

THE BOOK OF AMOS

Part IV :
Judgment on God's people
Amos 2:4-16

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



Amos 1:2 (NIV)

² He said:

“**The LORD roars** from Zion
and **thunders** from
Jerusalem;
the pastures of the shepherds dry
up,
and the top of
Carmel withers.”



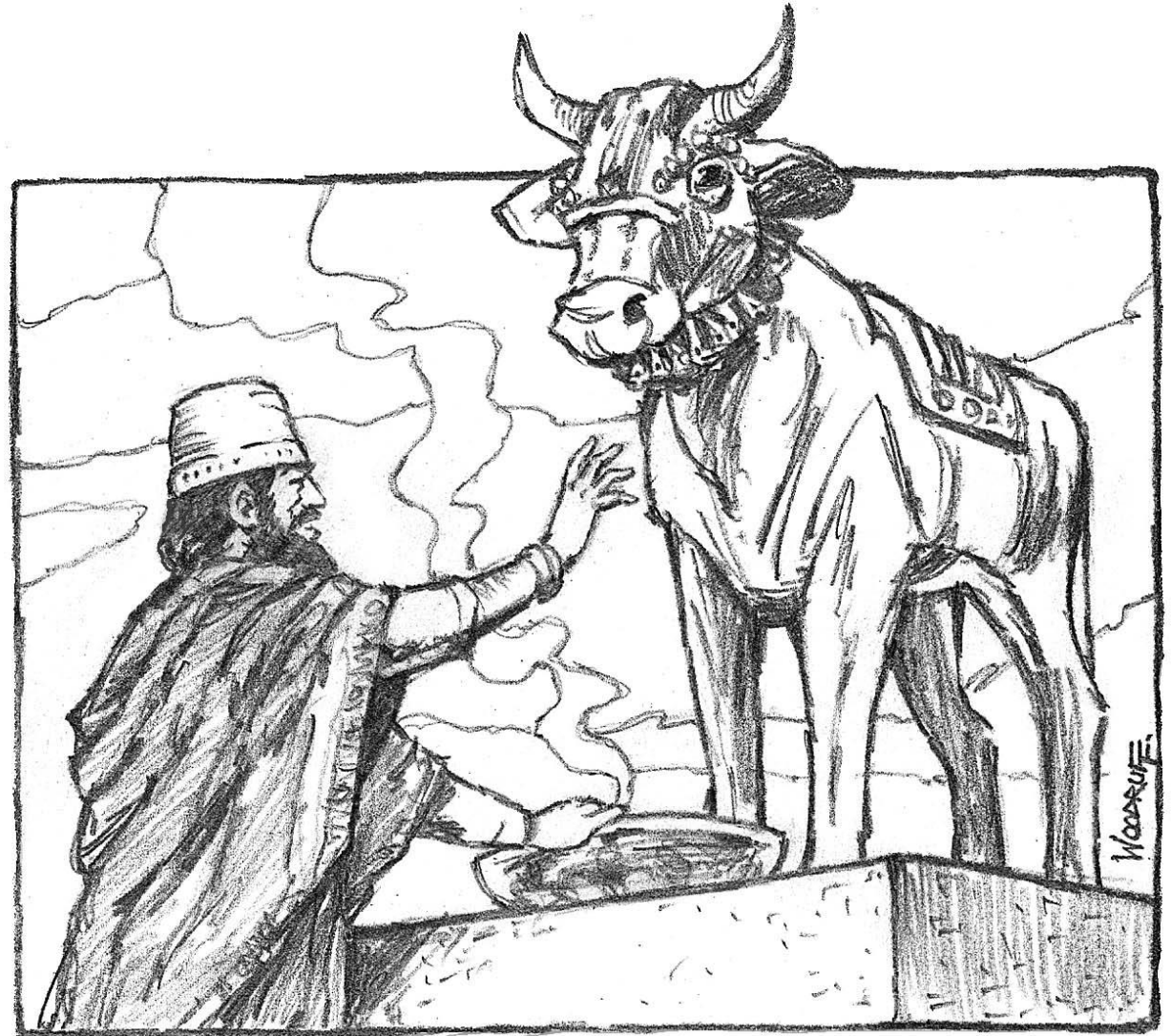
Deuteronomy 8:11-14 (NIV)

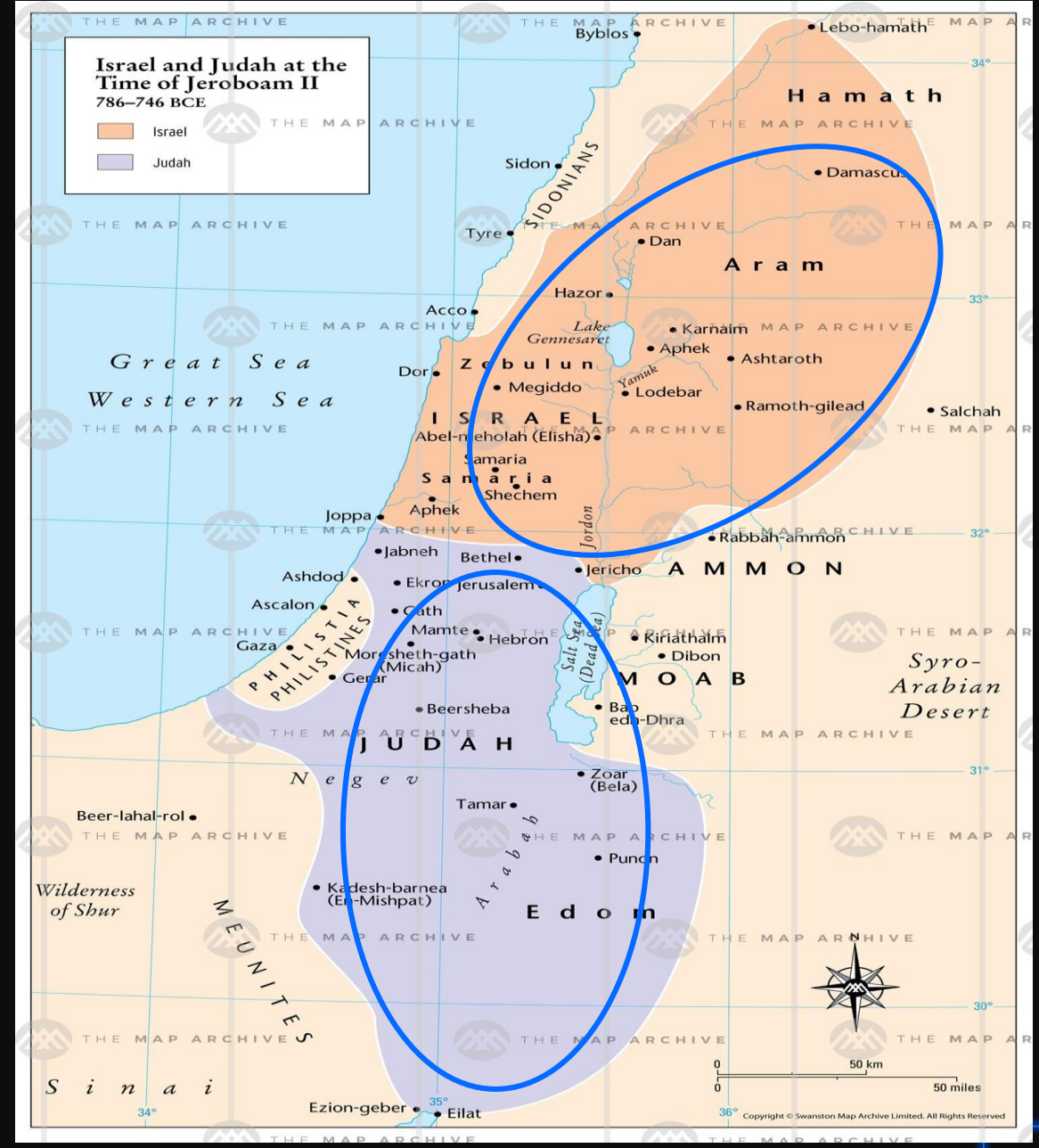
¹¹ **Be careful that you do not forget** the LORD your God, **failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees** that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ **then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.**

2 Kings 14:26-27 (NIV) – About Jeroboam II

²⁶ The LORD had seen how bitterly everyone in Israel, whether slave or free, was suffering; there was no one to help them. ²⁷ And since the LORD had not said he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam son of Jehoash.

God used Jeroboam to save His people from their enemies, however Jeroboam became proud and did evil in the eyes of God.





2 Kings 14:26-27 (NIV)

Judah

Amos 2:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ This is what the LORD says:

“For three sins of Judah,
even for four, I will not relent.
Because they have rejected the law of
the LORD

and have not kept his decrees,
because they have been led astray by false
gods,

the gods their ancestors followed,
⁵ I will send fire on Judah
that will consume the fortresses of
Jerusalem.”



2 Peter 2:21 (NIV)

²¹ It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.



Israel

Amos 2:6-8 (NIV)

⁶ This is what the LORD says:

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

They sell the innocent for silver,
and the needy for a pair of sandals.

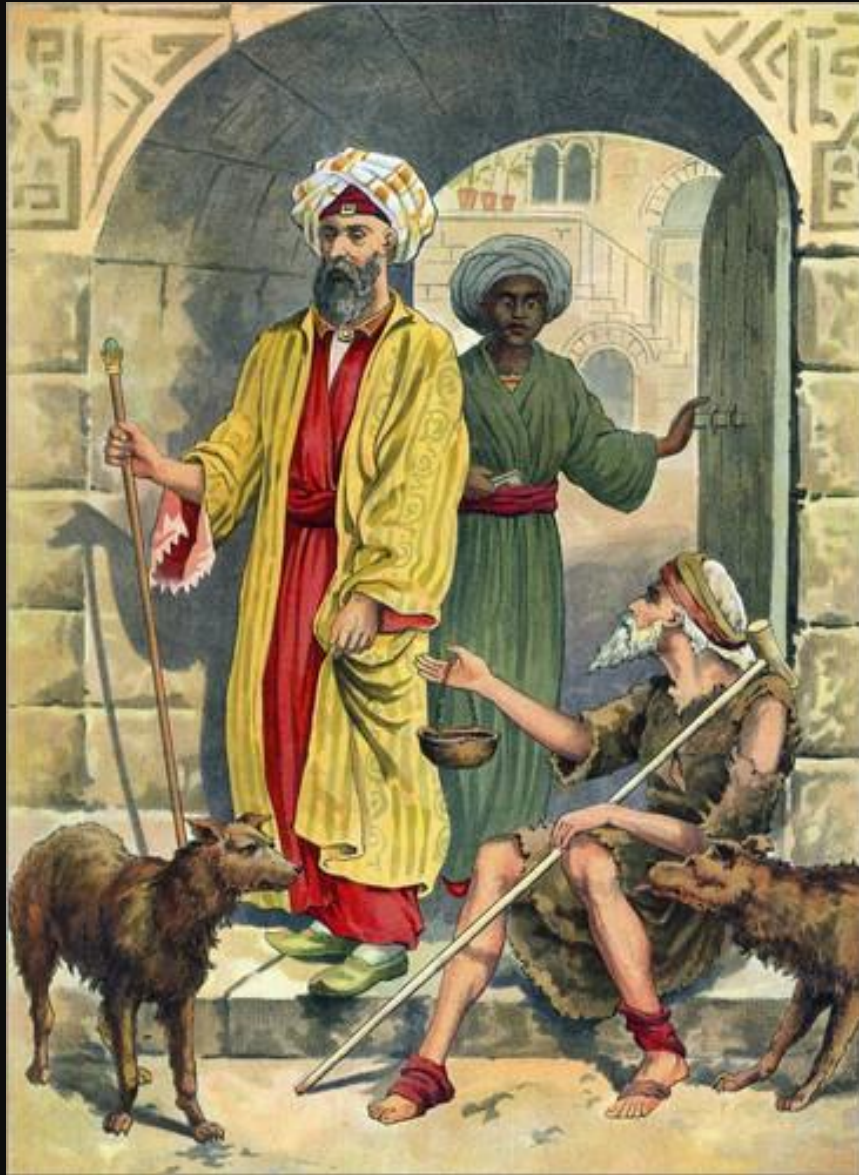
⁷ They trample on the heads of the poor
as on the dust of the ground
and deny justice to the oppressed.

Father and son use the same girl
and so profane my holy name.

⁸ They lie down beside every altar
on garments taken in pledge.

In the house of their god
they drink wine taken as fines.





Today?



Israel

Amos 2:9-11 (NIV)

⁹ “Yet I destroyed the Amorites before them,
though they were tall as the cedars
and strong as the oaks.

I destroyed their fruit above
and their roots below.

¹⁰ I brought you up out of Egypt
and led you forty years in the wilderness
to give you the land of the Amorites.

¹¹ “I also raised up prophets from among
your children
and Nazirites from among your youths.

Is this not true, people of Israel?”
declares the LORD.





Israel

Amos 2:12-16 (NIV)

¹² “But you made the Nazirites drink wine and commanded the prophets not to prophesy.

¹³ “Now then, I will crush you as a cart crushes when loaded with grain.

¹⁴ The swift will not escape, the strong will not muster their strength, and the warrior will not save his life.

¹⁵ The archer will not stand his ground, the fleet-footed soldier will not get away, and the horseman will not save his life.

¹⁶ Even the bravest warriors will flee naked on that day,” declares the LORD.



Israel

¹² “But you made the Nazirites drink wine and commanded the prophets not to prophesy.

Numbers 6:1-21 - The Nazirite Vow

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When either a man or a woman makes **a special vow**, the vow of a Nazirite, **to separate himself to the LORD**, ³he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink.

It is one thing not to listen to God's word; yet another to persecute the people who carry the word of God. This is real evil to the core.



THE SWIFT
THE STRONG
THE WARRIOR
THE ARCHER
THE SOLDIER
THE HORSEMAN
THE BRAVEST

WILL NOT
ESCAPE



Lessons

HAVE YOU
REJECTED
GOD'S
WORD?

HOW DO
YOU TREAT
OTHERS?

HOW DO
YOU TREAT
THE POOR?

HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
GOD'S LAW?

DO YOU
TRUST YOUR
WEALTH?



Hebrews 2:1-3 (NIV)

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. ² For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, ³ how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.