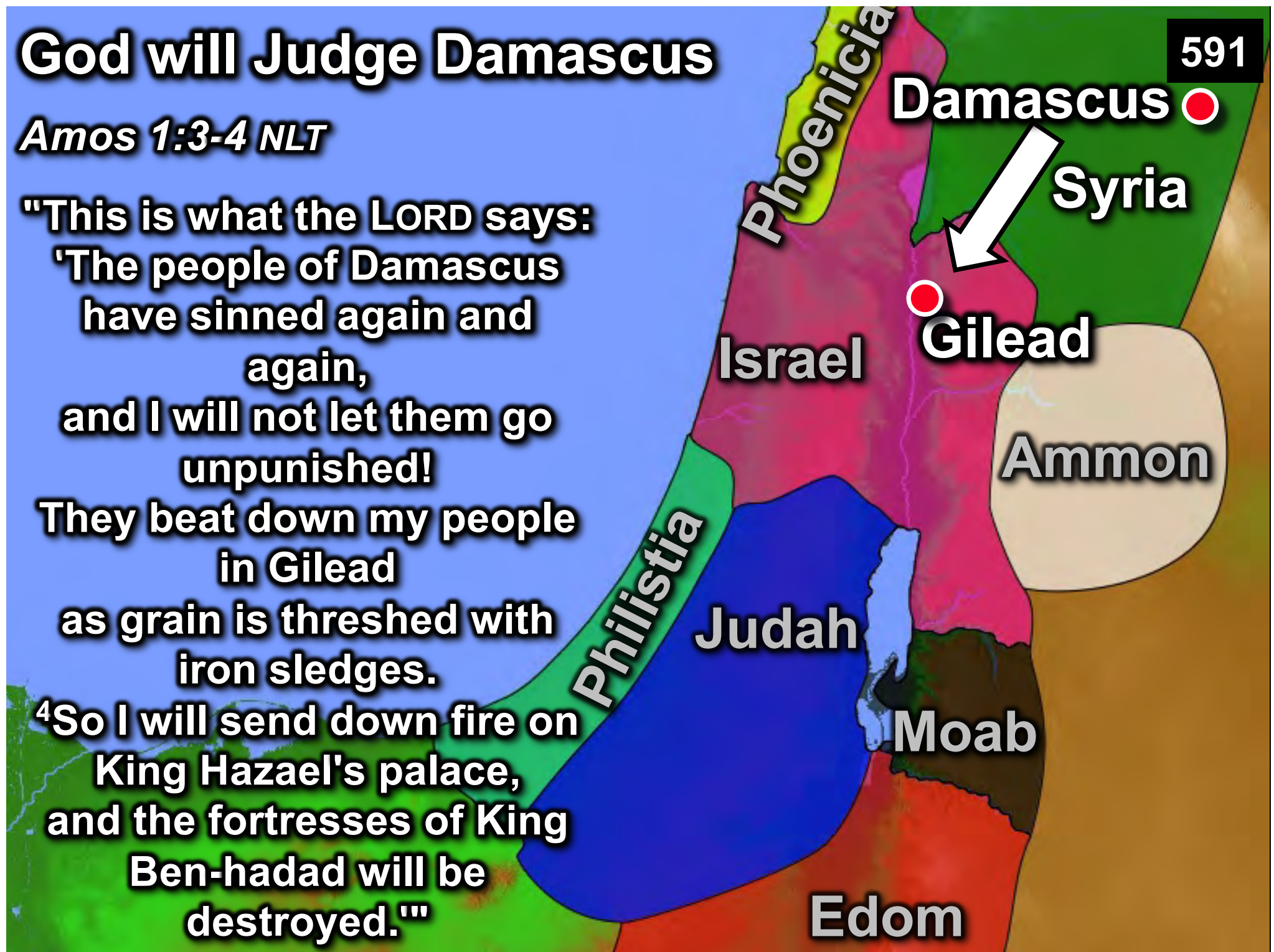
God will Judge Damascus

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.

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



God will Judge Philistia

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,
⁷I will send fire upon the walls
of Gaza that will consume her
fortresses.'"



God will Judge Phoenicia

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, ¹⁰I will send
fire upon the walls of Tyre
that will consume her
fortresses."

Tyre



Israel

Judah

Moab

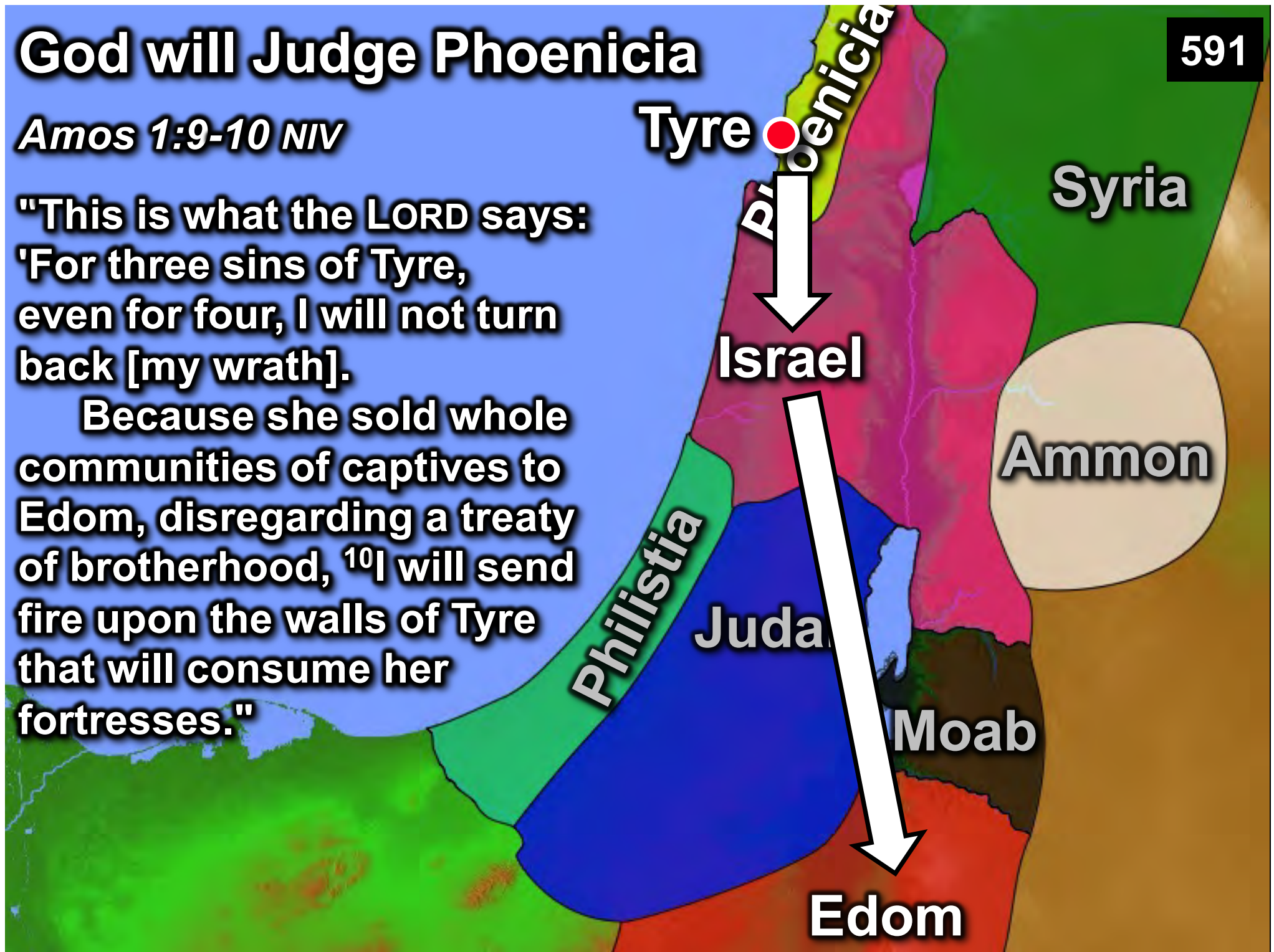
Edom

Syria

Ammon

Philistia

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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.

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



God will Judge Ammon

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.

¹⁴So 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. ¹⁵And their king and his
princes will go into exile together,'
says the LORD."

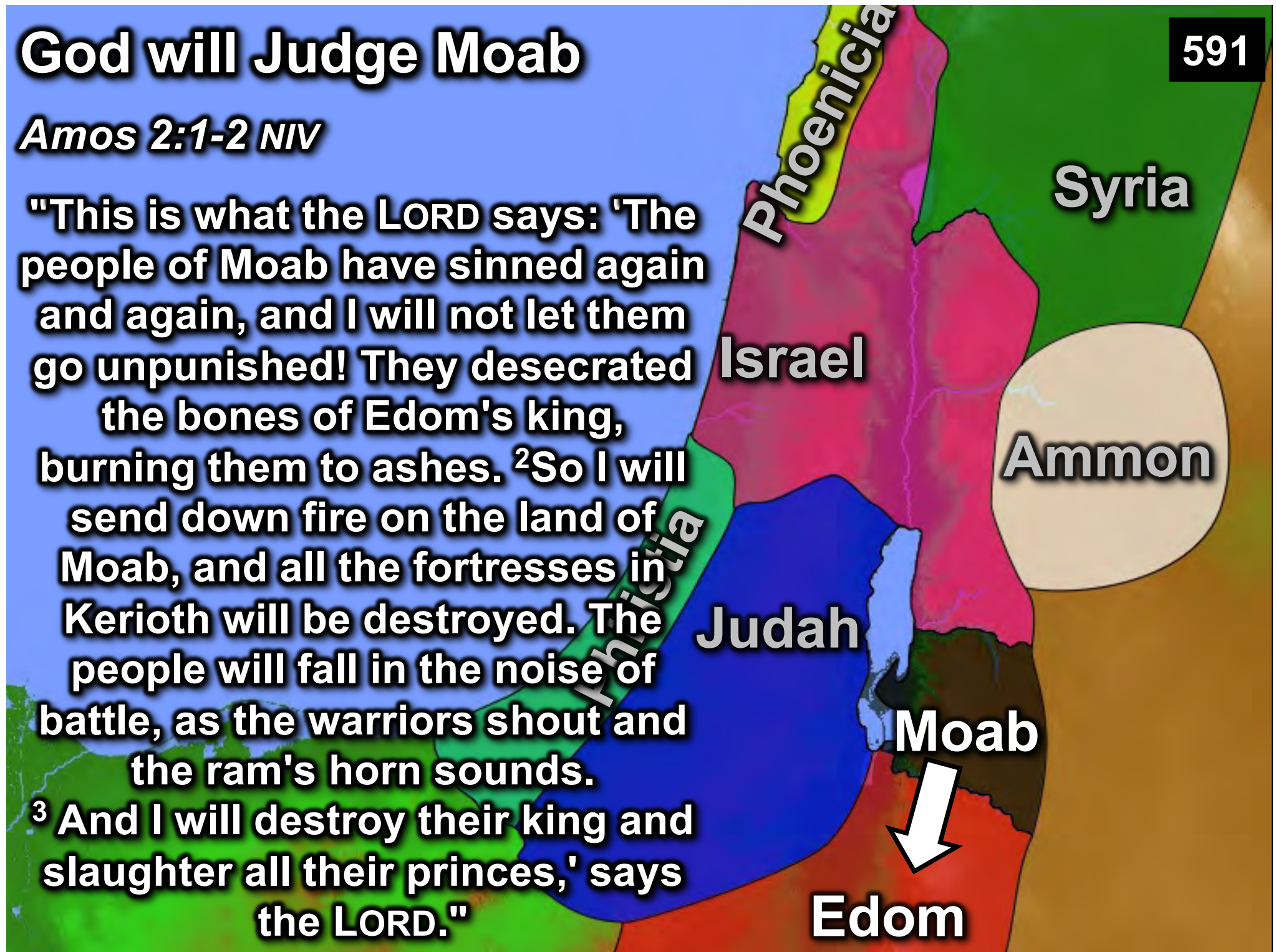


Amos 2

God will Judge Moab

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. ²So 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. ³And I will destroy their king and slaughter all their princes,' says the LORD."



God will Judge Judah

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



God will Judge Israel

Amos 2:6-7 NIV

**"This is what the LORD
says:**

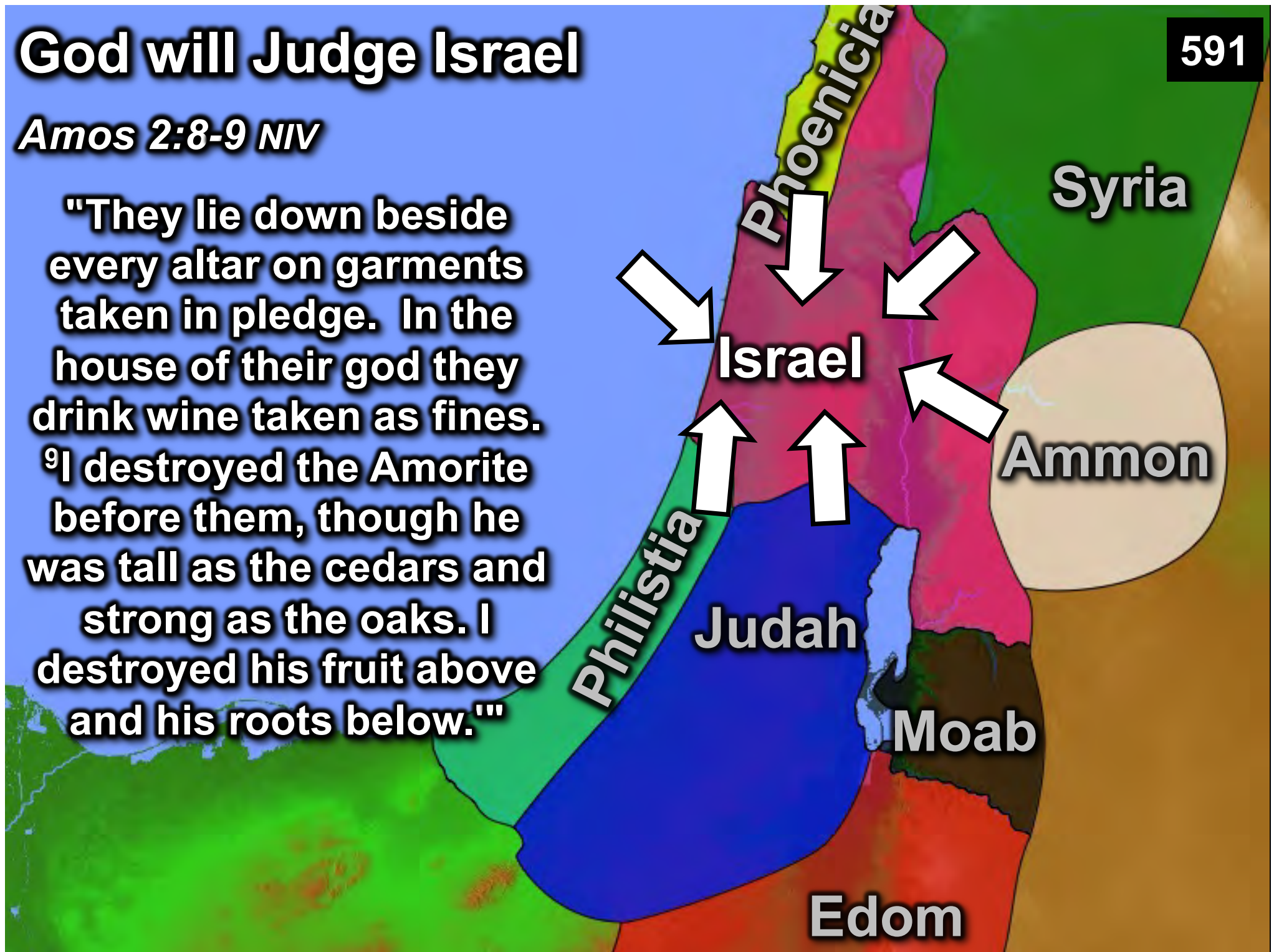
**'For three sins of Israel,
even for four, I will not turn
back [my wrath]. They sell
the righteous for silver, and
the needy for a pair of
sandals. ⁷They trample on
the heads of the poor as
upon the dust of the ground
and deny justice to the
oppressed. Father and son
use the same girl and so
profane 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.
⁹I 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."



Crimes & Punishments of Eight Nations in Amos 1–2

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

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

Judgment for Social Injustice

Eight Judgments	Three Sermons	Five Visions	Promise of Restoration
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)
God's Impartiality	God's Justice	God's Judgments	God's Grace
Pronouncements of Judgment	Provocations of Judgment	Future of Judgment	Promises after Judgment
Judgment			Renewal
Horror			Hope
Neighbor Nations	Northern Nation		
767-753 BC (before the fall of Samaria)			

Amos 3

Are we listening to God?

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Three Sermons (Amos 3–6)

**"Hear this
word..."
(3:1)**

**"Hear this
word..."
(4:1)**

**"Hear this
word..."
(5:1)**

Three structural markers to start each sermon

= "Listen!" • "Listen!" • "Listen!"



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Speak Less

"Listen"

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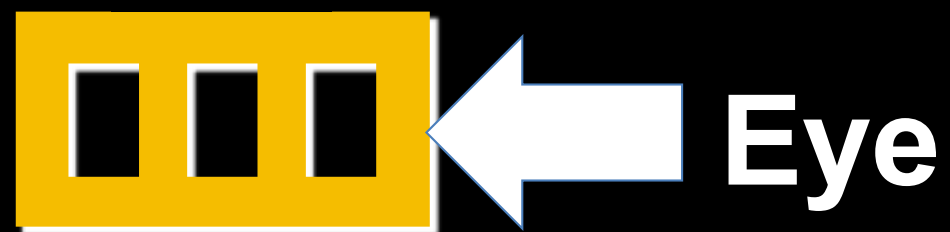
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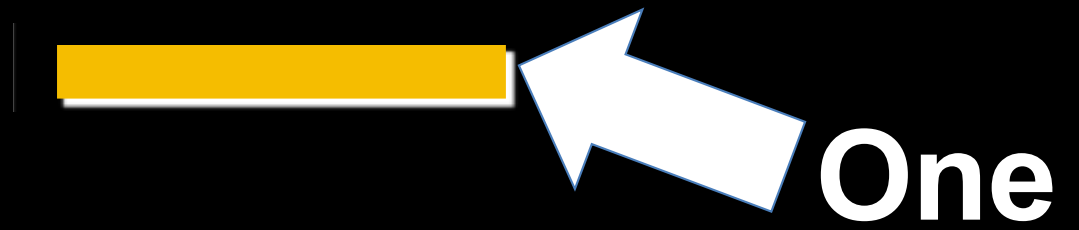
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Three Sermons (Amos 3–6)

**"Hear this
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word..."
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**"Hear this
word..."
(5:1)**

**"They do not
know how to
do right"
(3:10)**

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**When we don't listen, it is as if
there is a famine for God's Word.**



Amos 4

Three Sermons (Amos 3–6)

**"Hear this
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(3:1)**

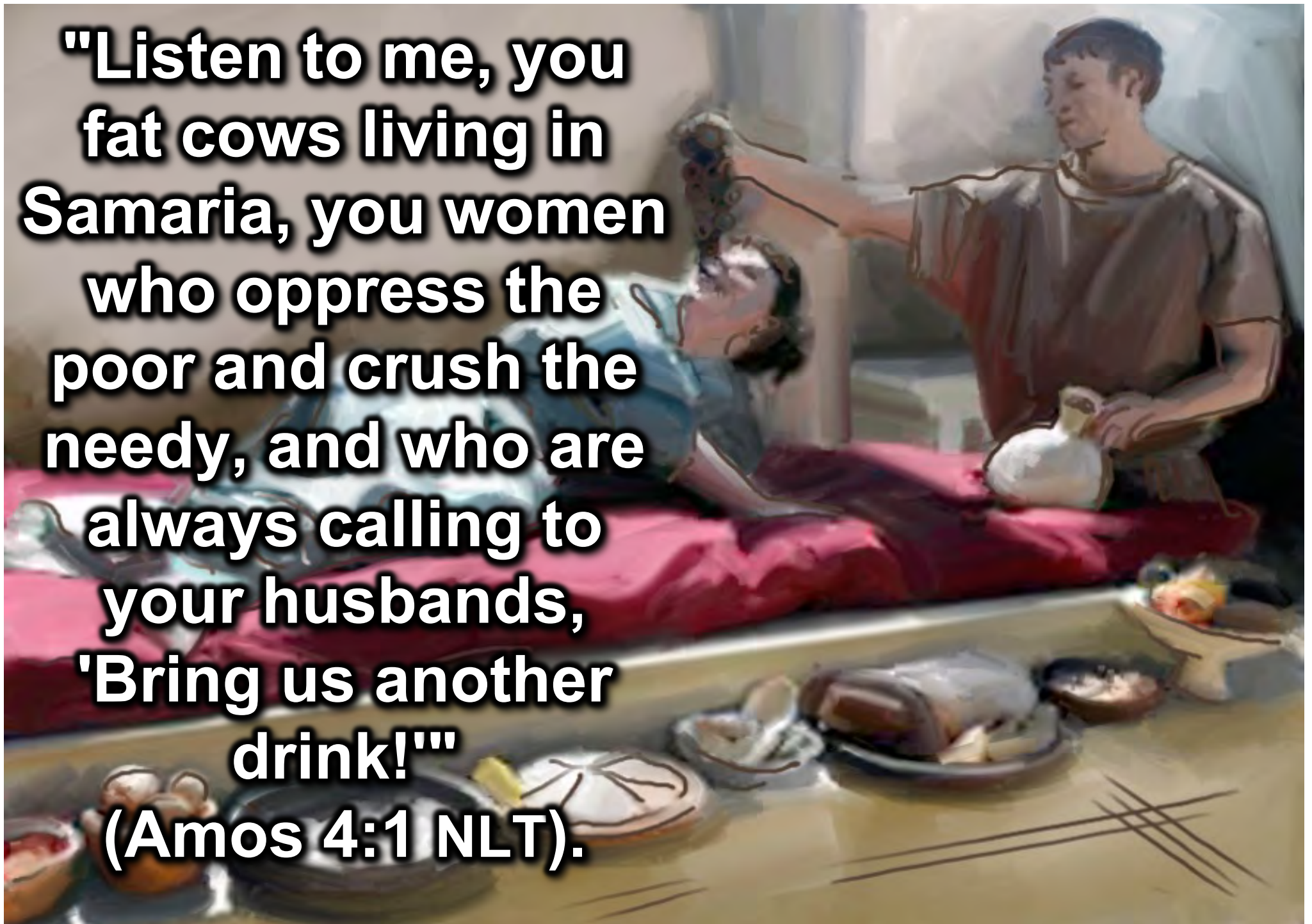
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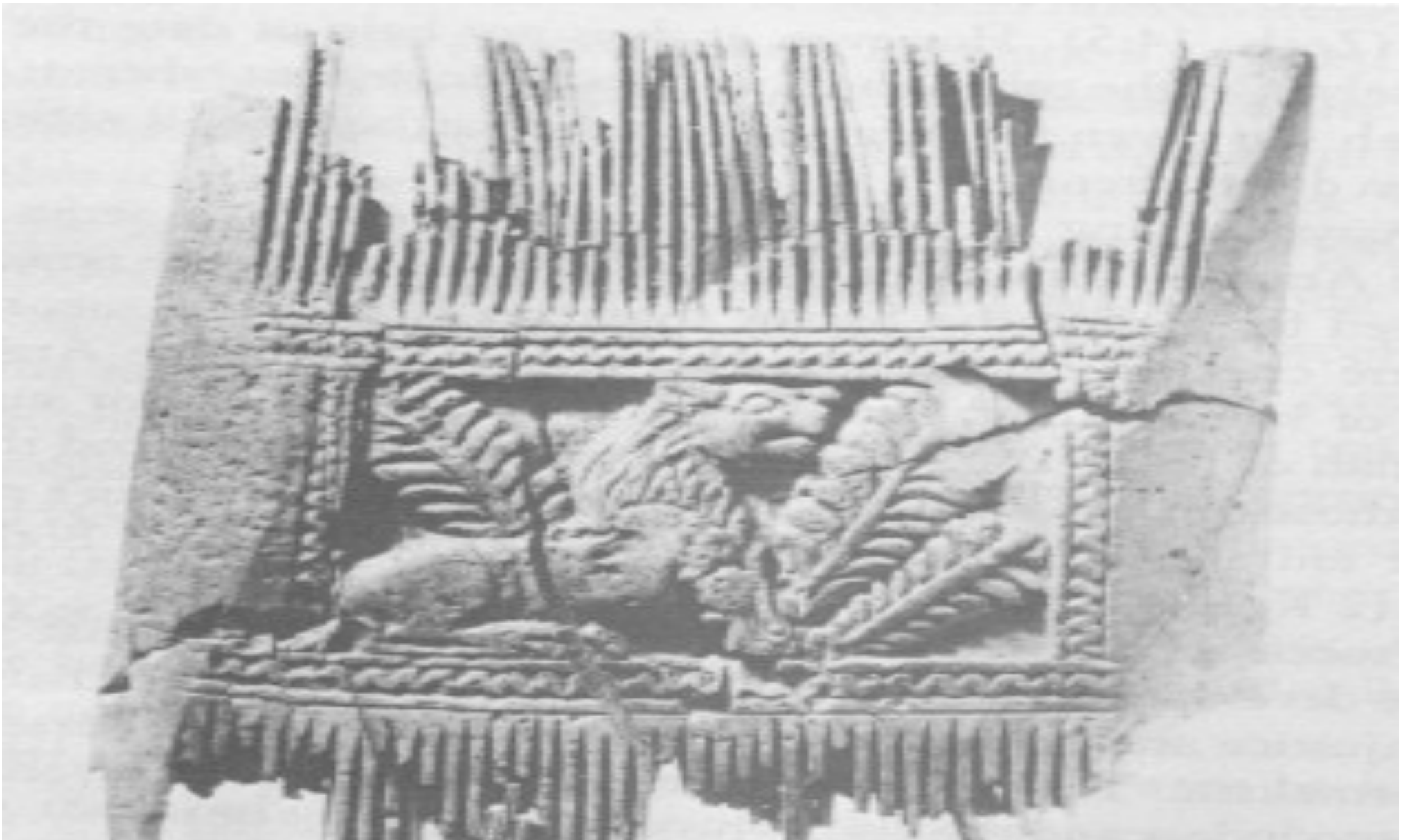
**"Hear this
word..."
(5:1)**

**"They do not
know how to
do right"
(3:10)**

**"You
oppress the
poor and
crush the
needy"(4:1)**

**"Listen to me, you
fat cows living in
Samaria, you women
who oppress the
poor and crush the
needy, and who are
always calling to
your husbands,
'Bring us another
drink!'"
(Amos 4:1 NLT).**





**Ivory comb from Megiddo, representative of the
wealth and luxury assailed by Amos (3:15; 6:4)
—*Oriental Institute, University of Chicago***

Amos 5

Three Sermons (Amos 3–6)

**"Hear this
word..."
(3:1)**

**"Hear this
word..."
(4:1)**

**"Hear this
word..."
(5:1)**

**"They do not
know how to
do right"
(3:10)**

**"You
oppress the
poor and
crush the
needy"(4:1)**

**"I hate, I
despise your
religious
feasts"
(5:21)**

Sins of Injustice

5:10 How you hate honest judges!
How you despise people who tell the truth!

5:11 You trample the poor,
stealing their grain through taxes and unfair
rent.

Therefore, though you build beautiful stone
houses, you will never live in them.

Though you plant lush vineyards,
you will never drink wine from them.

—NLT

Sins of Injustice

5:12 For I know the vast number of your sins
and the depth of your rebellions.

**You oppress good people by taking bribes
and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.**

5:13 So those who are smart keep their mouths
shut, for it is an evil time.

—NLT

Amos



Blunt & Brazen

Amos 6

Sins of Injustice

- 6:4** How terrible for you who sprawl on ivory beds and lounge on your couches, eating the meat of tender lambs from the flock and of choice calves fattened in the stall.
- 6:5** You sing trivial songs to the sound of the harp and fancy yourselves to be great musicians like David.
- 6:6** You drink wine by the bowlful and perfume yourselves with fragrant lotions. You care nothing about the ruin of your nation.
- 6:7** Therefore, you will be the first to be led away as captives. Suddenly, all your parties will end.

—NLT

Amos 7

The Locust Vision—Amos 7:1-3

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"The Sovereign LORD showed me a vision. I saw him preparing to send a vast swarm of locusts over the land. This was after the king's share had been harvested from the fields and as the main crop was coming up. ²In my vision the locusts ate every green plant in sight. Then I said, 'O Sovereign Lord, please forgive us or we will not survive, for Israel is so small.' ³So the LORD relented from this plan. 'I will not do it,' he said" (NLT).

The Fire Vision—Amos 7:4-6

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"Then the Sovereign LORD showed me another vision. I saw him preparing to punish his people with a great fire. The fire had burned up the depths of the sea and was devouring the entire land. ⁵Then I said, 'O Sovereign LORD, please stop or we will not survive, for Israel is so small.' ⁶Then the LORD relented from this plan, too. 'I will not do that either,' said the Sovereign LORD. ³So the LORD relented from this plan. 'I will not do it,' he said" (NLT).

The Plumb Line Vision—Amos 7:7-8 ⁵⁸⁵



**"This is what he showed me:
The LORD was standing by a
wall that had been built true to
plumb, with a plumb line in his
hand. ⁸And the LORD asked
me, 'What do you see, Amos?'**

**'A plumb line,' I replied.
Then the Lord said, "Look, I am
setting a plumb line among my
people Israel; I will spare them
no longer" (NLT).**

Amos 7:14

A Key Problem Passage

"Then Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I **am** not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs'" (NAU).

"Amos answered Amaziah, 'I **was** neither a prophet nor a prophet's son, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees'" (NIV).

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Amos 7:14
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לֹא-נָבִיא
אֲנִי וְלֹא
בֶן-נָבִיא
אֲנִי כִּי-בֹקֶר
אֲנִי וּבֹלֵלִים
שִׁקְמִים :

A Key Problem Passage

- **Amos 7:14**
 - The most widely written about text in the entire book of Amos and one of the most disputed.
 - Written in third person
 - Is the Hebrew best rendered as past or present?
 - Various suggestions have been made with regards to the debate:

Tense in Amos 7:14

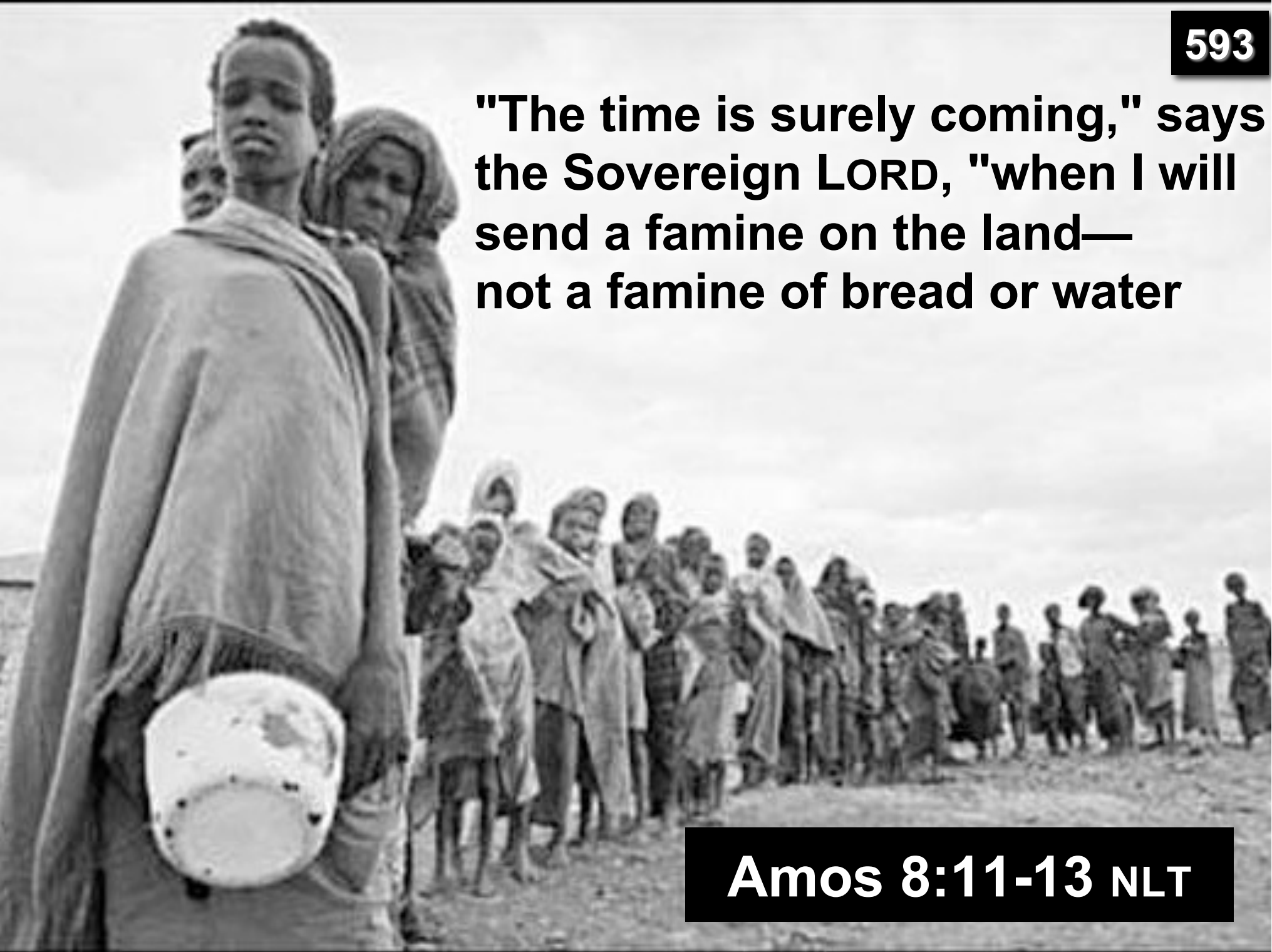
- **Is the past tense translation best?**
- **Is the present tense translation best?**
- **Is the Hebrew negative particle *lo'* ("not") an interrogative particle?**
- **Is the first particle *lo'* an emphatic negative?**
- **Such questions are based on modern role theories**

Amos 8

The Ripe Fruit Vision—Amos 8:1-3 ⁵⁸⁵

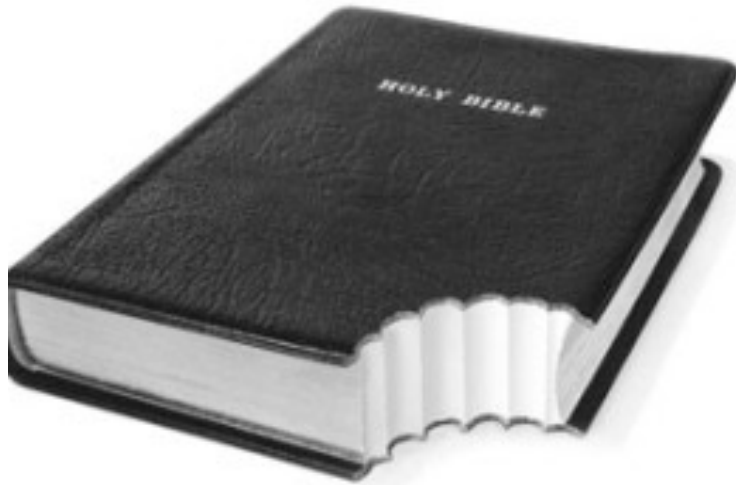


"Then the Sovereign LORD showed me another vision. In it I saw a basket filled with ripe fruit. ²'What do you see, Amos?' he asked. I replied, 'A basket full of ripe fruit.' Then the LORD said, 'Like this fruit, Israel is ripe for punishment! I will not delay their punishment again. ³In that day the singing in the Temple will turn to wailing. Dead bodies will be scattered everywhere. They will be carried out of the city in silence. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!'" (NLT).



"The time is surely coming," says the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine on the land—not a famine of bread or water

Amos 8:11-13 NLT



"The time is surely coming," says the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine on the land—not a famine of bread or water **but of hearing the words of the LORD.**

¹²People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from border to border searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it.

¹³Beautiful girls and strong young men will grow faint in that day, thirsting for the LORD's word."



Amos 8:11-13 NLT

Theological Themes

- **Divine Sovereignty—Amos emphasizes God's rule over Israel's history**
- **Judgment—Amos has the most material on judgment of any prophet, proportionally**
- **Idolatry and Social Injustice—Amos' message of divine judgment is directed at these two particular areas**

Theological Themes

- ***The Day of the LORD*** - Israel saw this as time of victory over her enemies, but Amos adds that Israel herself will be judged
- ***God's Word*** - Amos had confidence in the power of the divine word revealed through the prophets (3:1; 4:1; 5:1; 7:14-16; 8:12)

Amos 9

The Smashed Pillars Vision

—Amos 9:1

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"Then I saw a vision of the LORD standing beside the altar. He said, 'Strike the tops of the Temple columns, so that the foundation will shake. Bring down the roof on the heads of the people below. I will kill with the sword those who survive. No one will escape!'" (NLT).

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



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





**God's justice and God's
mercy do not quarrel
with each other.**

—A. W. Tozer—

***Finally, after the most judgment of
any book in the Bible...***



Amos

Can you restore a fallen tent?



God can.

Amos 9:11 (NIV)

"In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be."



Amos 9:11 (NIV)

**"In that day I will restore David's fallen tent.
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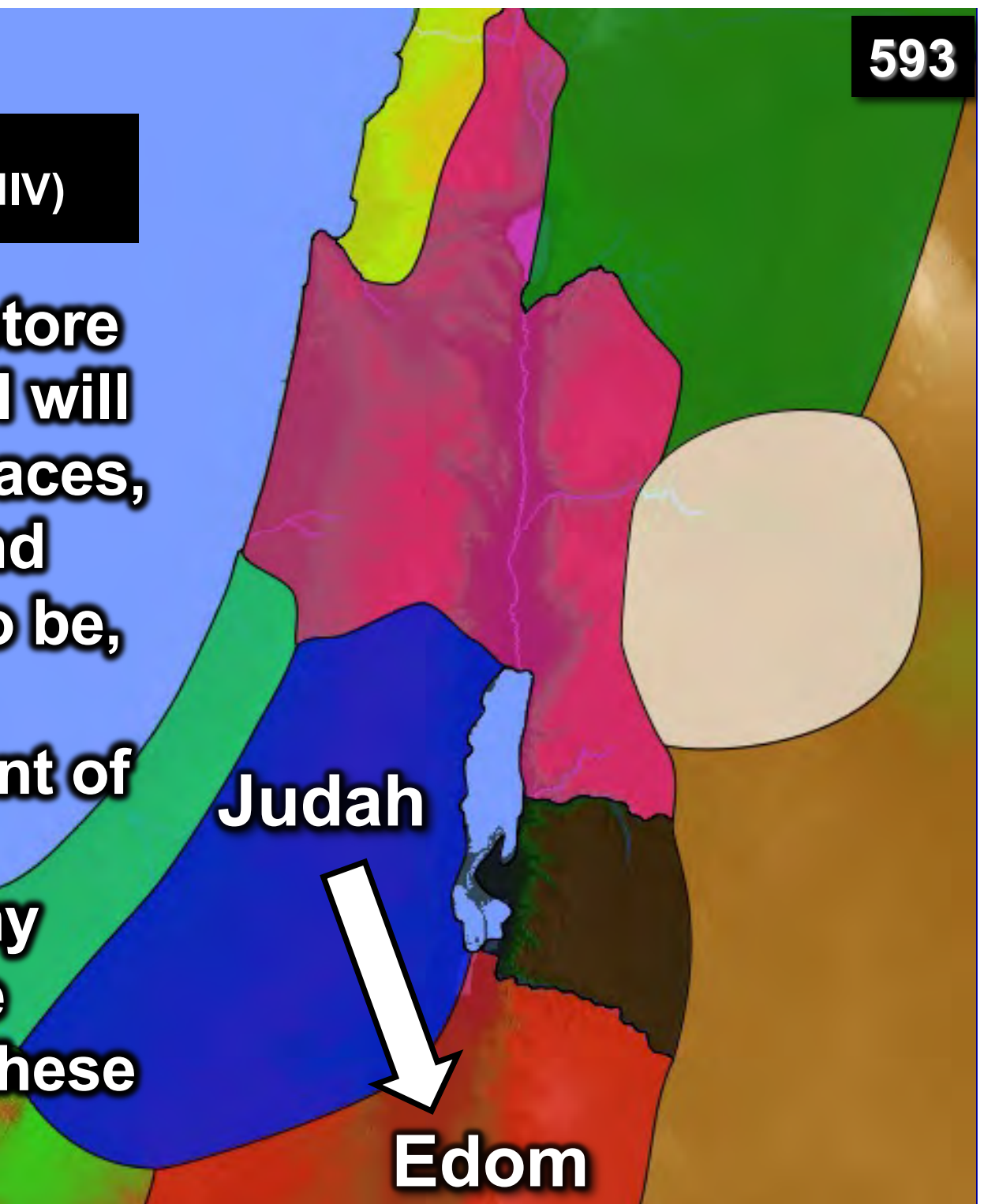
***Christ's crown of thorns will be
replaced with a crown of rule***



Amos

Amos 9:11-12 (NIV)

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¹²so that they may **possess** the remnant of **Edom** and all the nations that bear my name,' declares the LORD, who will do these things."



Peter Led 3000 to Christ at Pentecost



"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

Acts 2:41 NIV

Amos 9:11-12 (NIV)

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Acts 15:16-18 (NIV)

"After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, ¹⁷that the remnant of **men** may **seek** the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things."

Amos 9:13a (NIV)

**"'The days are coming,' declares the LORD,
'when the reaper will be overtaken by the
plowman and the planter by the one
treading grapes.'"**



Amos 9:13b (NIV)

**"New wine will drip
from the mountains
and flow from all
the hills."**

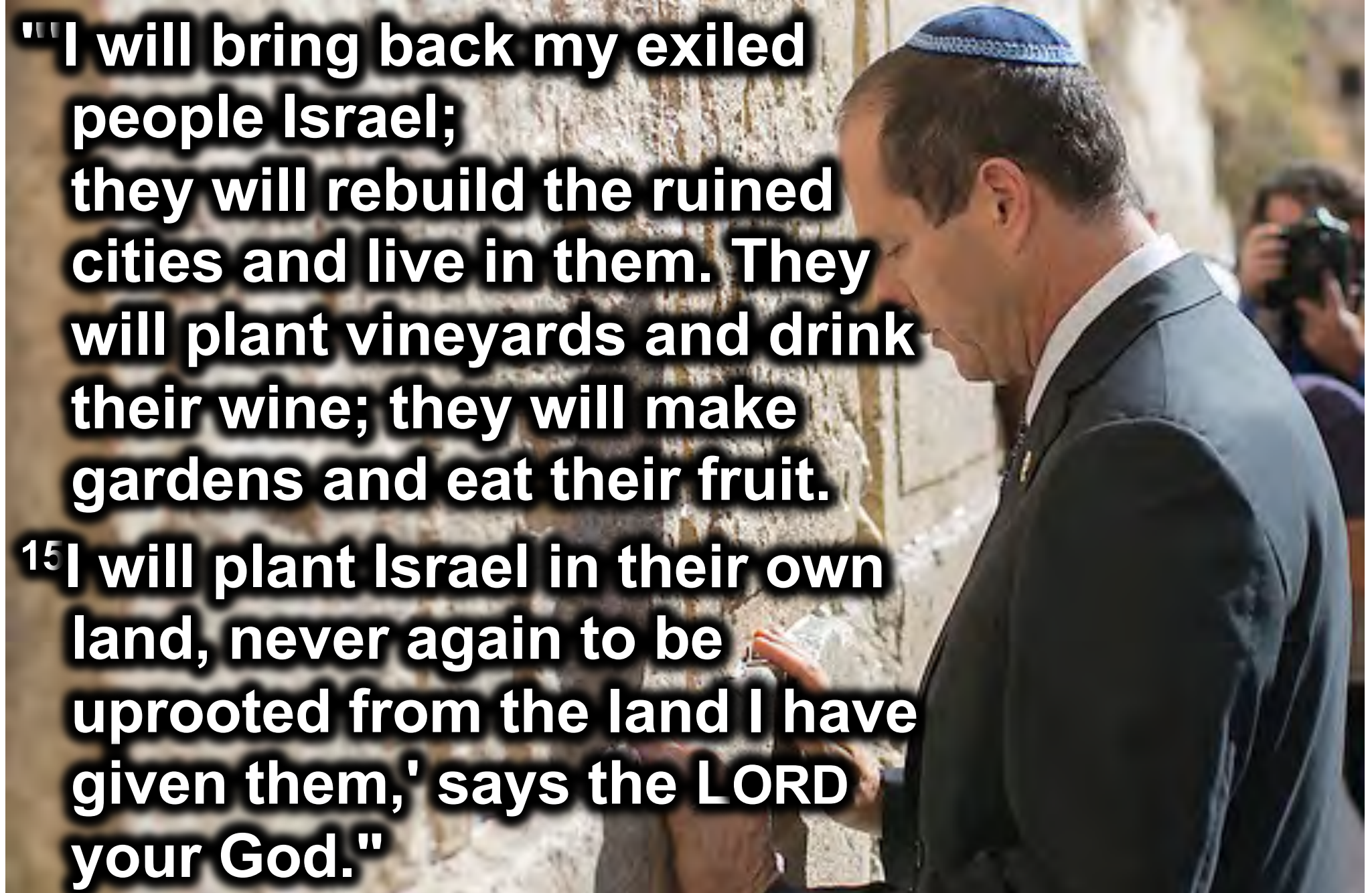


Amos 9:14-15 (NIV)

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"I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit.

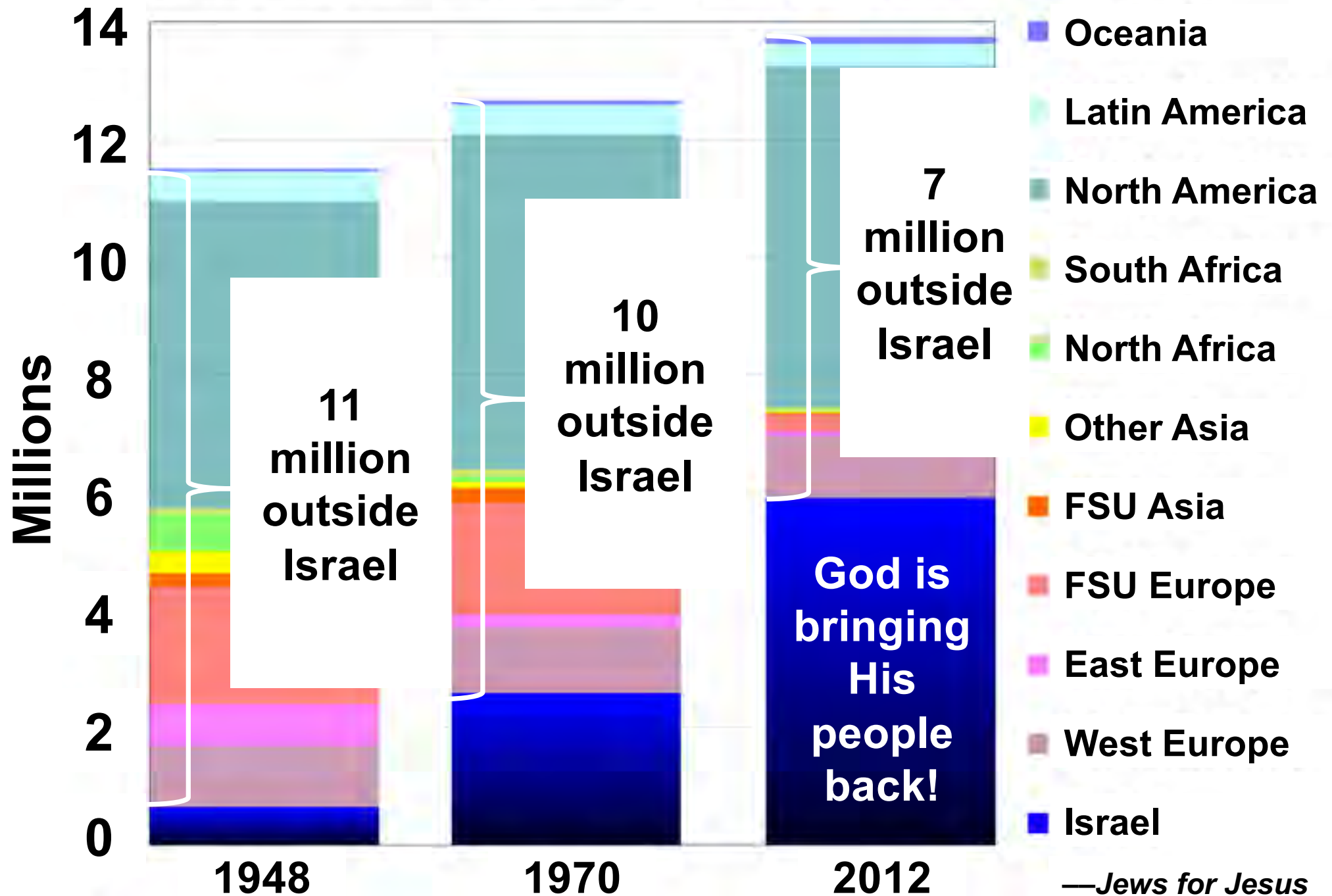
¹⁵I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,' says the LORD your God."

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How could God get 15 million Jews back to the land?



Jewish Population by Major Regions (1948-2012)



How will there be a second return?

33-34

Reunification of Israel & Judah (37:15-23)

"I will unify them into one nation on the mountains of Israel. One king will rule them all; no longer will they be divided into two nations or into two kingdoms" (Ezekiel 37:22 NLT).

United to Divided to United Again

1 Kings 11

Israel

1 Kings 12

Israel

Judah

Ezekiel 37:15-23

Israel

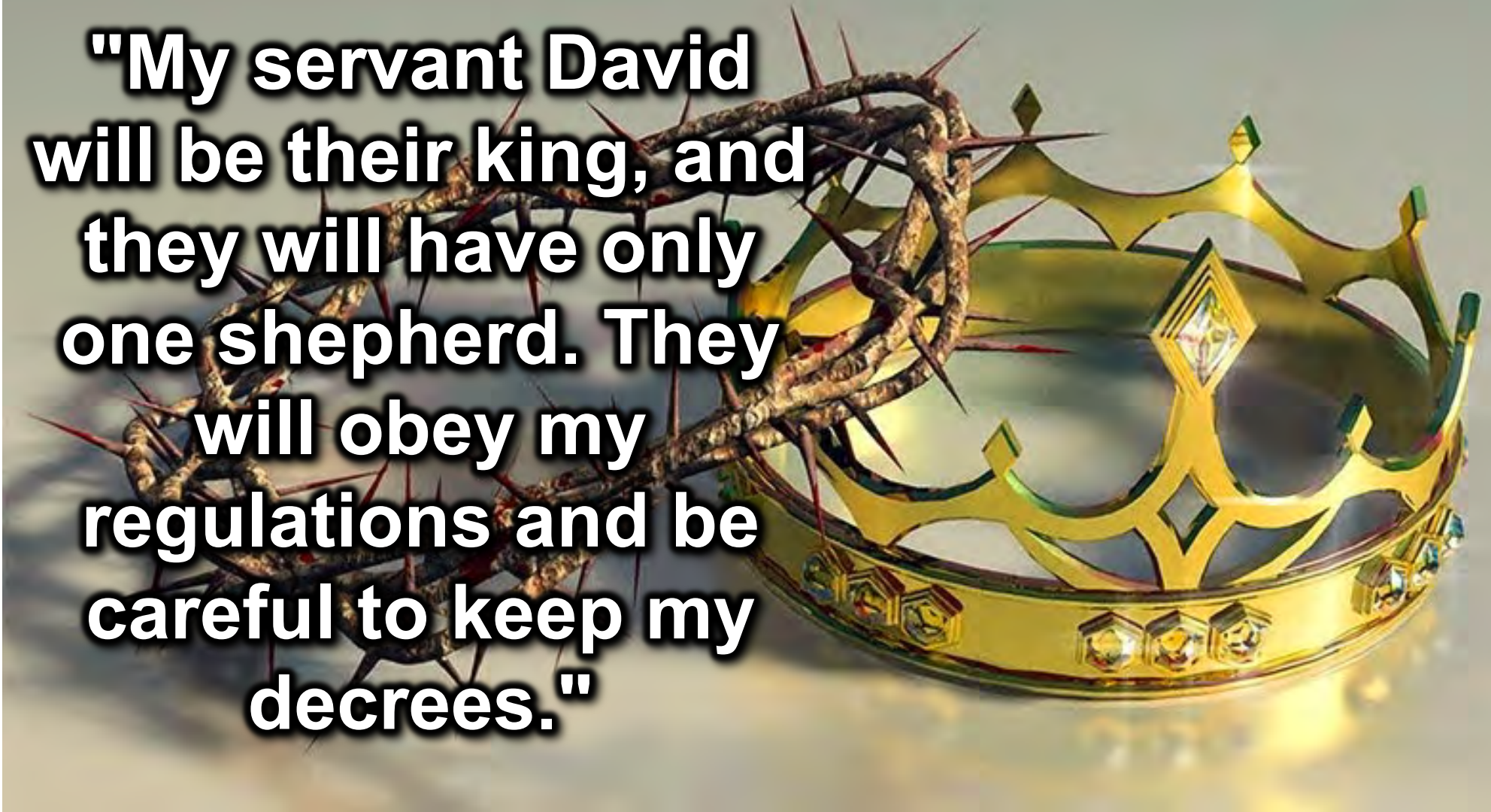


How will there be a second return?

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The Messiah will lead them (Ezekiel 37:24)

**"My servant David
will be their king, and
they will have only
one shepherd. They
will obey my
regulations and be
careful to keep my
decrees."**



How will there be a second return?

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The Messiah will rule forever (37:25)



"And David My servant shall be their prince forever."

Ezekiel 37:25

How will there be a second return?

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Second re-gathering (Isa. 11:11)

“In that day the LORD will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea” (Isaiah 11:11 NIV).



Israel regained ancient borders in stages (1946-2000)



UN Partition plan

UN General Assembly votes to partition British Mandate Palestine into Jewish and Arab sectors. Soon after the adoption of the resolution on 29 November 1947, fighting breaks out and civil war spreads.

Declares independence

Independence declaration recognised internationally but conflict spreads and five Arab armies invade. By the 1949 armistice, Jordan has captured the West Bank, Egypt has Gaza and Jerusalem is divided.

Six Day War

Israel in preemptive strike against three Arab states, capturing Gaza and Sinai peninsula from Egypt, the West Bank from Jordan, the Golan Heights from Syria and Arab East Jerusalem.

Gaza withdrawal

Israel withdraws unilaterally from Gaza and part of the West Bank, but further withdrawals from Arab land tied to implementation of Annapolis peace plan, providing for two-state solution.

Israel's Increase of Land

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Palestinian loss of land 1946 to 2000

Palestinian and Jewish land 1946



UN Partition plan 1947



1949 - 1967



2000



Amos 9:11-15

- **Some critical scholars view this as a late insertion (no other elements of hope found in Amos)**
- **They question if Amos 9:11-15 is part of the original work**
- **This is inconsistent with the rest of the book, according to critical scholars**
- **To answer this objection, one key question must be answered on the "booth of David that is fallen" (v. 11)**

How does God respond to **injustice**?

Two ways...



**God is just
—past, present and future—
so we should be just too**



—Main Idea of Amos—

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



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



Christians Protect Muslims

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How do we fight injustice?

Amos

**We seek to make sure no
member is in need—rent,
oppressive work situation, etc.**



—Love the Church—

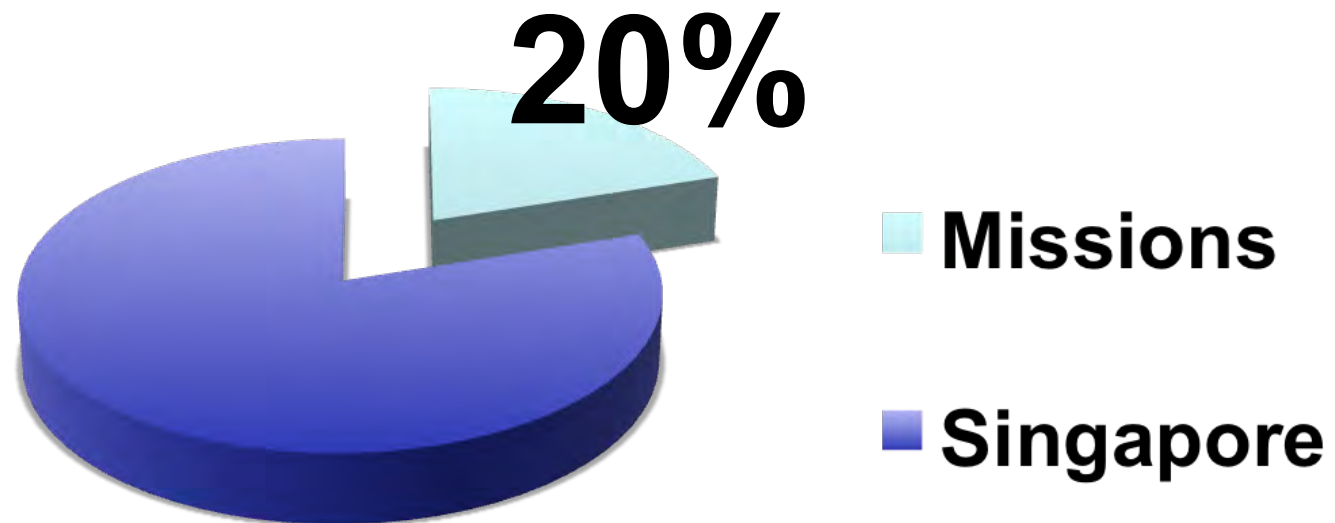
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Missions Giving



Christians care for the poor



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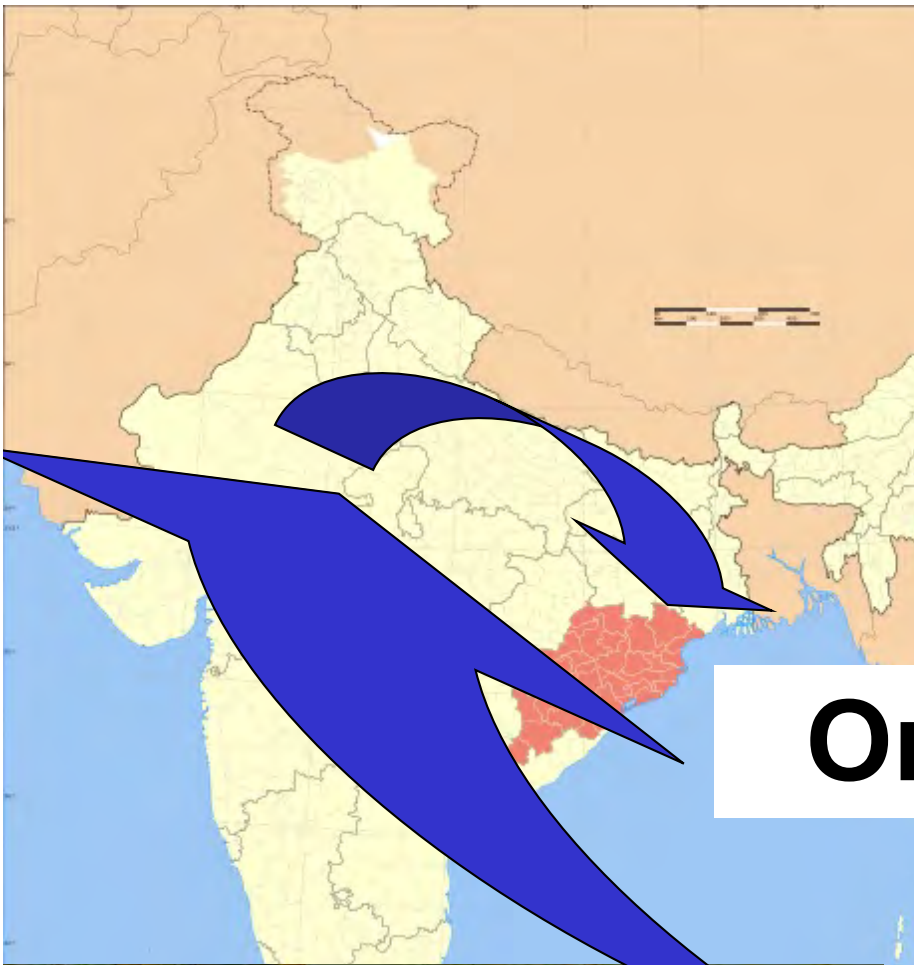


Ministry to Mustafa

Athan & Chanchan in India



Professional Training Institute



Orissa Update





2009 Praise Report:

- 1,000 men trained in men's seminars
- 900 trained in Evangelism Explosion (EE) workshops
- 3,000 trusted Christ through those EE witnesses
- 90 pastors active in Pastor's Prayer Network
- 350+ attended "The Bible...Basically" seminars
- 100,000 Mongolians reached through www.maranata.com.mn
- 2 mission trips sponsored (to Darhan & Inner Mongolia)
- 10,000 kilometers traveled across Mongolia



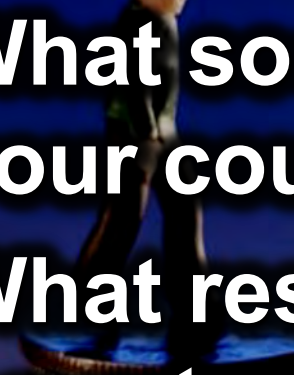


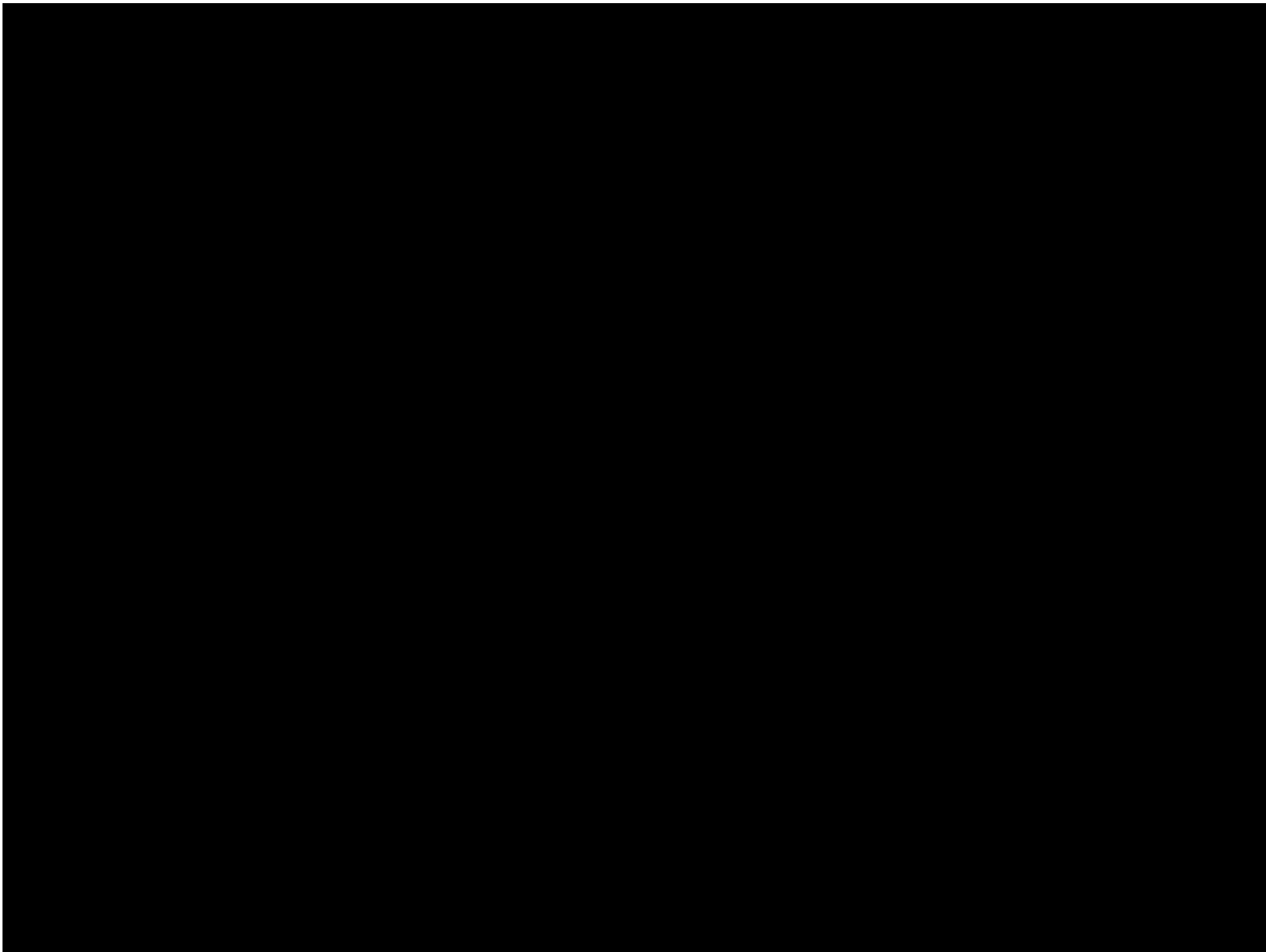


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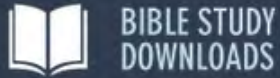
Applications

Prosperous Christians must not wink at social injustice:

- 1. What social injustices do you see in your country?**
 - 2. What responsibility does the church have to correct these wrongs?**
 - 3. What is God telling you to do about a social inequity?**
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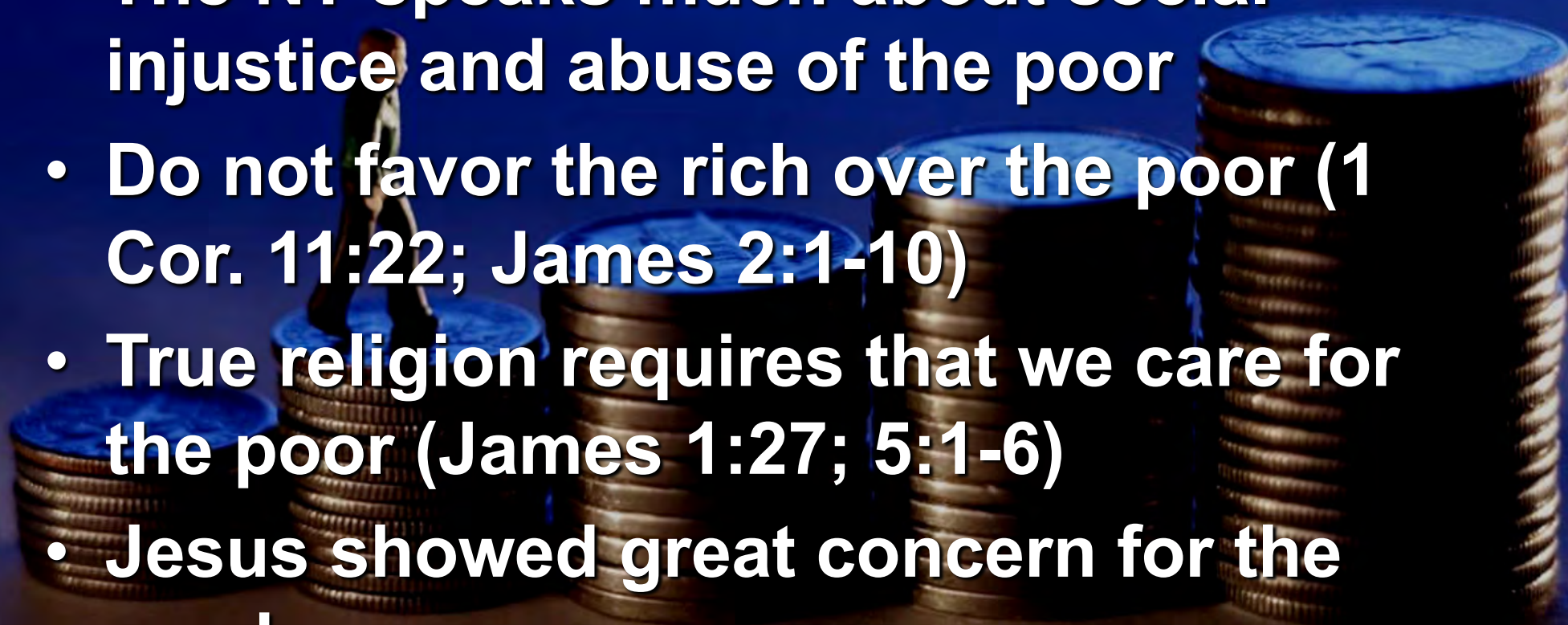


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Social Justice in the New Testament

- The NT speaks much about social injustice and abuse of the poor
- Do not favor the rich over the poor (1 Cor. 11:22; James 2:1-10)
- True religion requires that we care for the poor (James 1:27; 5:1-6)
- Jesus showed great concern for the needy



Summary

Key Word: Injustice

Key Verse:

"But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream"
(Amos 5:24).

Summary Statement:

Amos' message of judgment upon social injustices of Israel and the surrounding nations warns of the coming exile and declares God's promise to restore a remnant in faithfulness to the Abrahamic Covenant to urge the nation to repent.

Amos Applies the Mosaic Law

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Amos	Phrase or Concept	Pentateuchal Reference
1:1	The words of Amos	Deut. 1:1
1:9	Remember covenant	Gen. 9:15; Exod. 2:24; 6:5; Lev. 26:42-45
2:4a	Keep statutes	Exod. 15:26; Deut. 4:40
2:4b	Walk after	Deut. 4:3; 11:28; 13:5 [4]
2:7	Pervert justice	Exod. 23:6
2:10; 9:7	Brought you up from Egypt	Gen. 50:24; Exod. 3:8
2:10	Inherit the land	Gen. 15:7; Num. 33:53; Deut. 2:31
3:1	Hear this word	Deut. 4:1; 5:1; 6:4
3:7	His servants the prophets	Deut. 34:5, 10
4:4	Tithes every three days/years	Deut. 14:28; 26:12
4:5	Burn sacrifices	Lev. 1:9
	Leavened bread as a thank-offering	Lev. 2:11; 7:12-15
	Freewill offerings	Lev. 22:17-25
	Love	Deut. 6:5
4:6	Return to Yahweh	Deut. 4:30; 30:2
4:9	Blight and mildew	Deut. 28:22
	Vineyards, olive trees	Deut. 28:30, 39-40
4:10	I sent a plague among you	Lev. 26:25; Deut. 28:20
4:12	Prepare to meet your God	Exod. 19:15-17

Amos Applies the Mosaic Law

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Amos	Phrase or Concept	Pentateuchal Reference
4:13	On the heights of the earth	Deut. 32:13
5:4	Seek Yahweh	Deut. 4:29
5:6	Yahweh like a consuming fire	Deut. 4:24
5:11	Futility curse on houses	Deut. 28:30a
	Futility curse on vineyards	Deut. 28:30b, 39
5:20	Gloom as a covenant curse	Deut. 28:29
	Accept offerings	Lev. 1:4; 7:18; 19:7; 22:27
5:26	Images that you fashioned for yourselves	Exod. 20:4; 32:1, 23; Deut. 5:8
5:27	Exile far from home	Deut. 28:36, 64-68; 29:27 [28]
6:1	First of the nations	Num. 24:20
6:11; 9:9	Yahweh is commanding	Exod. 34:11; Deut. 26:16
7:2	Locusts eating the vegetation of the land	Exod. 10:12, 15
7:9	Desolation & waste of high places & sanctuaries	Lev. 26:30-31
7:11, 17	Exile away from the land	Deut. 29:27 [28]
7:16	Preach (drip)	Deut. 32:2
8:4	Needy and oppressed	Deut. 15:11; 24:14-15
8:5	Open the granaries	Gen. 41:56
	False weights	Lev. 19:36; Deut. 25:14
8:9	Noon is dark	Deut. 28:29

Amos Applies the Mosaic Law

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Amos	Phrase or Concept	Pentateuchal Reference
8:11	Famine	Deut. 28:48
	Scarcity of Yahweh's words	Deut. 4:28-29; 32:20
9:8	Destroy from the face of the land	Deut. 28:10
9:12	Over whom my name is pronounced	Deut. 28:10
9:15	Land that I have given to them	Num. 20:12, 24; 27:12
	Yahweh your God	Gen. 27:20; Exod. 8:24 [28]; Lev. 11:44; Num. 10:9; Deut. 1:10

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Contrasting Hosea and Amos

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AMOS

Professional Prophet (1:1)

Nonprofessional Prophet (7:14)

National from Israel (7:5)

Missionary from Judah (1:1)

Concern: Religious Idolatry
(Worship)

Concern: Social Injustice
(Walk)

Israel's Unfaithfulness

Israel's Injustice

God's Faithfulness

God's Justice

God's Grace

God's Righteousness

God's Loyal Love (*Hesed*)

God's Judgment

Sympathetic Tone

Stern Tone

Compassionate (11:1)

Coarse (4:1)

Difficult Structure

Simple Structure

Israel Lacks Knowledge

Israel Lacks Morality

"Know God" (4:1, 6; 6:6)

"Seek God" (5:4, 6)

Literary Structure

- The text of Amos is well preserved
- It falls into four parts:
 - 1:1–2:16
 - 3:1–6:14
 - 7:1–9:10
 - 9:11-15

REVIEW QUIZ on Amos

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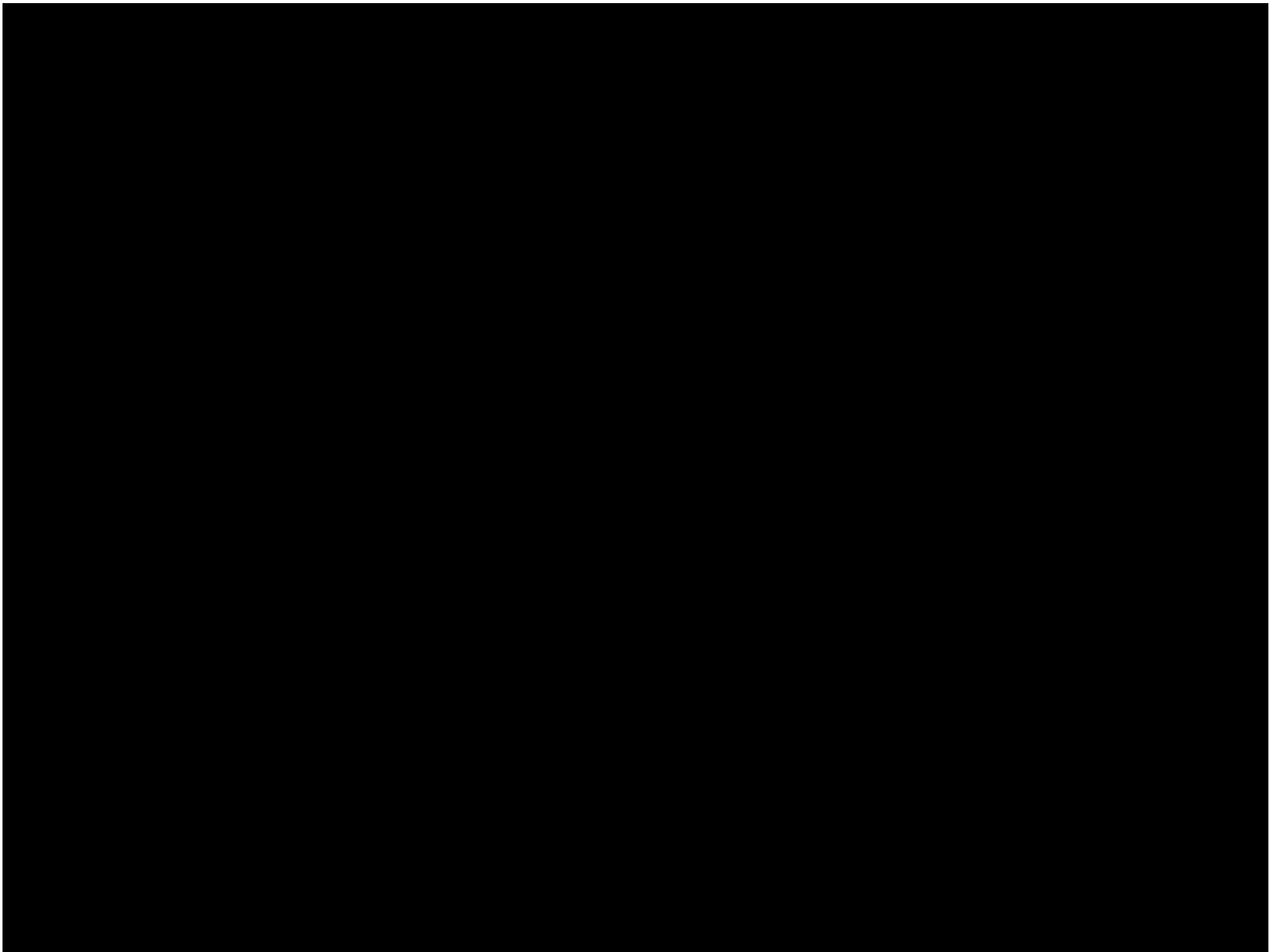
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3. Amos was from Judah, but prophesied against Israel.
4. Amos used vivid imagery such as locusts, fire, and plumb line.



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