

# THE BOOK OF AMOS

## Part III :

### Judgment upon the nations

Amos 1:11-15; 2:1-3

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



## Hebrews 4:12-13(NIV)

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

# 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



# Edom

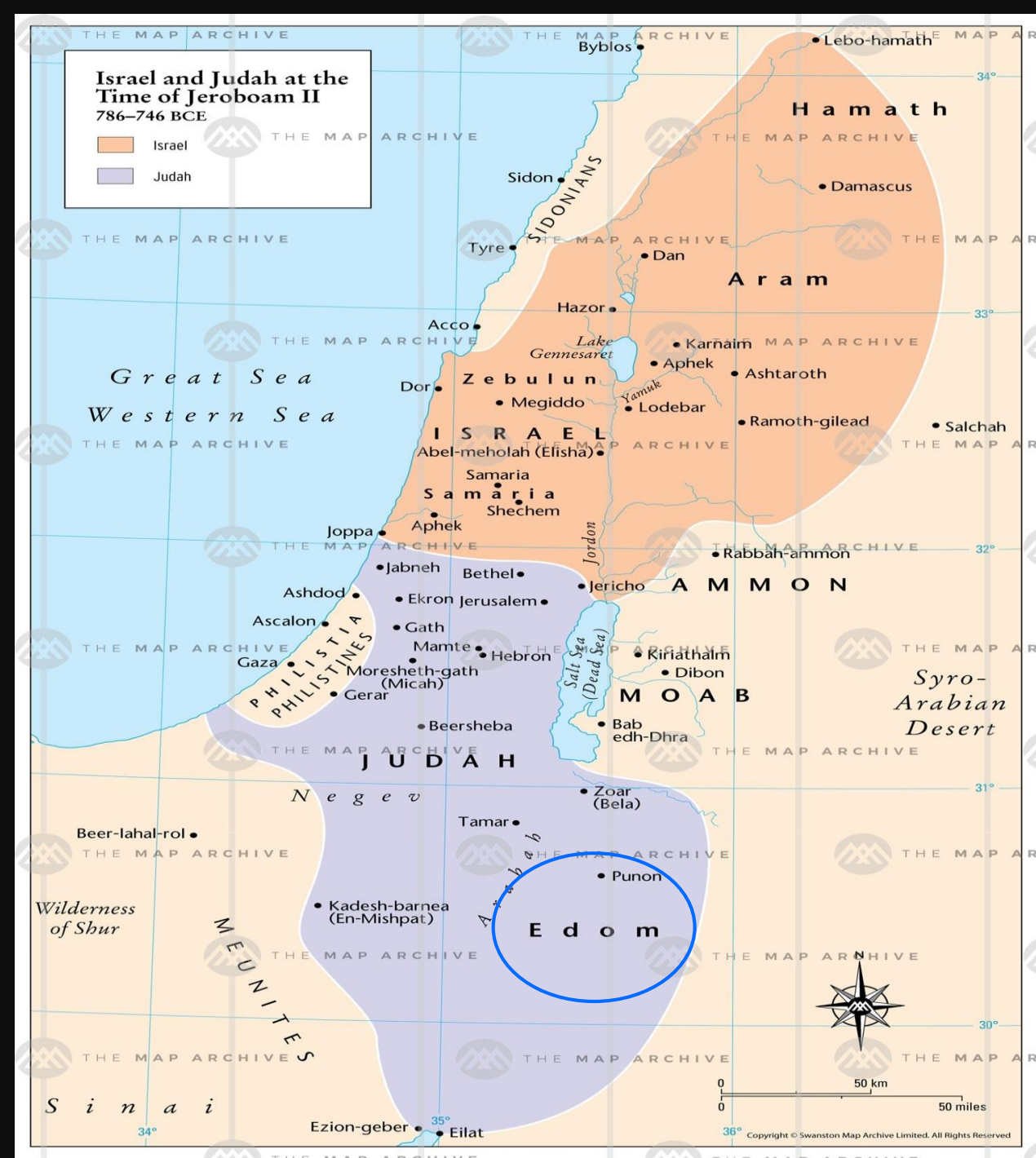
## Amos 1:11-12 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> This is what the LORD says:

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

*Because he pursued his brother with a sword  
and slaughtered the women of the land,  
because his anger raged continually  
and his fury flamed unchecked,*

<sup>12</sup> I will send fire on Teman  
that will consume the fortresses of  
Bozrah.”



## Who was Edom?

- Descendants of Esau

### Genesis 25:29-30

<sup>29</sup> Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. <sup>30</sup> He said to Jacob, “Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!” (That is why he was also called Edom.)

## What were the sins of Edom?

- Hatred and vengeance towards his brother, Israel
- Killed women (the helpless)
- Unforgiving and rage.



## Very Hostile to Israel

### Deu 2:4-6

<sup>4</sup> Give the people these orders: ‘You are about to pass through the territory of **your relatives the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir**. They will be afraid of you, **but be very careful**. <sup>5</sup> Do not provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of their land, not even enough to put your foot on. I have given **Esau** the hill country of **Seir** as his own. <sup>6</sup> You are to pay them in silver for the food you eat and the water you drink.’”

**Numbers 20:14-21 (NIV)** – They could not allow Israel to pass through their territory.

.....Then **Edom came out against them with a large and powerful army**. <sup>21</sup> Since Edom refused to let them go through their territory, Israel turned away from them.



# Ammon

Amos 1:13-15 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> This is what the LORD says:

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

Because he ripped open the pregnant  
women of Gilead

in order to extend his borders,

<sup>14</sup> I will set fire to the walls of Rabbah  
that will consume her fortresses  
amid war cries on the day of battle,  
amid violent winds on a stormy day.

<sup>15</sup> Her king will go into exile,  
he and his officials together,”  
says the LORD.

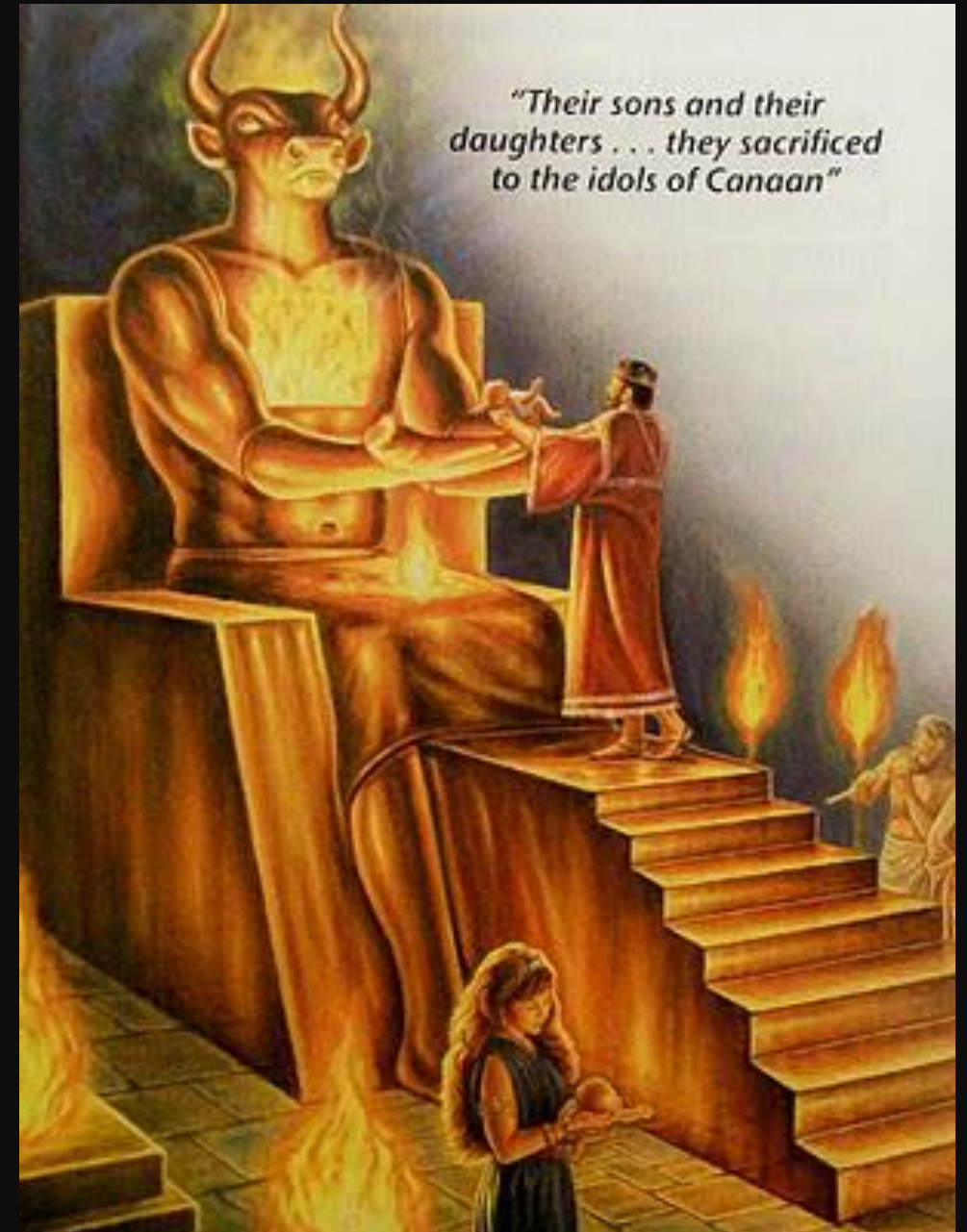


## Who was Ammon? (Gen 19:36-38)

- From the descendants of Ben-Ammi, the “son” of Lot - *incest with his younger daughter*
- Pagans who even sacrificed even their sons and daughters to the god, MOLEK.

### 1 Kings 11:7 – influence on God’s people

<sup>7</sup> On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites.



*“Their sons and their daughters . . . they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan”*

**Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites**

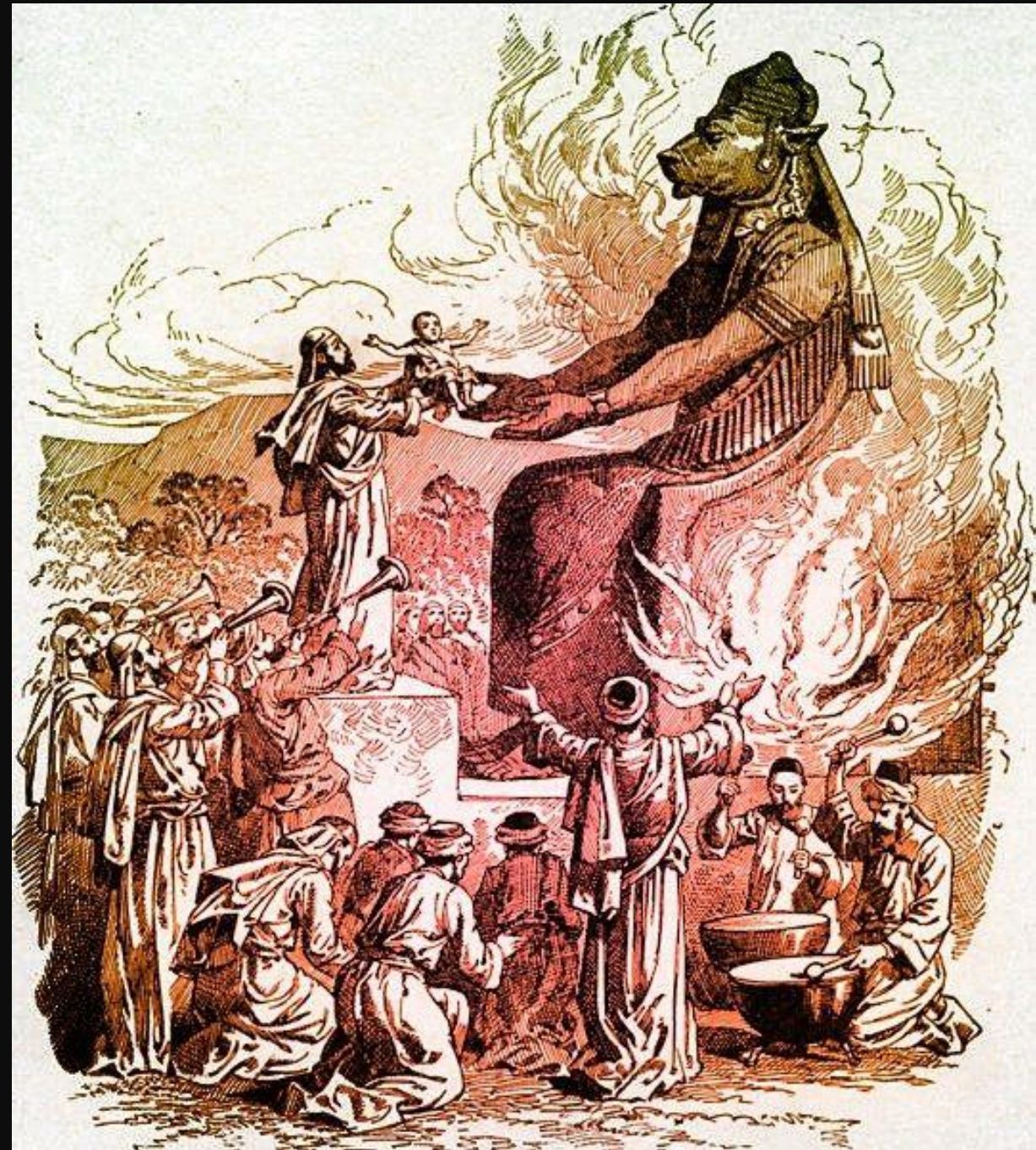


## What were the sins of Ammon?

- Oppression of Israel's women.
- Territorial raids

### 2 Kings 21:6 (Manasseh-King of Judah)

<sup>6</sup> He sacrificed his own son in the fire, practiced divination, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, arousing his anger.



# Moab

Amos 2:1-3 (NIV)

2 This is what the LORD says:

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

Because he burned to ashes  
the bones of Edom’s king,

<sup>2</sup> I will send fire on Moab  
that will consume the fortresses of  
Kerioth.

Moab will go down in great tumult  
amid war cries and the blast of the  
trumpet.

<sup>3</sup> I will destroy her ruler  
and kill all her officials with him,”  
says the LORD.



## Who was Moab? (Gen 19:36-38)

- From the descendants of the first “son” of Lot – *incest with his older daughter*
- Pagans who even sacrificed even humans to the detestable god, CHEMOSH (1<sup>st</sup> Kings 11:7)



Chemosh the detestable god of Moab



Canaanite Stelae on Tell Gezer  
between Judah and the coast

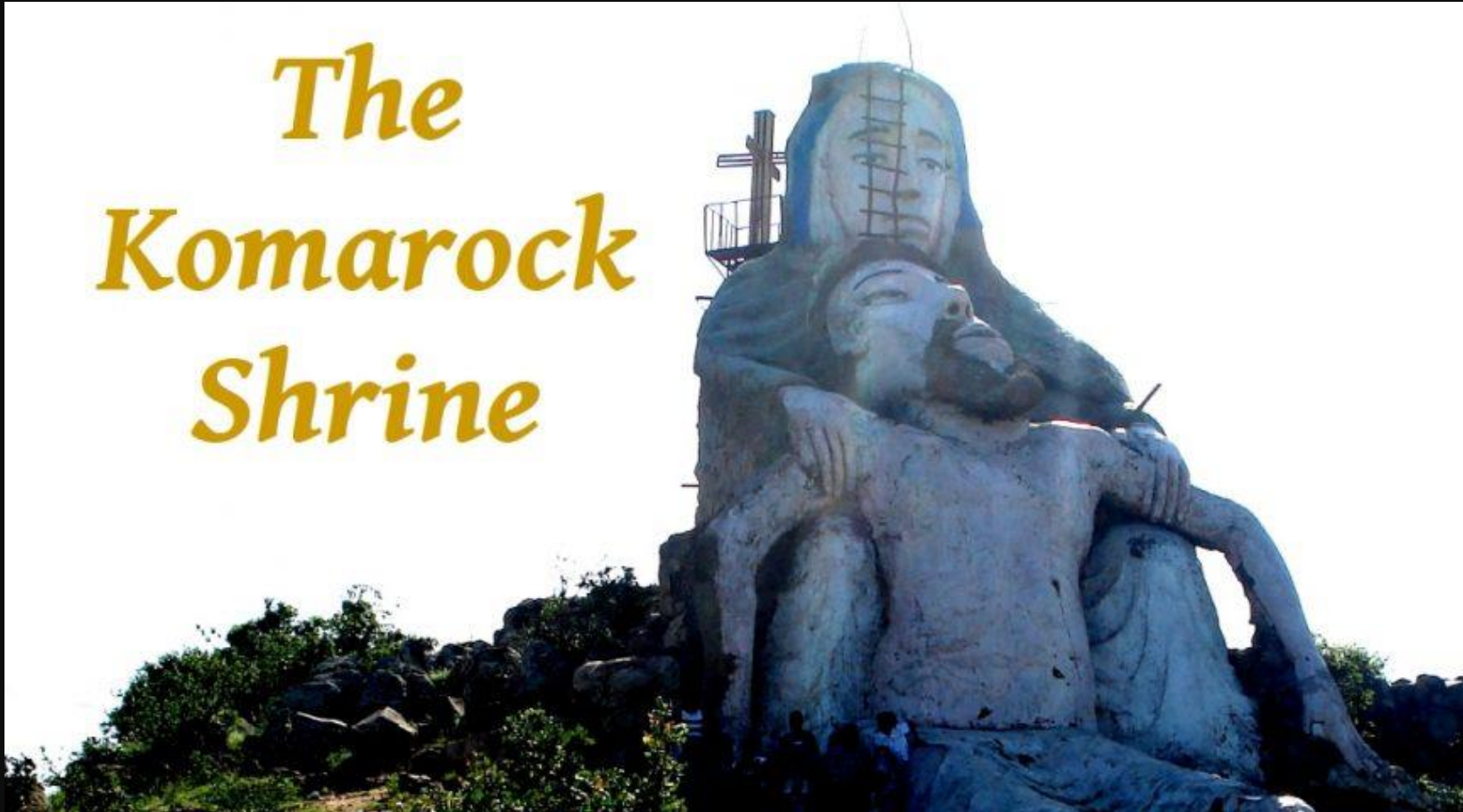
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### 1 Kings 11:7

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# The Komarock Shrine



a high place for worship?

## The sin of Moab

- Burned Edom's King to ashes.



### 2 Kings 3:27

<sup>27</sup> Then **he took his firstborn son**, who was to succeed him as king, **and offered him as a sacrifice** on the city wall. The fury against Israel was great; they withdrew and returned to their own land.

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## **2 Peter 3:8-10**

<sup>8</sup>But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

GOD IS SOVEREIGN; HE WILL JUDGE