

Amos

A Sheep-Breeder and an Earthquake:
767–753 BC

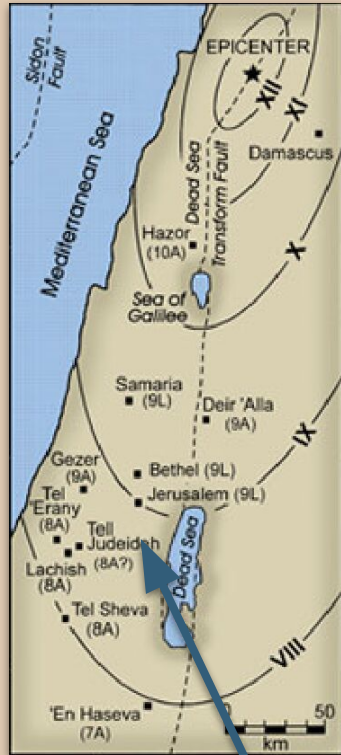
Amos 1.1

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The Earthquake

Amos leaves us quaking....



Tekoa

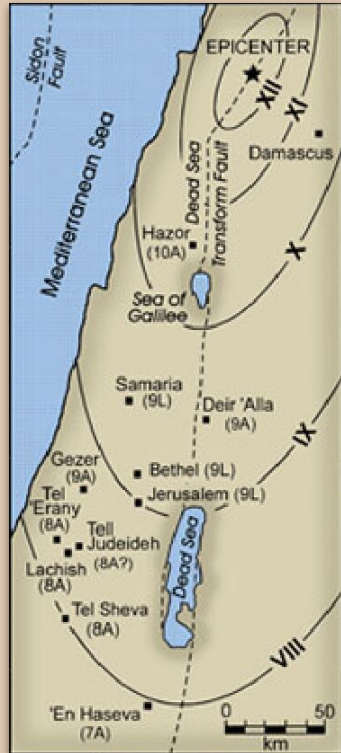


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Definite Mentions in Scripture:

- Amos 1.1
- Amos 9.1, 5
- Zechariah 14.5
- 2 Chronicles 26.16-21

Possible Mentions

(הִפָּךְ – “overturn”):

- Amos 2.13, 3.13-15, 4.11, 6.9-11, 8.8

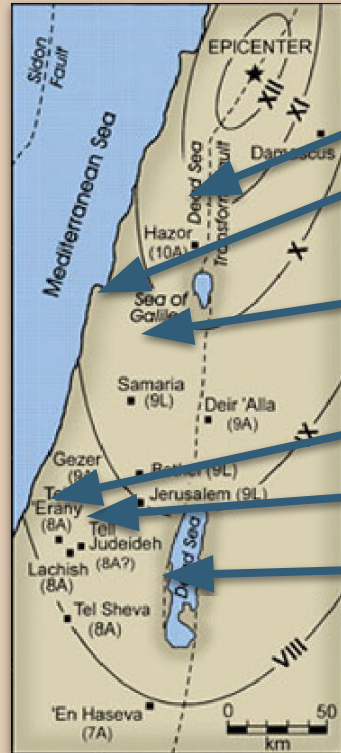


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Tell Abu Hawam

Megiddo

Ashdod

Gath

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The Prophet

The Man...The Sheep-Guy... The Fig Dude...

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Shepherd |

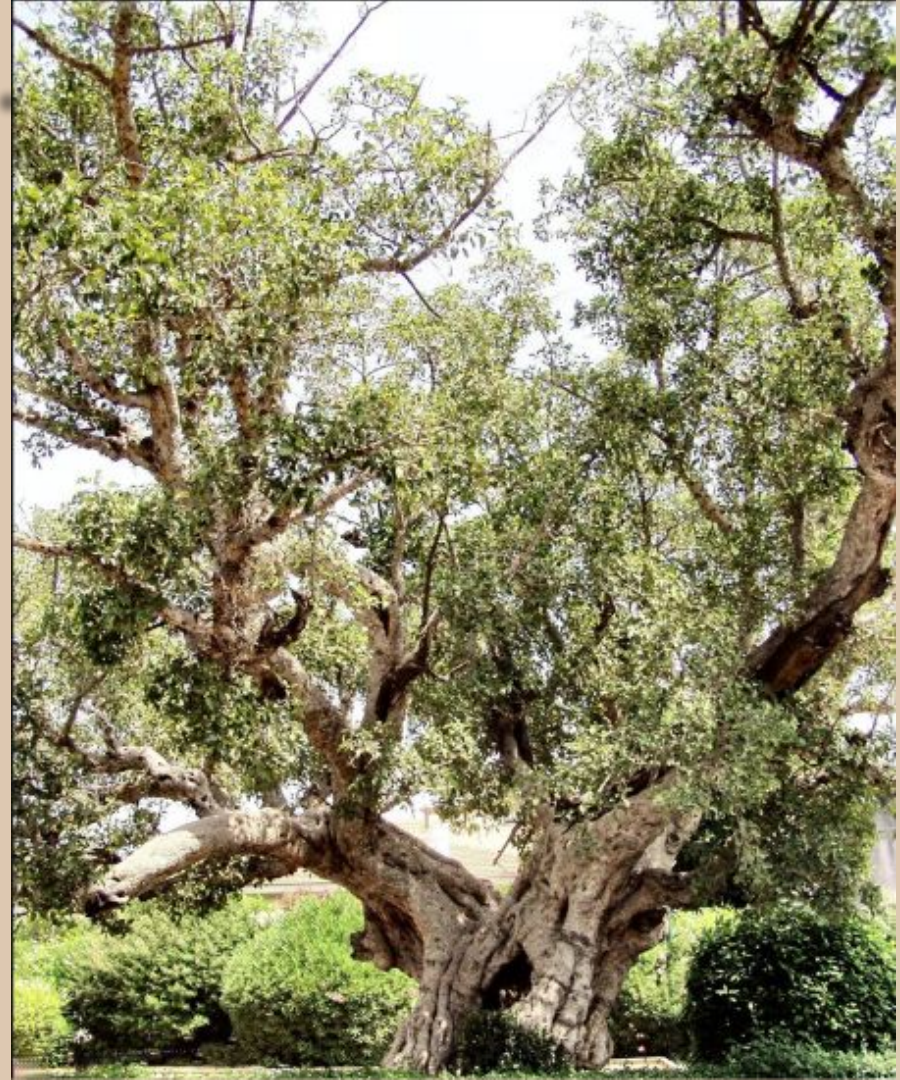
Sheep-breeder (2 Kgs
3.4) | Raiser of Sheep

בּוֹקֵר

Herdsman (7.14)

בֹּלֵס

Dresser of
Sycamore-Fig Trees
(7.14)



Amos 7.14–16a

**Amos replied to Amaziah, “I was not a prophet
nor was I the son of a prophet! For I was a
herdsman and a dresser of sycamore fig trees.
Then YHWH took me from following after flocks
and YHWH said to me, ‘Go! Prophecy to my
people Israel!’ So now listen to YHWH’s
message!”**

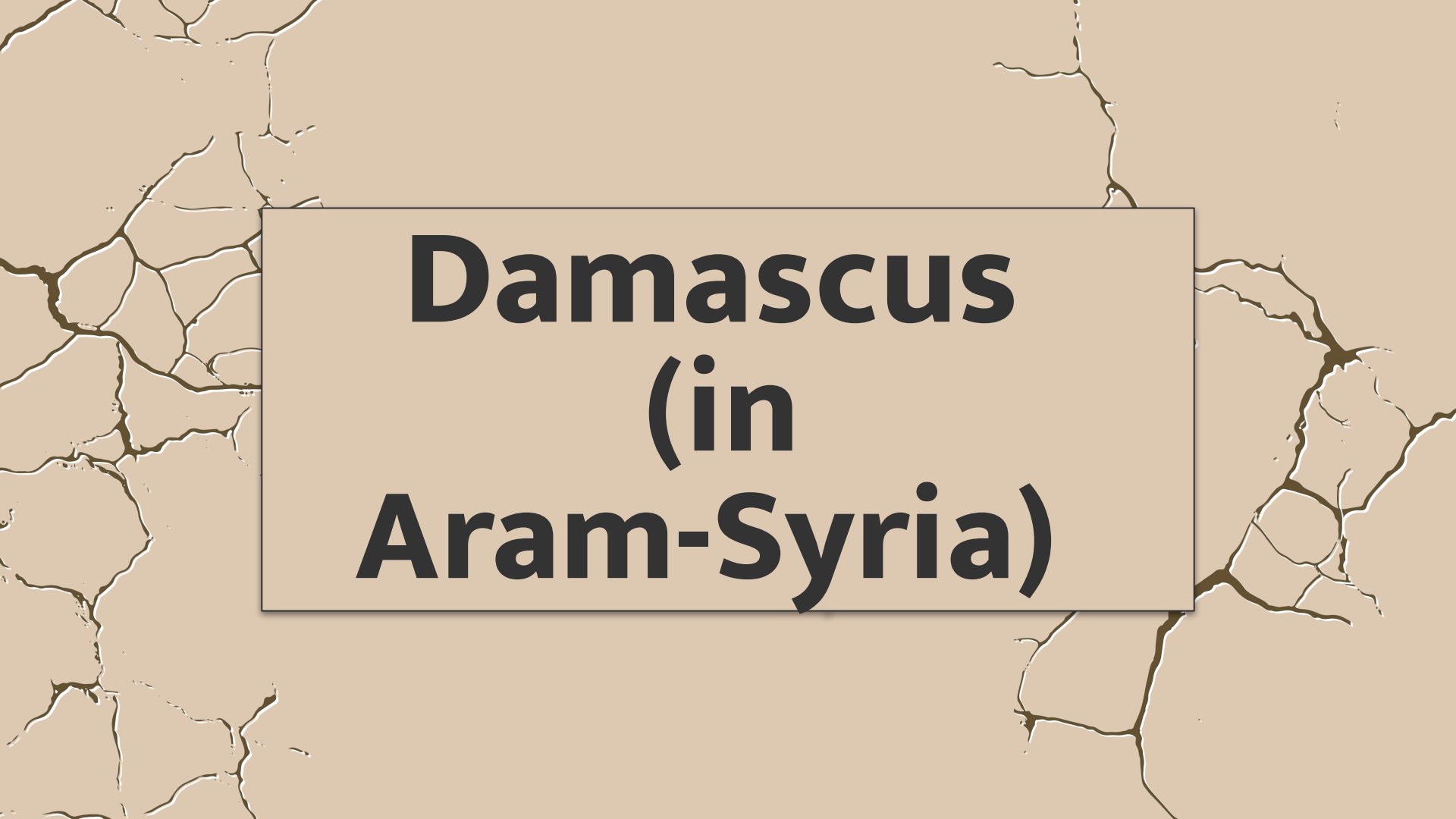
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The Prophecies...

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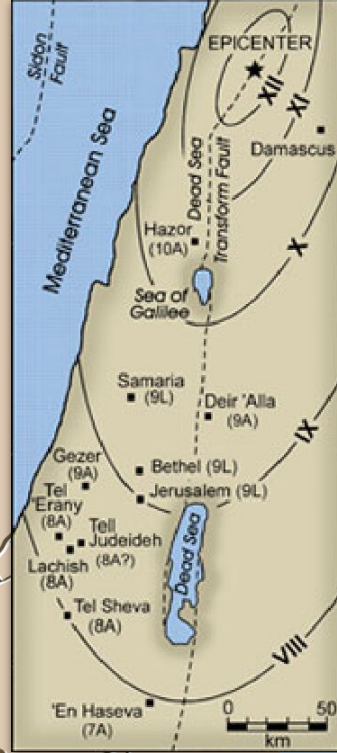
He said,
“YHWH roars from out of Zion, and from out of Jerusalem He raises His voice! The shepherds’ pastures [mourn/wither]!”



Damascus (in Aram-Syria)

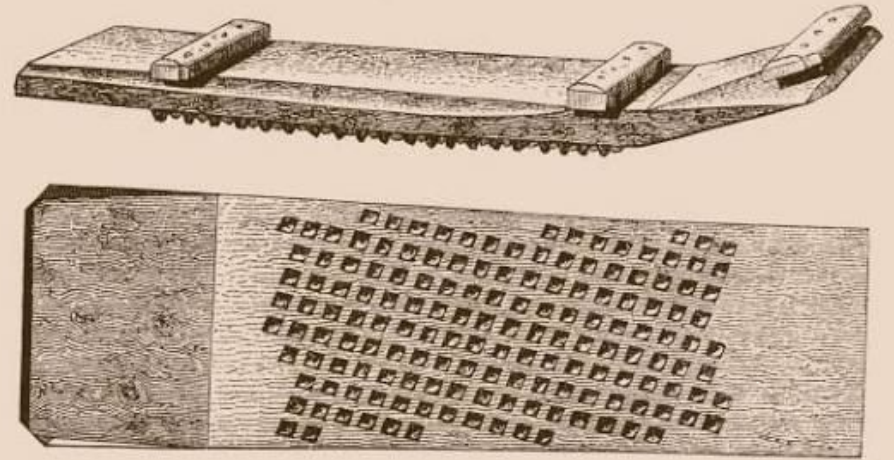
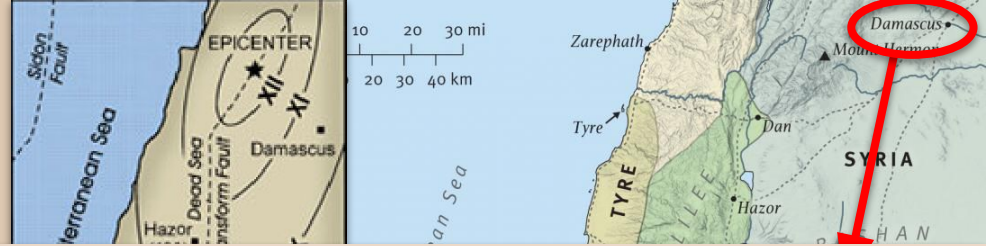
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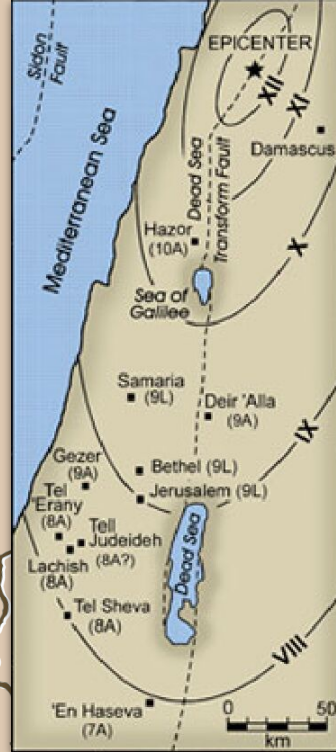
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Amos 1.4–5

“And I’ll release fire into Hazael’s house[hold]; it’ll devour Ben-Hadad’s [fortified palaces]. And I’ll break the [gate-bar] of Damascus, and I’ll cut off the [enthroned] from the “Valley of Wickendess” and the one holding the scepter from [the] “House of Pleasure.” The people of Aram will be exiled to Kir,’ says YHWH!”



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Gaza (in Philistia)

Amos 1.6–7

“Thus says YHWH: ‘Because of three transgressions of Gaza—because of four!—I will not take it back, because they [made exiles of an entire community] in order to deliver them to Edom! And I’ll release fire onto Gaza’s [city wall]; it’ll devour her [fortified palaces].’



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**Ashdod,
Ashkelon,
Ekron
(in Philistia)**

Amos 1.8

“And I’ll cut off the [enthroned]
from Ashdod, and the one
holding the scepter from
Ashkelon. And I’ll turn My hand
against Ekron, and the remnant
of the Philistines will die,’ says
Lord YHWH!”





Tyre (in Phoenicia)

Amos 1.9–10

“Thus says YHWH: ‘Because of three transgressions of Tyre—because of four!—I will not take it back, because they delivered [an entire exiled community] to Edom, and they didn’t remember a treaty of brotherhood. And I’ll release fire onto Tyre’s [city wall]; it’ll devour her [fortified palaces].”





Edom

Amos 1.11–12

“Thus says YHWH: ‘Because of three transgressions of Edom—because of four!—I will not take it back, because he pursued his brother with the sword, and he stifled his compassion, and his anger tore unceasingly, and he kept his fury forever. And I’ll release fire into Teman; it’ll devour Bozrah’s [fortified palaces].’”

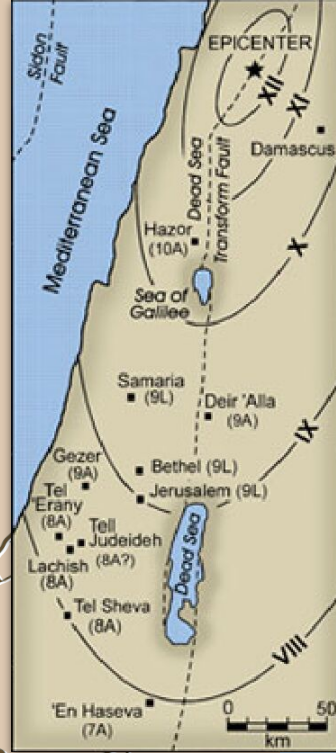


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Ammon

Amos 1.13

“Thus says YHWH: ‘Because of three transgressions of the sons of Ammon—because of four!—I will not take it back, because they ripped open Gilead’s pregnant in order to expand their territory.



Amos 1.14–15

‘And I’ll kindle fire onto Rabbah’s [city wall]; it’ll devour her [fortified palaces], with a shout on the day of battle, with a gale on the day of the storm. Their king will go into exile—he and his [princes/officers] together,’ says YHWH!”





Moab

Amos 2.1–2a

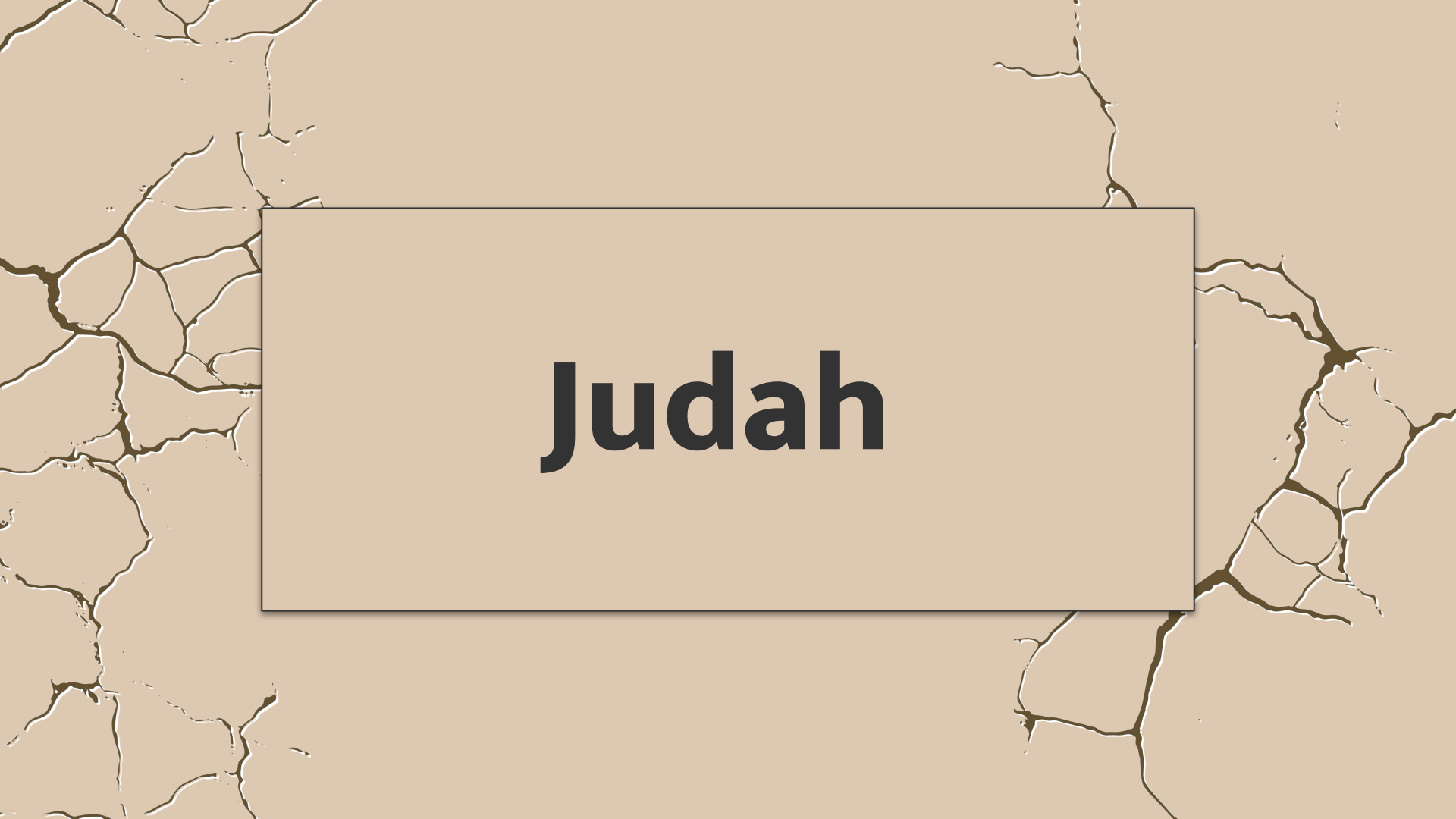
“Thus says YHWH: ‘Because of three transgressions of Moab—because of four!—I will not take it back, because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime. And I’ll release fire into Moab;’



Amos 2.2b–3

‘it’ll devour Kerioth’s [fortified palaces], and Moab will die in the tumult—amidst shouting, amidst the sound of the horn. And I will cut off the judge from her midst, and I will kill all her [princes/officers] with him,’ says YHWH!”





Judah

Amos 2.4–5

“Thus says YHWH: ‘Because of three transgressions of Judah—because of four!—I will not take it back, because they rejected YHWH’s Law, and they did not kept His statutes. And their lies, after whom their fathers walked, deceived them. And I’ll release fire into Judah; it’ll devour Jerusalem’s [fortified palaces].”





Amos 3.1–8

Listen to this message which YHWH is speaking against you, sons of Israel—against the entire clan that I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, “Only you have I [known/chosen] from all the clans of the earth; on this account I will punish you, on account of all your sins.

Do two walk together without an appointment? Does a lion roar in the woods without having prey? Does a young lion bellow from his den if he's caught nothing? Does a bird fall into a trap on the ground if there's no bait in it? Does a trap spring up from the ground unless it's surely caught [something]? If a horn is blown in a city, don't people tremble? If disaster's in a city, hasn't YHWH acted? For Lord YHWH does nothing unless He's revealed His counsel to His servants, the prophets. A lion's roared! Who's not afraid? Lord YHWH has spoken! Who won't prophesy?

Amos 3.9–10

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Amos 4.1–3

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