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The places in Israel and Judah mentioned in the book of Amos.

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- **A dresser of sycamore figs (7:14-15)**
 - A fruit growing in the wild in the low region toward the Dead Sea
- **“Neither a prophet, nor the son of a prophet”**
 - No special education or training
 - *“The LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”*
- **A hard man for a hard job**

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- **Conditions in Israel**

“Israel was at the zenith of power economically and politically. Business was booming, and the material prosperity of the age led to a spirit of self-sufficiency and smug complacency (6:1ff). Consequently, Israel had become a nation which ruled God out.”

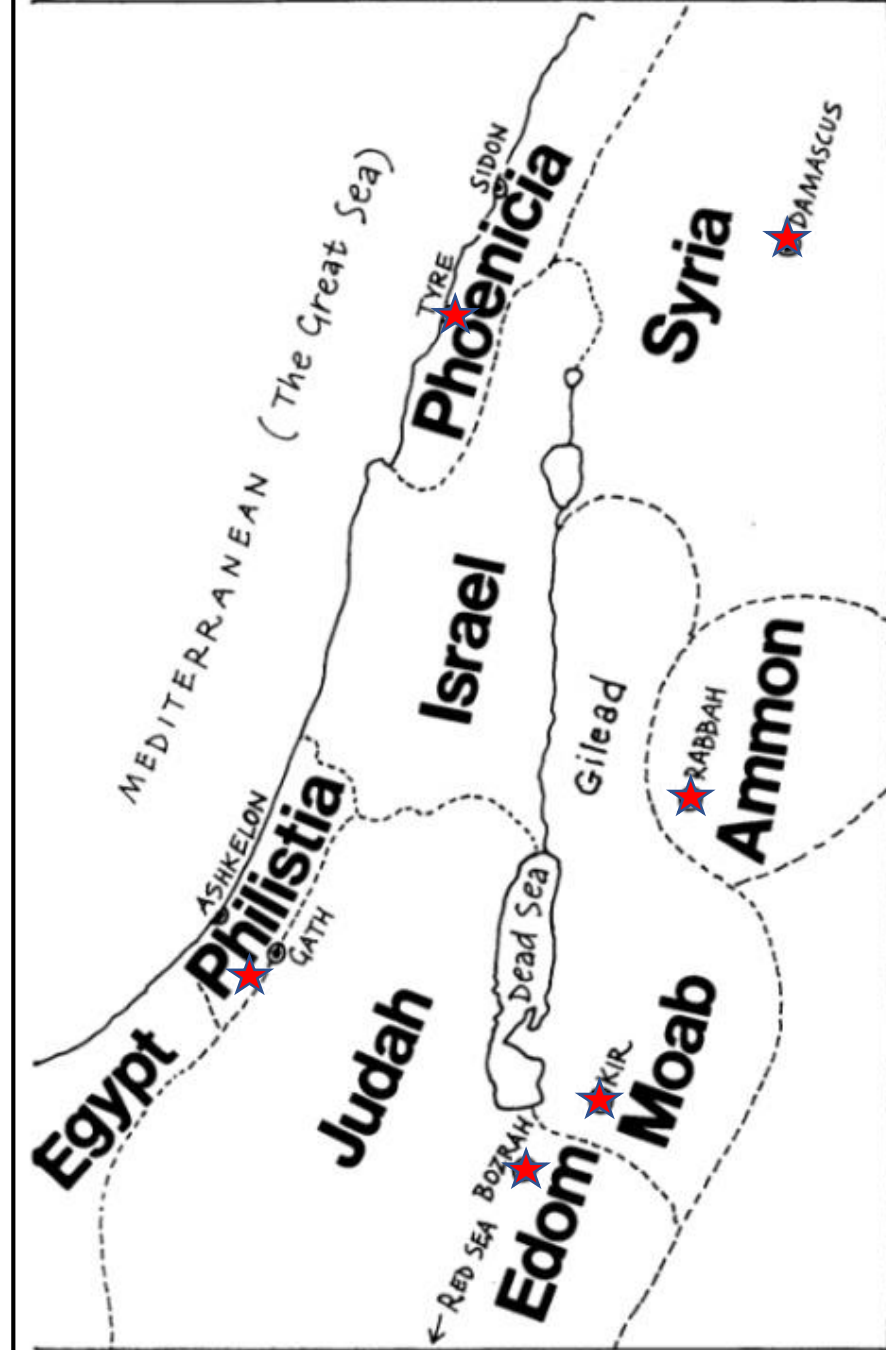
- Robert Harkrider

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion...” (Amos 6:1)

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Judgment Against The Nations

- *“for three transgressions... and for four”*
- **Damascus (1:3-5)**
 - Cruelty against God’s people
- **Gaza (1:6-8)**
 - Selling captives to Edom
- **Tyre (1:9-10)**
 - Enslaved “brothers” to Edom
- **Edom (1:11-12)**
 - Perpetual hatred of Israel
- **Ammon (1:13-15)**
 - Murder of the innocent
- **Moab (2:1-3)**
 - Desecration of the dead



Nations around Israel concerning which the prophet speaks in Chapters 1 and 2.



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Judgment Against His Covenant People

- **Judah (2:4-5)**

- They rejected the law of the Lord
- They have not kept His statutes
- They have followed false gods like their fathers

- **Israel (2:6-8)**

- Injustice and oppression
- Greed
- Vile immorality
- Contempt for the LORD

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Despite What God Had Done for Them

- **Contempt for God's Physical Provisions (2:9-10)**
 - He had conquered their enemies and their land
 - He had rescued them from Egypt
 - He had sustained them in the wilderness
- **Contempt for God's Spiritual Provisions (2:11-12)**
 - He sent prophets to speak His word to them
 - He appointed Nazirites to remind them to be separate
 - They did not want to hear it
 - They did not want to be different than the world

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None Will Escape in that Day (2:13-16)

- **I will press you down (ESV) / You have weighed me down (NASB)**
 - Like an overloaded wagon
- **No one will be able to stand when I come in judgment**
 - There will be no escape
 - Weapons will fail
 - The most courageous will not stand
- **The LORD has spoken**
 - *“The LORD roars from Zion, and from Jerusalem He utters His voice...”*



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Lessons from AMOS

God will punish sin

- **Is our cup of transgression full?**
 - Have we rejected the law of the Lord?
 - Have we kept His statutes?
 - Have we followed false gods?
- **Are we guilty of:**
 - Injustice and oppression
 - Greed
 - Vile immorality
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