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Details of Amos



Judah

790 BC

Northern Israel

Jehu Jehoahaz Jehoash Jeroboam II **Amos** Uzziah Zechariah

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Themes of the Prophets

You are going to be judged

You are being judged

You have just been judged

Now for something different

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Scarlet Thread

"And it will come about in that day," declares the Lord GOD, "That I shall make the sun go down at noon And make the earth dark in broad daylight. "Then I shall turn your festivals into mourning And all your songs into lamentation; And I will bring sackcloth on everyone's loins And baldness on every head. And I will make it like a time of mourning for an only son, And the end of it will be like a bitter day.

Amos 8:9-10

Iconic Image - plumb line

Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall, with a plumb line in His hand. And the LORD said to me, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold I am about to put a plumb line In the midst of My people Israel. I will spare them no longer.

Amos 7:7-8

Double-Edge Sword

But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amos 5:24 NASB

Geography of the Levant

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Damascus

"Thus says the Lord, for three transgressions of Damascus and for four ...

they threshed Gilead with implements of sharp iron, ... so I will send fire..."

Amos 1:3-5

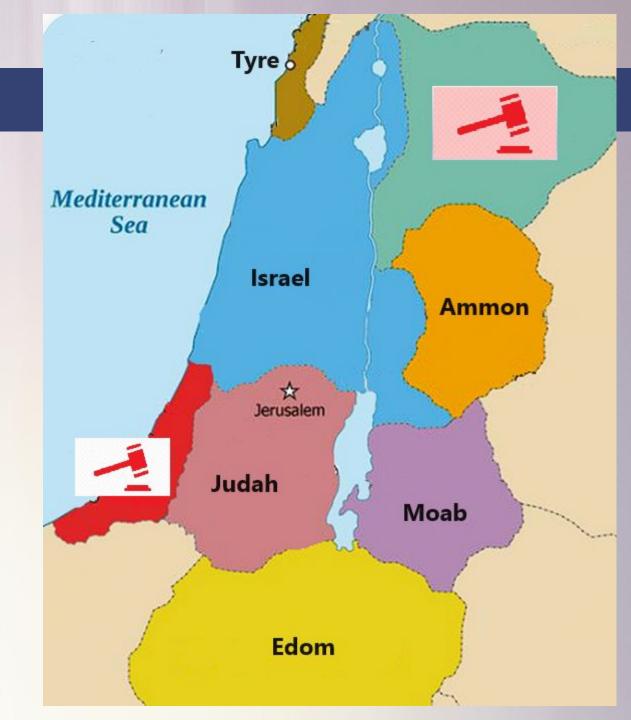


Gaza

"Thus says the Lord, for three transgressions of Gaza and for four ...

they deported an entire population..., so I will send fire..."

Amos 1:6-8



Tyre

"Thus says the Lord, for three transgressions of Tyre and for four ...

they did not remember the covenant of brotherhood..., so I will send fire..."

Amos 1:9,10



Edom

"Thus says the Lord, for three transgressions of Edom and for four ...

because he pursued his brother with the sword ... so I will send fire..."

Amos 1:11,12



Ammon

"Thus says the Lord, for three transgressions of Ammon and for four ...

because they ripped open the pregnant woman of Gilead ... so I will kindle a fire..."

Amos 1:13-15



Moab

"Thus says the Lord, for three transgressions of Moab and for four ...

because he burned the bones of Edom to lime ... so I will send fire..."

Amos 2:1-3



Judah

"Thus says the Lord, for three transgressions of Judah and for four ...

because they rejected the Law of the Lord ... so I will send fire..."

Amos 2:4,5



Israel

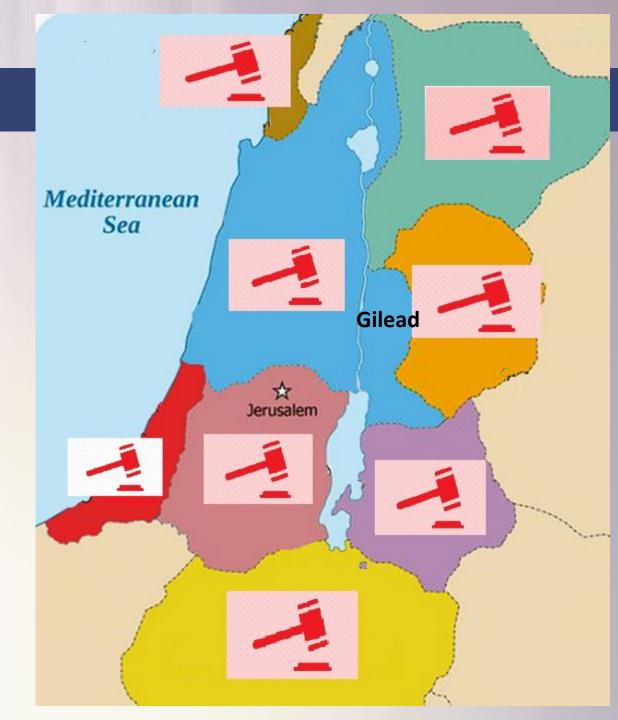
"Thus says the Lord, for three transgressions of Israel and for four ...

because they sell the righteous for money ..., therefore I will punish you."

Amos 2:6-3:2



His justice will come.



Double-Edge Sword

"... the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God."

James 1:20

Limitations of our Desire

- you are not righteous
- you have a flawed perspective of justice
- Only God can supply righteousness with justice

hope of righteousness

...And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amos 5:24

Vision to Righteousness

- Guard against self-righteous deception of confusing our anger for true justice
- Display humility in the presence of God's justice
- Express gratitude in understanding that God accomplishes righteousness to accompany His Justice