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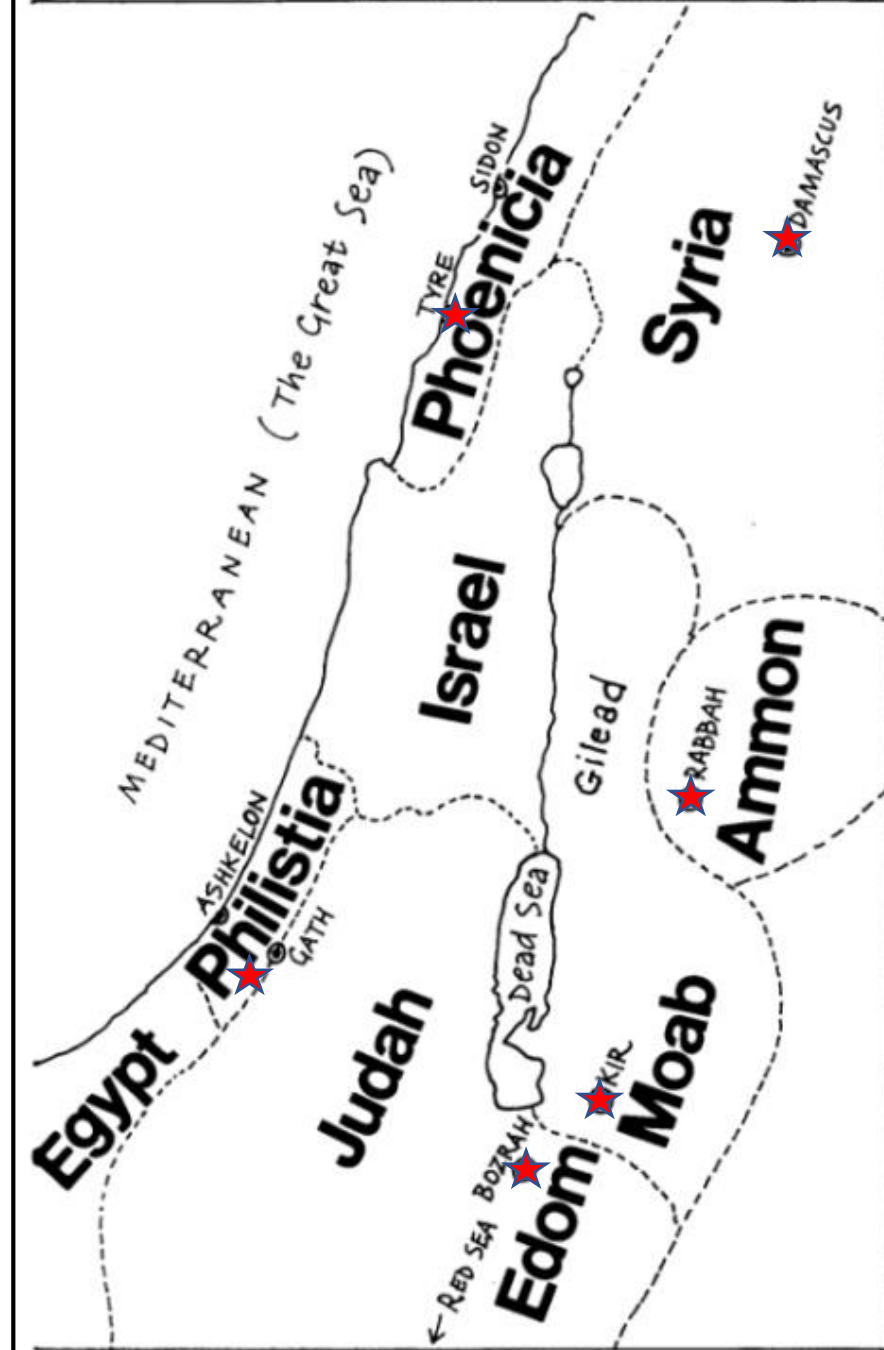
“The LORD roars from Zion..”

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Judgement Against The Nations

- “for three transgressions... and for four”
- **Damascus (1:3-5)**
 - Cruelty against God’s people
- **Gaza (1:6-8)**
 - Slave trafficking
- **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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Judgement 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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***“A lion has roared!
Who will not fear?”***

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You Only Have I Chosen

- **Violation of Their Special Relationship with God (3:1-2)**
 - He had brought them up from Egypt
 - He had chosen them from out of the world
 - They had earned their punishment
- **The Lion Doesn't Roar for No Reason (3:3-8)**
 - They had agreed to walk with God
 - Their sins have made them prey for judgment
 - They have set their own trap
 - The trumpet blows to warn of coming doom
 - Amos is revealing God's warning!

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- **God Calls the World as Witness (3:9-15)**
 - Even the heathen can see your oppression and violence
 - “They do not know how to do right”
 - Therefore, an enemy (Assyria) will bring you down
 - There won't be much left when they devour you
 - Your false gods and hypocritical religion won't save you
 - Your big houses and extravagant lifestyle won't matter then

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- **The Luxury Loving Oppressors (4:1-3)**
 - Wives who relish the riches oppressive cruelty provides
 - Those who pursue self satisfying excess
 - Will be led away as captives
- **The Offense of Self-Pleasing Religion (4:4-5)**
 - Sacrifices and tithes only multiply transgression
 - Religious activity does not prove devotion to God
 - Their religious activity pleased them...
 - Unrevealed religion does not please God

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You Have Not Returned to Me

- **God Had Chastised Them to Bring Them Back (4:6-11)**
 - Famine
 - Drought
 - Scorching wind, mildew and locust
 - Plague
 - War
 - *“Yet you have not returned to Me,” declares the Lord.*
- **Therefore, Prepare to Meet Your God (4:12-13)**
 - *“The LORD God of hosts is His name.” (13)*

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Seek Me that You May Live

- **A Lamentation Over Israel (5:1-9)**
 - Israel's complete destruction is a foregone conclusion
 - Only a remnant will survive
 - Repent, Seek God
 - Those that pervert justice and righteousness will be consumed
 - God, the Creator, is able to bring down the strong
- **They Hate Reproof and Integrity (5:10-17)**
 - They will not continue to benefit from their oppression
 - *"Hate evil, love good, and establish justice in the gate! Perhaps the LORD God of hosts may be gracious to the remnant of Joseph." (15)*

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- **Terror in the Day the LORD Judges (5:18-20)**
 - God's judicial wrath is not reserved for "others"
 - There will be no place to run to... not place to hide
- **Oh, and God hates and rejects your empty worship (5:21-27)**
 - Even "right" things done without true devotion
 - Your music is just "noise"
 - Get your heartless religion out of His sight
 - Let Justice and Righteousness roll like an ever-flowing stream
 - You have never been completely faithful to God
 - Therefore, you will go into exile

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Woe to Those Who Are at Ease in Zion

- **Beware a False Sense of Security (6:1-14)**
 - Are you any better than those around you?
 - Do you think they will be punished but you won't?
 - You've become self-absorbed and lazy
 - You see sinful excess around you and no longer care
 - God loathes your arrogance
 - Judgment will be so severe, survivors will fear to speak God's name
 - You have perverted justice and righteousness
 - You rely upon your own strength
 - God will destroy you from top to bottom



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Lessons from AMOS

Woe to Those Who Are at Ease in Zion

- **Do we value our special relationship with God?**
- **What does the world “witness” from us?**
- **Are we consumed with self-satisfying excess?**
- **Are we tempted toward self-satisfying religion?**
- **Do hard times drive us toward God?**
- **Do we resent those that speak truth and condemn sin?**
- **Do we offer “half-hearted” worship?**
- **Do we have a false sense of security?**



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