

THE BOOK OF AMOS

Part II : Judgment upon the nations

*“But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!”*





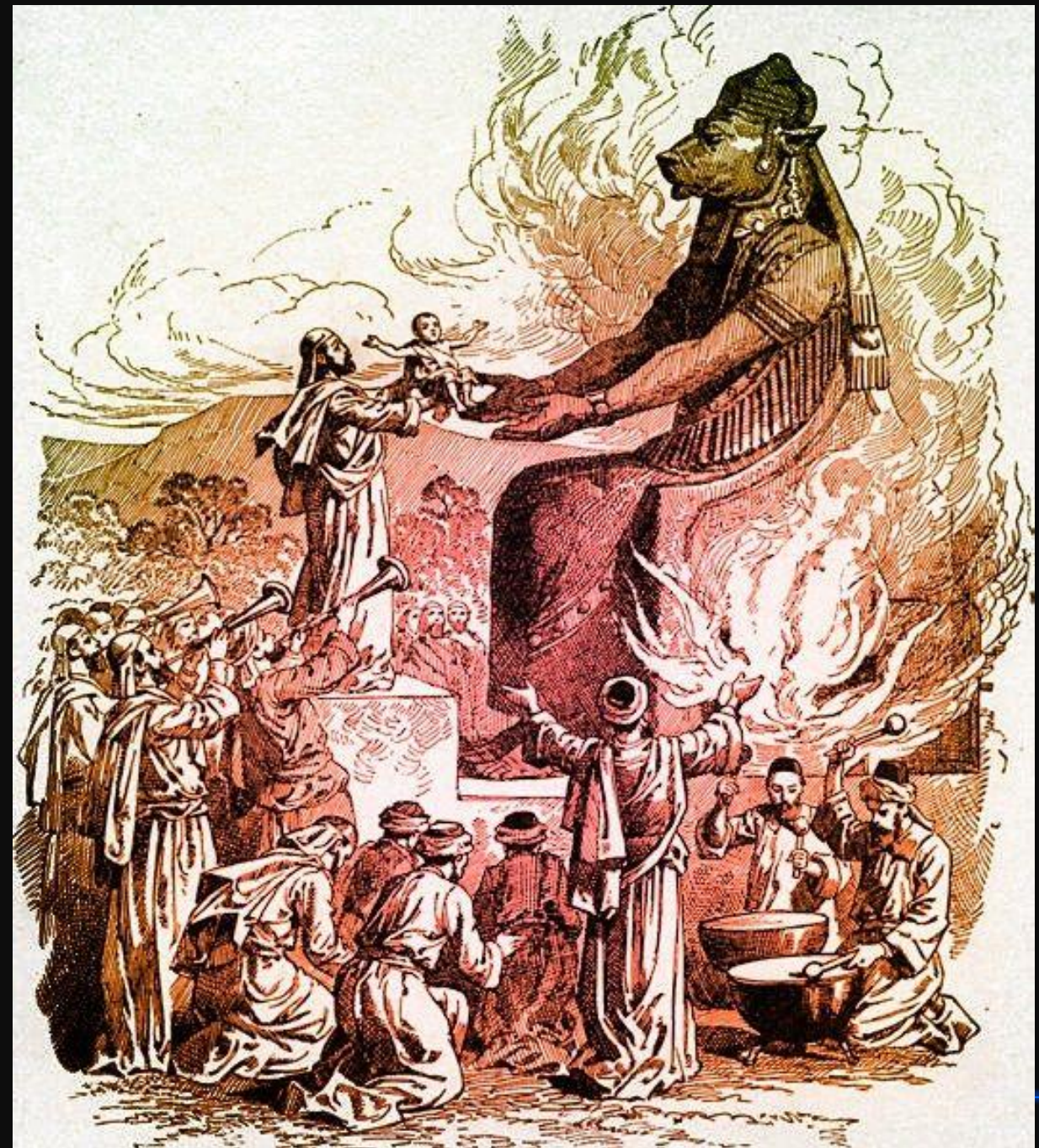
THE DIVIDED KINGDOM



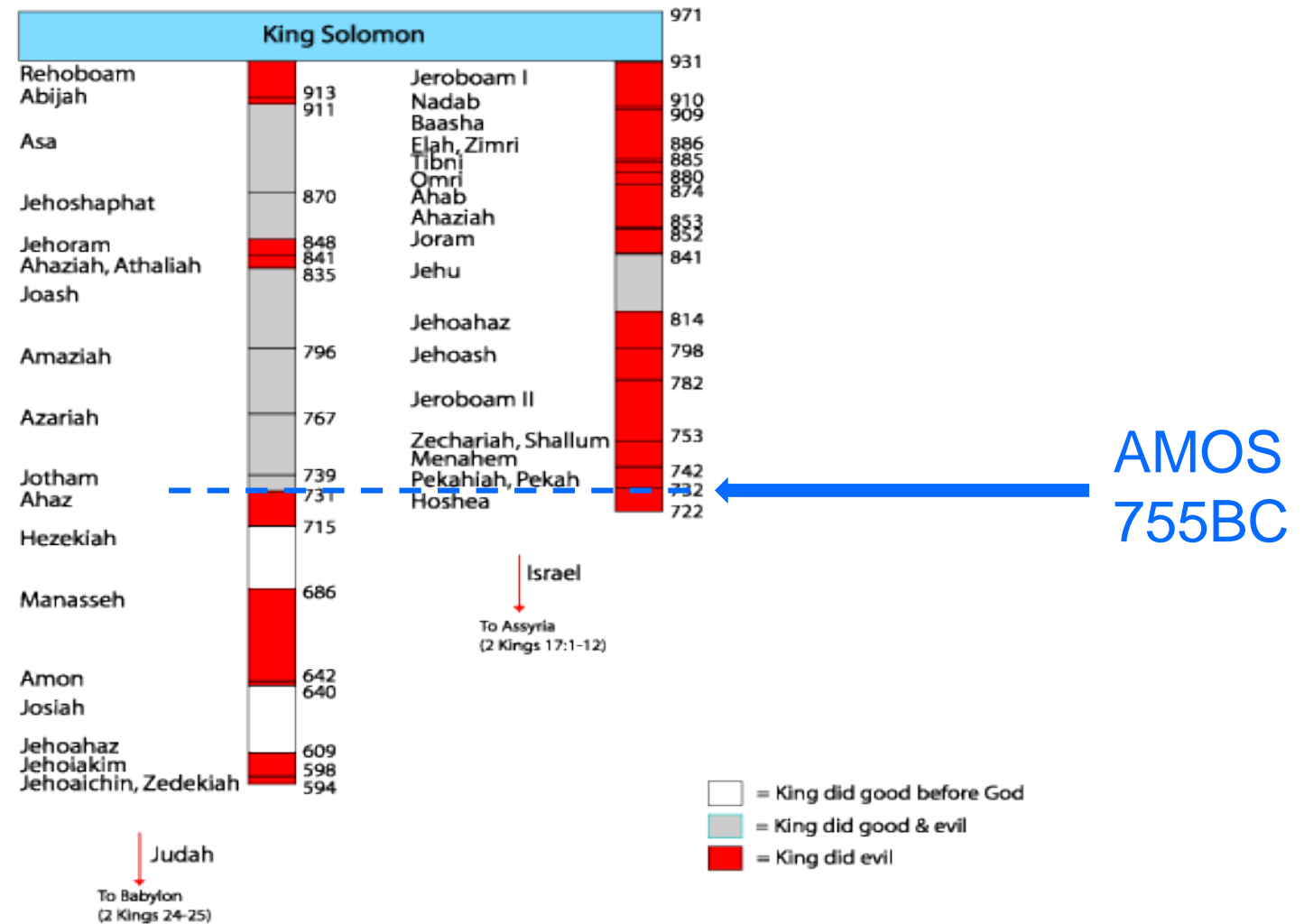
2kings 14:23-29

Jeroboam II King of Israel

²³ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel became king in Samaria, and he reigned forty-one years. ²⁴ **He did evil in the eyes of the LORD and did not turn away from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit.** ²⁵ He was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea, in accordance with the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hepher.



THE KINGS OF ISRAEL & JUDAH



ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORING NATIONS

1. Aram (Damascus) (1:3-5)

cruelty in war

2. Philistia (1:6-8)

slave trade

3. Phoenicia (Tyre) (1:9-10)

Betrayal

4. Edom(1:11-12)

Hatred for Israel

5. Ammon (1:13-15)

intense cruelty

6. Moab (2:1-3)

vengeance even on a king's carcass



DAMASCUS

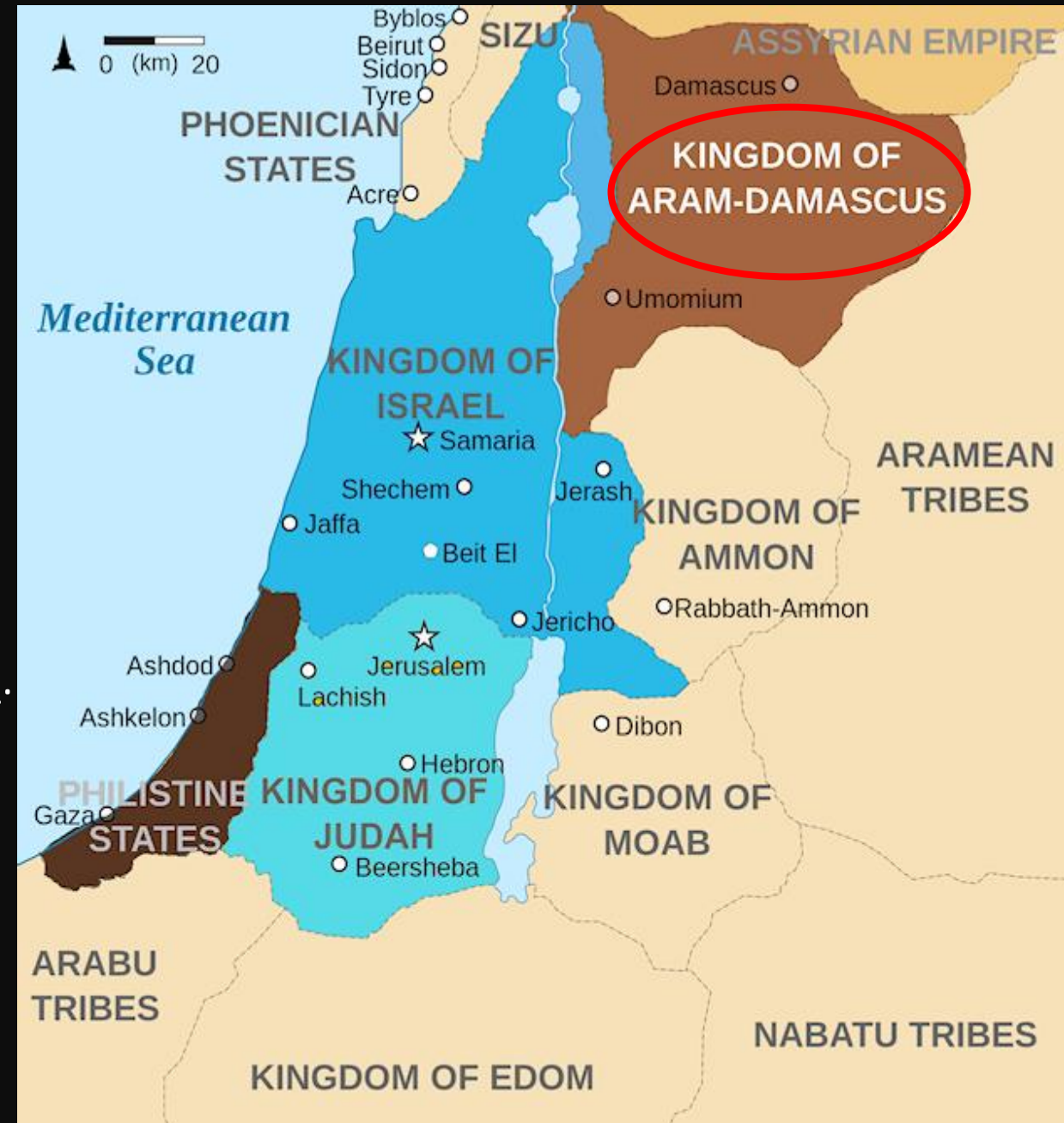
Amos 1:3-5 (NIV)

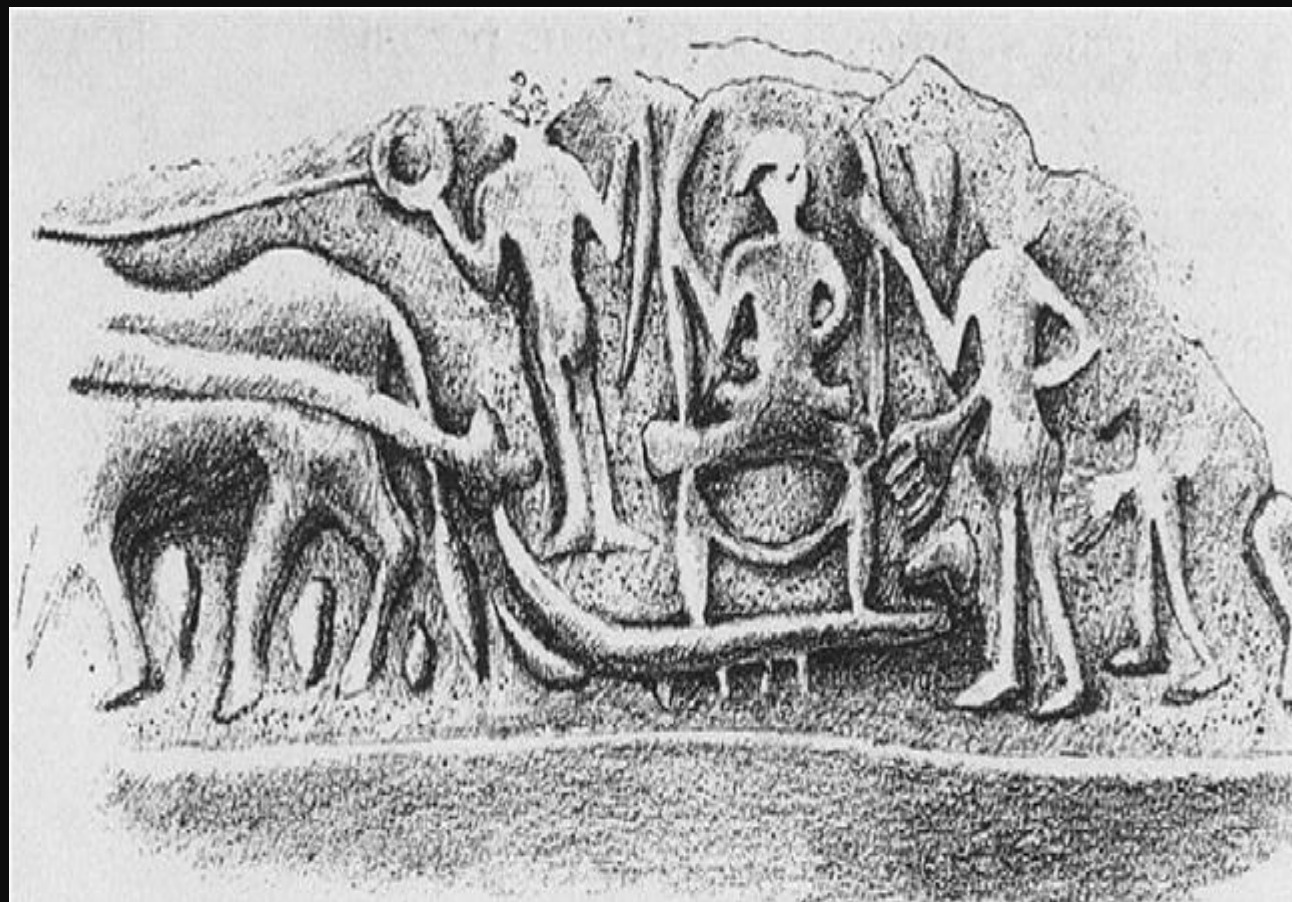
³ This is what the LORD says:
“For three sins of Damascus,
even for four, I will not relent.

Because she threshed Gilead
with sledges having iron teeth,

⁴ I will send fire on the house of Hazael
that will consume the fortresses of Ben-Hadad.

⁵ I will break down the gate of Damascus;
I will destroy the king who is in the Valley of
Aven
and the one who holds the scepter in Beth Eden.
The people of Aram will go into exile to Kir,”
says the LORD.





2 kings 8:10 -12

¹⁰ Elisha answered, "Go and say to him, 'You will certainly recover.' Nevertheless, the LORD has revealed to me that he will in fact die." ¹¹ He stared at him with a fixed gaze until Hazael was embarrassed. Then the man of God began to weep.

¹² "Why is my lord weeping?" asked Hazael.

"**Because I know the harm you will do to the Israelites**," he answered. "You will set fire to their fortified places, kill their young men with the sword, dash their little children to the ground, and rip open their pregnant women."

Fulfillment of prophecy: Tiglath-Pileser III of Assyria carried the Aramean captives after he had taken the city of Damascus and conquered the kingdom of Aram-Damascus Reference: (2 Kings 16:9; Amos 1:5; 9:7).

2 Kings 16 (NIV)

⁷ Ahaz sent messengers to say to Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, "I am your servant and vassal. Come up and save me out of the hand of the king of Aram and of the king of Israel, who are attacking me." ⁸ And Ahaz took the silver and gold found in the temple of the LORD and in the treasuries of the royal palace and sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria. ⁹ The king of Assyria complied by attacking Damascus and capturing it. He deported its inhabitants to Kir and put Rezin to death.

Philistines

Amos 1:6-8 (NIV)

⁶ This is what the LORD says:

“For three sins of Gaza,
even for four, I will not relent.

*Because she took captive whole communities
and sold them to Edom,*

⁷ I will send fire on the walls of Gaza
that will consume her fortresses.

⁸ I will destroy the king of Ashdod
and the one who holds the scepter in Ashkelon.

I will turn my hand against Ekron,
till the last of the Philistines are dead,”
says the Sovereign LORD.



2 Chronicles 21:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶The LORD aroused against Jehoram the hostility of the Philistines and of the Arabs who lived near the Cushites. ¹⁷**They attacked Judah, invaded it and carried off all the goods found in the king's palace, together with his sons and wives. Not a son was left to him except Ahaziah, the youngest.**

- Philistines in the bible days are depicted as a major enemy of Israel until David came into the picture and subdued them, though afterwards, they still became a pain for the nation of Israel. They even at some point, defeated Israel and carried the ark of the covenant in **1st Samuel 5-6**

The Philistine cities lost their independence to Assyria, and revolts in the following years were all crushed. They **disappeared as a distinct ethnic group** by the late 5th century BC



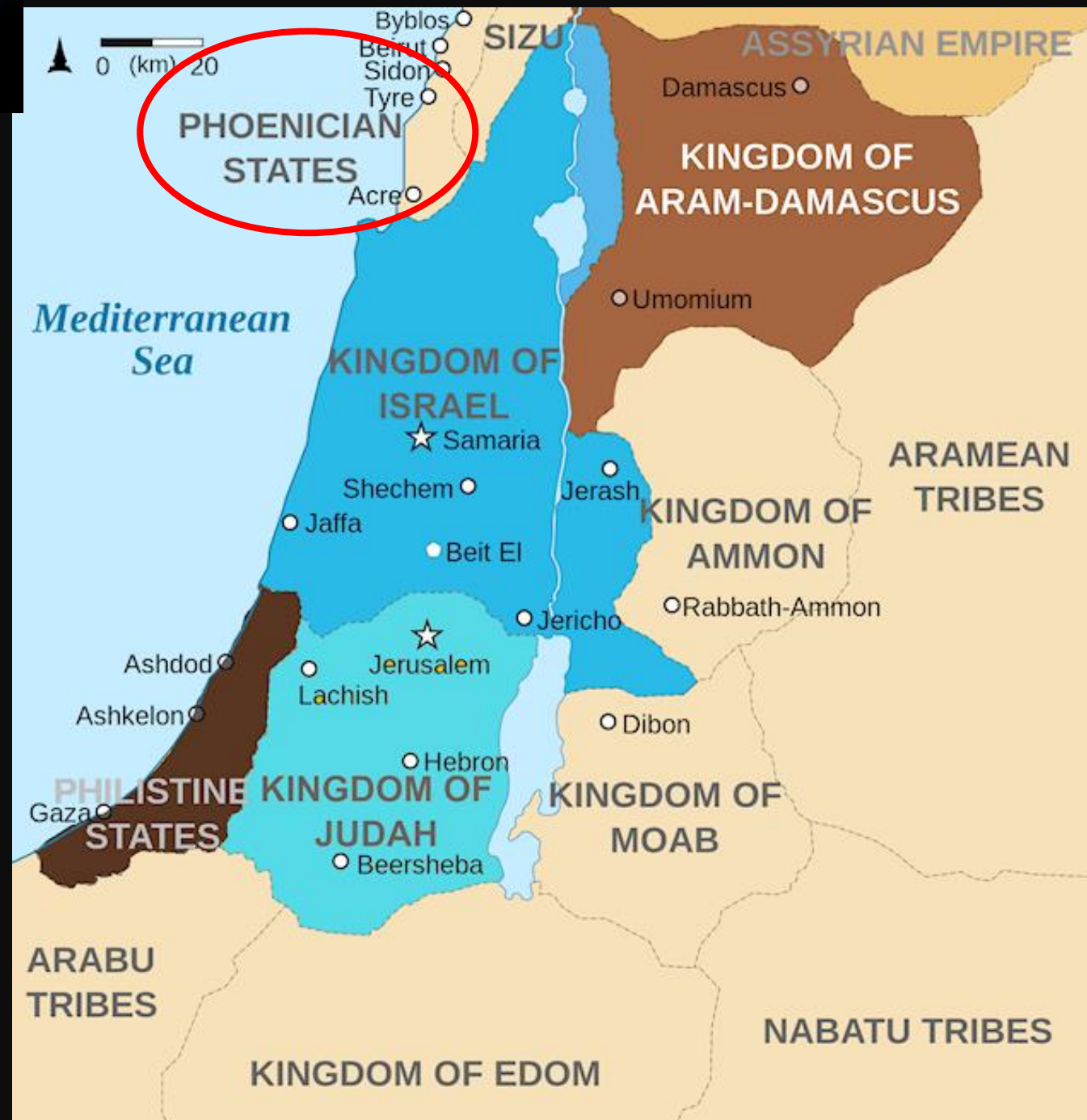
Tyre

Amos 1:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ This is what the LORD says:

“For three sins of Tyre,
even for four, I will not relent.
Because *she sold whole communities of
captives to Edom*,

disregarding a treaty of brotherhood,
¹⁰ I will send fire on the walls of Tyre
that will consume her fortresses.”



1 Kings 5:1 (NIV)

When Hiram king of Tyre heard that Solomon had been anointed king to succeed his father David, he sent his envoys to Solomon, because he had always been on friendly terms with David.

1 Kings 7:13-14(NIV)

¹³ King Solomon sent to Tyre and brought Hiram, ¹⁴ whose mother was a widow from the tribe of Naphtali and whose father was from Tyre and a skilled craftsman in bronze. Hiram was filled with wisdom, with understanding and with knowledge to do all kinds of bronze work. He came to King Solomon and did all the work assigned to him.



1 Kings 5:2-6 (NIV)

² Solomon sent back this message to Hiram (King of Tyre):.....

.....⁵ I intend, therefore, to build a temple for the Name of the LORD my God, as the LORD told my father David, when he said, 'Your son whom I will put on the throne in your place will build the temple for my Name.'

⁶ "So give orders that cedars of Lebanon be cut for me. My men will work with yours, and I will pay you for your men whatever wages you set. You know that we have no one so skilled in felling timber as the Sidonians."



Luke 10:13--15 (NIV)

³ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.

So what do we learn?

GOD IS SOVEREIGN; HE WILL JUDGE