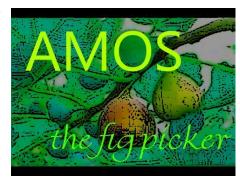
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¹ The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa / 11 miles south of Jerusalem, 755bc, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah / Uzziah reigned honorably until the day he got the foolish idea to enter the temple and give an offering to God; he forgot they lived in a theocracy: God already assigned that job to priests and not civil politicians. It took 80 priests to usher the jackass out of the temple, but only after God struck him with leprosy -- 2 Chronicles 26,



and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

² And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion / like a roaring lion about to pounce on its prey,

and raise His voice from Jerusalem; and the pastures of the shepherds will mourn, and the summit of Carmel / the height of prosperity... will wither.

And Amos tells us: 8 nations are to be judged by the Lord

³ The LORD says, For three transgressions Damascus, and for four / for their repeated stepping over the line; and you can hear the crowds thunderously roar in complete approval, Yeah, Lord destroy them,

I will not turn away because they have threshed Gilead with threshing sledges of iron / the Lord is watching, He knows what is going on; like ancient inquisitors, they violently mowed down the populous: men, women and children... to clear the land; so because of their bloody violence they should be destroyed, right?



⁴But I will send a fire on the house of Hazael, which will devour the palaces of Benhadad / in Hebrew: armon, stronghold, used 12 times; both Damascus king and son would know the Lord's wrath.

⁵ I will also break the gates of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven / literally, from the valley of wickedness – perhaps we could say, the wicked lowlifes,

and the one who wields the scepter from the Beth-Eden, and the people of Syria will be exiled to Kir, says the LORD / so the one who rules this royal jackass fantasy; and not only the leaders but compliant followers also were culpable; and where these brilliant people went, is no longer known.

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⁶ The LORD says; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four / for their repeated stepping over the line; and the crowds roared, Yeah, Lord destroy them,

I will not turn away because they took captive the whole community of exiles, to deliver them to Edom / He knows what is going on; to Esau, enslaving people like cattle, selling them to the generations of Esau living south east of the Dead Sea:

⁷ So I will send fire on the wall of Gaza, it will consume its strongholds:

⁸ and I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and the one who holds the scepter from Ashkelon / coastal cities between Ashdod and Gaza, and I will turn my hand against Ekron / the northernmost of 5 cities of Philistia: and the remainder of the Philistines will perish, says the Lord God.

⁹ The LORD says; For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four / for your repeated wrongdoing of south Lebanon; and the crowds roared, Yeah, Lord; He is watching,

I will not turn away because they took captive the whole community of exiles to Edom;

and did not remember the brotherly covenant / both south and north, cousins of Israel and Judah had the same solution, get rid of the inheritors of the promises of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:

¹⁰ So I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, it will consume its strongholds.

¹¹ The LORD says, For three transgressions of Edom, and for four / for your repeated wrongdoing, particularly, not remembering your relatives, I will not turn away because he pursued his brother with the sword, and discarded all compassion, and his anger tore continually, and he guarded his wrath incessantly / but the Lord never slumbers nor sleeps, He knows what is going on;

¹² So I will send a fire upon Teman it will consume the strongholds of Bozrah / on the chief grandson of Esau representative of his generations; and it will destroy the principal city of Edom.

¹³ The LORD says; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four / for your repeated wrongdoing, not remembering your brotherly covenant; and the crowds roared, Yeah, Lord,

I will not turn away; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead that they might enlarge their border / they murdered pregnant women; things don't change much, do they?

¹⁴ But I will kindle a fire on the wall of Rabbah, and it will consume its strongholds, amid shouting in the day of battle with a storm on the day of the tempest / the capital of the Ammonites will one day be destroyed:

¹⁵ Their king / amid this terrible situation God has a sense of humor; their *nameless* king will go into captivity, he and his princes together, says the LORD.