

WORD OF LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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What are the qualities of the worst employees you have overseen or worked with?

RICH MAN: 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

ABRAHAM: 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

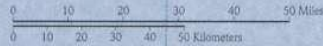
RICH MAN: "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

ABRAHAM: 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

THE KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH

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- City
- ★ Capital city
- City (uncertain location)
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Israel
- Judah
- International roads
- Local roads



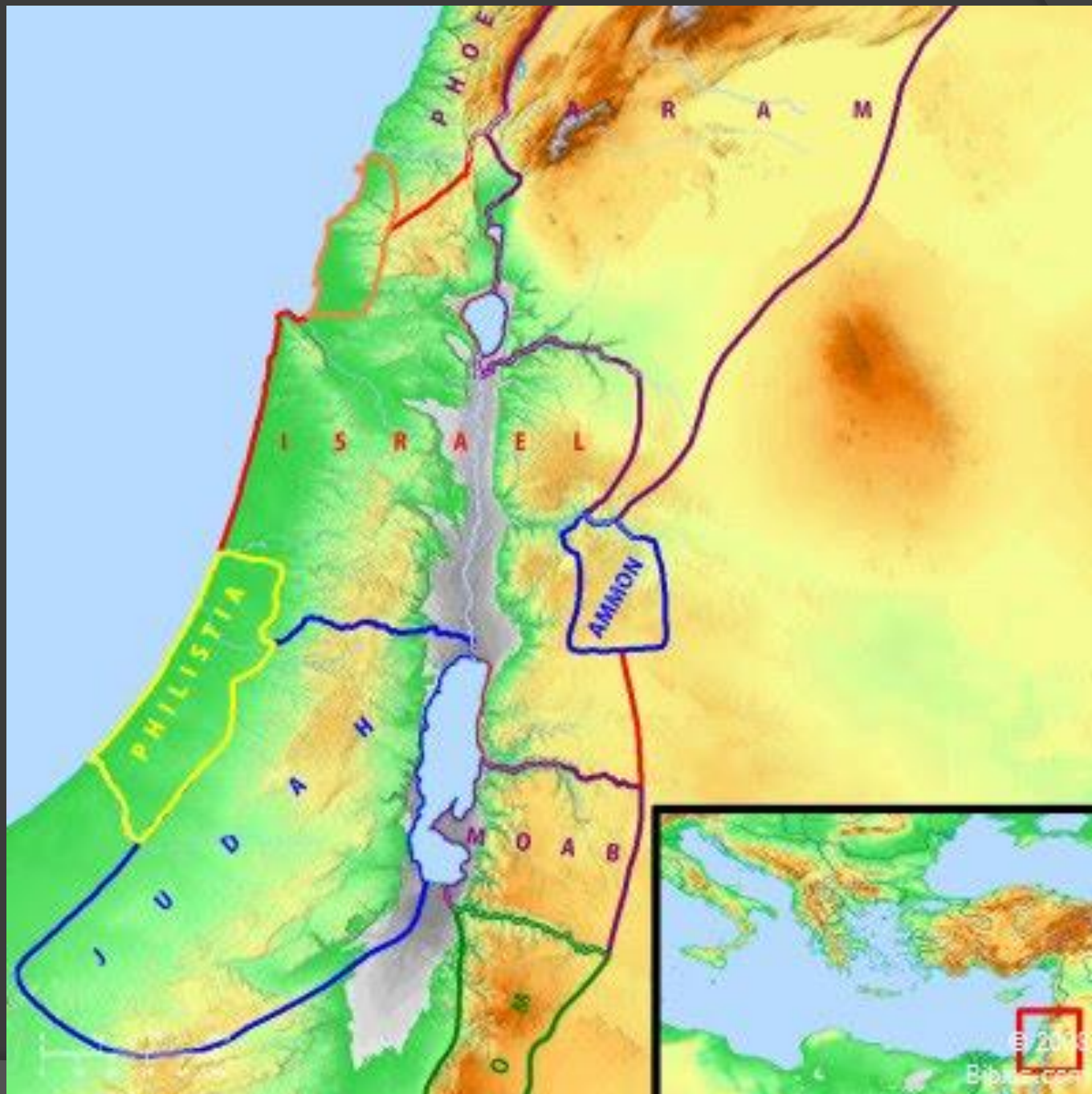
Zooming In: Amos in context

- ~760 BC Jonah prophecies (in Assyria)
- ~750 BC Amos prophecies (in Israel)
- ~740 BC Hosea prophecies (in Israel)
- ~730 BC Micah prophecies (in Israel and Judah)

- **~720 BC Israel conquered by Assyria**

Book of Amos: Overview

1. Prophecy Tour around Israel (ch 1-2)
2. LOWERS THE BOOM!!!! (ch 3-6)
3. Visions for Amos (ch 7-8)
4. God has the final word. (ch 9)



They sell the innocent for silver,
and the needy for a pair of sandals.
They trample on the heads of the poor
as on the dust of the ground
and deny justice to the oppressed.

Amos 2:7

Justice: giving someone her/his due
whether punishment, protection,
care (Tim Keller, *Generous Justice*)

In the story of the prodigal son, the younger brother longs to even eat the food of the pigs while he is in the distant land. Why is he so hungry?

¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

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

Amos 5:24

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Solitary



Gregarious



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A BASKET OF RIPE FRUIT
(according to google)

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