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Life Change: We walk responsibly with God

Amos 2:6-4:5

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Watching cowboys round up calves...

God promises judgment on Israel

They conflate the worth of money and humans

2:6-16

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They remove sex from God's covenant context

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They forget who God is and what He does

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Therefore, judgment will be swift

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God details the judgment of Israel

Being chosen heightens responsibility

3:1-4:5

3:1-3

God has spoken, and His true prophets must speak

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Even pagans can judge Israel

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Veneer spirituality will be exposed & eliminated

4:1-5

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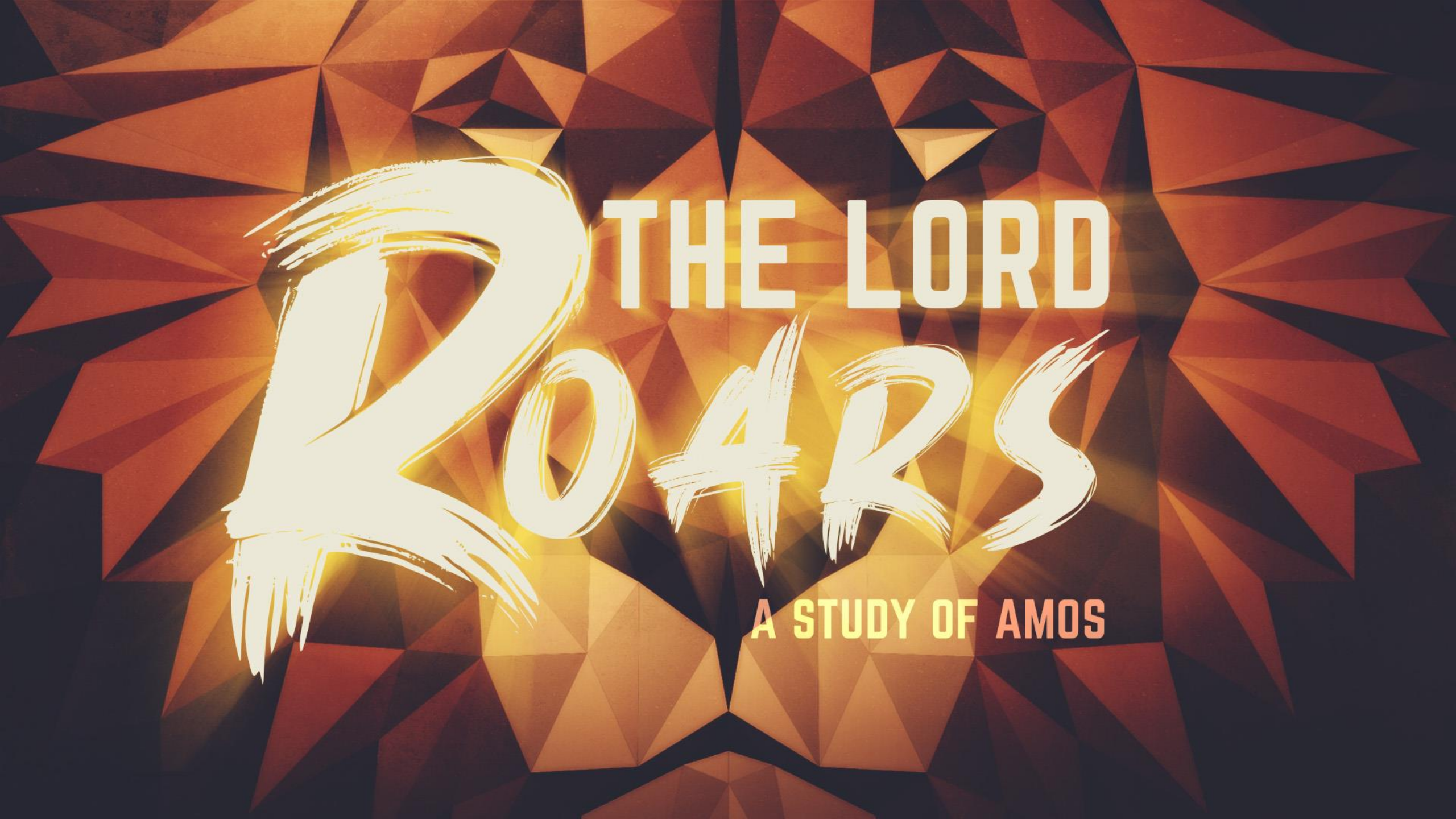
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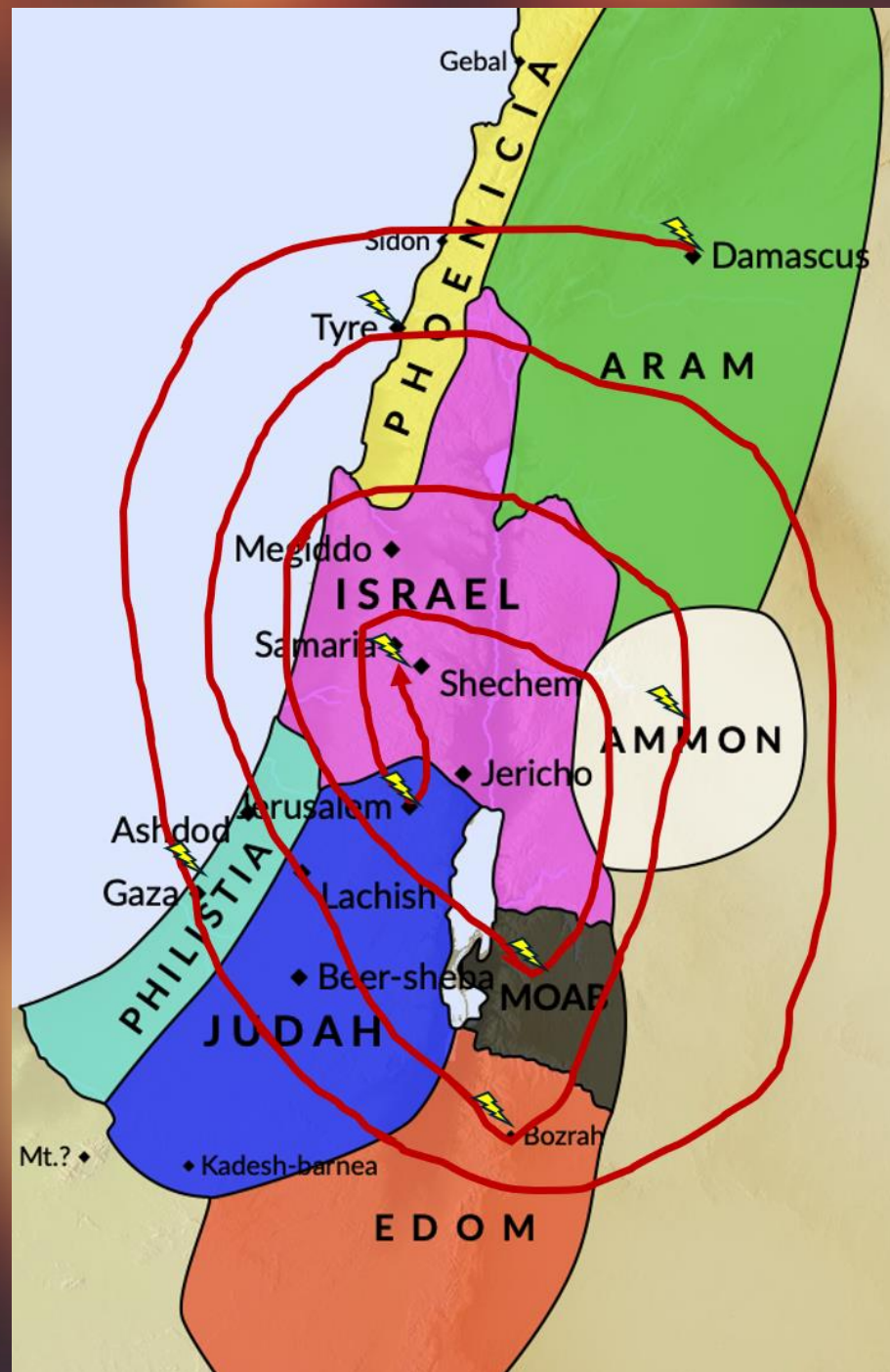
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A photograph of a cowboy riding a dark horse in a corral, with other cowboys and a calf nearby. The scene is set in a dry, open field with a fence in the background. A speech bubble is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**They got Jerry. But now
they will be satisfied
and leave me alone.**



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for three crimes, even four,
because they sell a righteous person for silver
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Amos 2 CSB

**²⁵ “If you lend silver to my people, to the poor person among you, you
must not be like a creditor to him; you must not charge him interest.
²⁶ If you ever take your neighbor’s cloak as collateral, return it to him
before sunset. ²⁷ For it is his only covering; it is the clothing for his
body. What will he sleep in? And if he cries out to me, I will listen
because I am gracious.”**

Exodus 22 CSB

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**God money [Mammon], I'll do anything for you
God money, just tell me what you want me to
Head like a hole, black as your soul
I'd rather die than give you [YHWH] control
Trent Reznor "Head Like a Hole"**



**⁹ But those who want to be rich
fall into temptation, a trap,
and many foolish and harmful desires,
which plunge people into ruin and destruction.**

**¹⁰ For the love of money
is a root of all kinds of evil**

1 Timothy 6 CSB

**⁷ They trample the heads of the poor
on the dust of the ground
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Amos 2 CSB

**Love people. Use money.
And do not conflate those two, since using people
and loving money will plunge you into ruin.**

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Amos 2 CSB



**Sex in a covenant of
One man + one woman
+ YHWH = beautiful blessing**



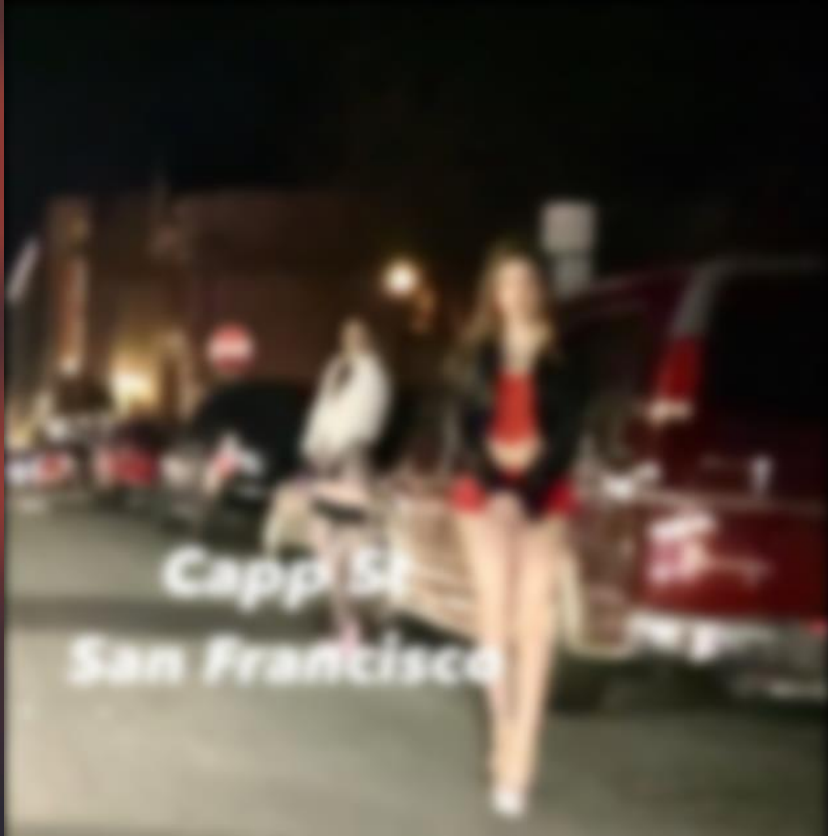
Any other sex act = profanity

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Residents and business owners described a sanctioned red-light district, with barely clothed women lining the streets, armed pimps, and buyers creating bumper-to-bumper traffic until 3 a.m. Neighbors report gunshots, fights, and complete lawlessness...Under the new law, it is much harder to detain girls...and find out whether they are being trafficked.

– Mary Jackson, “Forsaken”



**State Senator
Scott Weiner**



**Governor
Gavin Newsome**

Their #1 argument was that it cost too much to police the streets that way. In the words of Senator Scott Weiner, the bill's author, "Now we can afford to have police give attention to *serious* crimes."

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his height was like the cedars,
and he was as sturdy as the oaks;
I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath.**

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and led you forty years in the wilderness
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Amos 2 CSB



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¹⁰ “When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that he would give you—a land with large and beautiful cities that you did not build, ¹¹ houses full of every good thing that you did not fill them with, cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and when you eat and are satisfied, ¹² be careful not to forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.”

Deuteronomy 6 CSB

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Amos 2 CSB

I have attended evangelical churches and participated in many Bible conferences. Yet never have I heard a responsible treatment of Amos' strong words about the injustices done through the misuse of wealth...[Rarely] have I heard in a conservative evangelical church any really forthright preaching about these things, which are so important in God's sight. Prophecy, yes – but only in its predictive, eschatological aspect with little or nothing about the major witness of the prophets against the idolatry of things. – Frank E. Gaebelein, “Challenging Christians to the Simple Life”



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Amos 2 CSB

The seven sins of Israel:

- **Slavery for profit (6)**
- **Greed/bureaucracy obstructing the needy (6)**
- **Warped sexuality (7)**
- **Idolatry (8)**
- **Rapacious loans (8)**
- **Violating those who vow (12)**
- **Silencing God's word (12)**

**13 Look, I am about to crush you in your place
as a wagon crushes when full of grain.**

**14 Escape will fail the swift,
the strong one will not maintain his strength,
and the warrior will not save his life.**

**15 The archer will not stand his ground,
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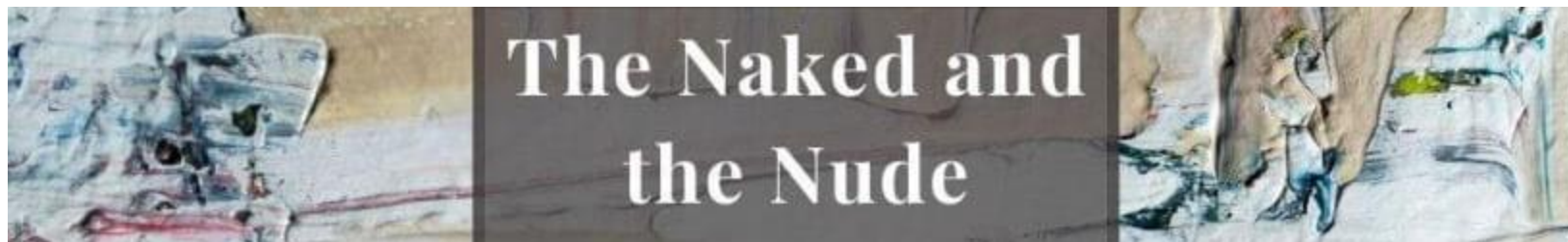
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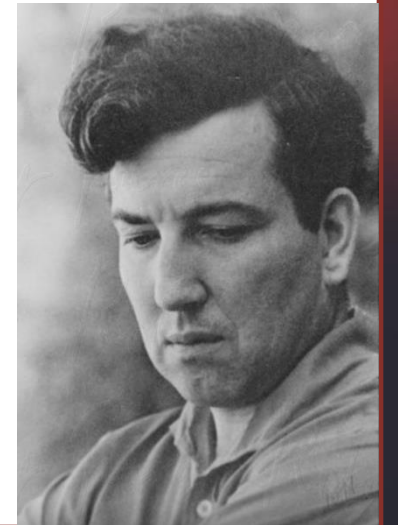
Graves contends that nakedness is morally neutral in surgery and positive in marriage. Nudity is always bad, even though the world pretends the two states are exactly alike.

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**Yet when they both together tread
The briary pastures of the dead,
By Gorgons with long whips pursued,
How naked go the sometimes nude!
Robert Graves, "The Naked and the Nude"**



Wayne, where is the swift justice today? I don't see it happening in the world or even in my life. Although maybe it is happening, and I don't recognize it. Now that I think about it, I suppose I *do* see God's justice in the trials that come into my life and force me to confront my idols. Hm. OK. Justice does exist after all. Nevermind.

The concept of the swiftness of divine justice is a recurring theme throughout the Holy Scriptures...This attribute of God underscores His omnipotence and His unwavering commitment to uphold His moral order. From Sodom to the plagues of Egypt to Ananias and Sapphira, the swiftness of divine justice serves as a reminder of God's holiness and His intolerance of sin. It emphasizes that while God is patient and longsuffering, there are moments when His justice is executed without delay. This aspect of God's character is a call to righteousness and a warning against complacency in sin.

– John Isset, “Divine Swiftness in Judgment”

**3:1 Listen to this message that the Lord has spoken against you,
Israelites, against the entire clan that I brought from the land of
Egypt:**

**2 I have known only you
out of all the clans of the earth;
therefore, I will punish you for all your iniquities.**

**3 Can two walk together
without agreeing to meet?**

**² I have known only you
out of all the clans of the earth;**

**³ Can two walk together
without agreeing to meet?**

Amos 3 CSB

**⁵ He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for
himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of
his glorious grace that he lavished on us in the Beloved One.**

Ephesians 1 CSB

**48 From everyone who has
been given much,
much will be required;
and from the one who has
been entrusted with much,
even more will be expected.**

Luke 12 CSB



COUNT YOUR MANY
Blessings

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Luke 12 CSB

**3:4 Does a lion roar in the forest
when it has no prey?**

**Does a young lion growl from its lair
unless it has captured something?**

**5 Does a bird land in a trap on the ground
if there is no bait for it?**

**Does a trap spring from the ground
when it has caught nothing?**

**6 If a trumpet is blown in a city,
aren't people afraid?**

If a disaster occurs in a city,
hasn't the Lord done it?

⁷ Indeed, the Lord God does nothing
without revealing his counsel
to his servants the prophets.

⁸ A lion has roared;
who will not fear?

The Lord God has spoken;
who will not prophesy?

We have been fortunate enough to live in a time when virtue, though it does not triumph, is nonetheless not always tormented by attack dogs. Beaten down, sickly, virtue has now been allowed to enter in all its tatters and sit in the corner, as long as it doesn't raise its voice.

– Alexander Solzhenitsyn, *The Gulag Archipelago*

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Amos 3 CSB

**You dirty shepherd!
How dare you
assault us with your verbiage,
hurl adjectives like garbage
at our coiffured heads!
We are the hope
of Israelite society...
gathering gold and glory
for our young.**

**“The poor,” you rant,
“you crush the poor and needy.”
Impediments to progress,
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“Amos” by Nancy Thomas**



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**I have taught among wealthy people for many years, and I can
testify that such haughty, elitist, self-righteousness remains an
active force in trying to silence God’s word.**

**3:9 Proclaim on the citadels in Ashdod
and on the citadels in the land of Egypt:
Assemble on the mountains of Samaria,
and see the great turmoil in the city
and the acts of oppression within it.**

**10 The people are incapable of doing right—
this is the Lord's declaration—
those who store up violence and destruction
in their citadels.**

**11 Therefore, the Lord God says:
An enemy will surround the land;
he will destroy your strongholds**

and plunder your citadels.

¹² The Lord says:

As the shepherd snatches two legs
or a piece of an ear
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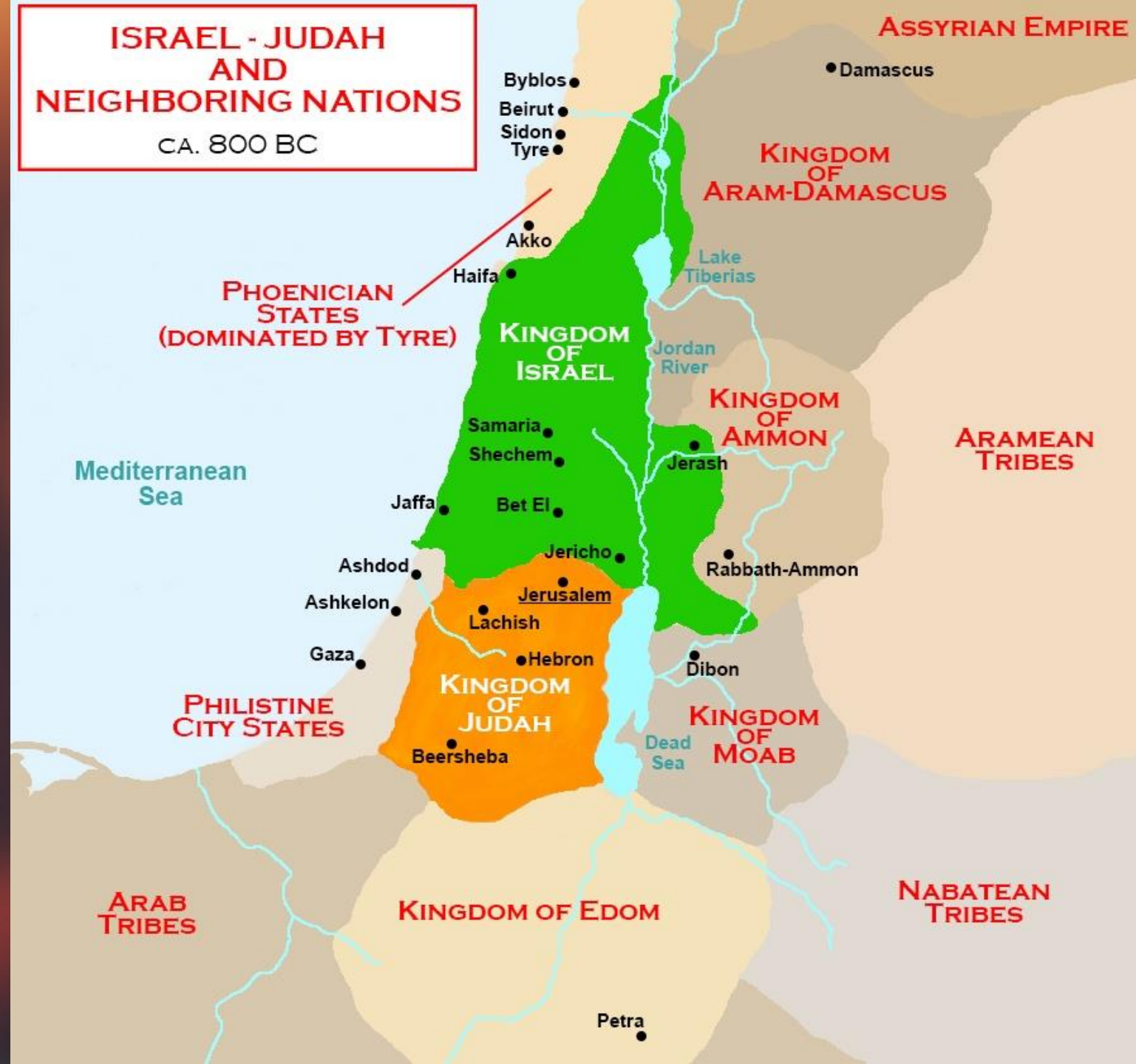
¹³ Listen and testify against the house of Jacob—
this is the declaration of the Lord God,
the God of Armies.

**14 I will punish the altars of Bethel
on the day I punish Israel for its crimes;
the horns of the altar will be cut off
and fall to the ground.**

**15 I will demolish the winter house
and the summer house;
the houses inlaid with ivory will be destroyed,
and the great houses will come to an end.
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ISRAEL - JUDAH AND NEIGHBORING NATIONS

CA. 800 BC





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The Meat Stall
Pieter Aertsen
1551

Go carouse and be as wicked as possible. That's what many of the nations around Israel did, and chapters 1-2 pronounced their just punishment.





Go the other way and follow the fish sign. One of the earliest symbols for Christianity was the fish and notice that the fish here make a cross. Follow the self-sacrificial way of God.



There's a third possibility: to stay right where we are at the meat stall, boxed in by matters of daily sustenance, not picking a pious life but at least avoiding an exceptionally dissolute one. And this is tempting – Aertsen's naturalism is so staggering...that our eyes are drawn here first and are content to linger. But Aertsen is cautioning us [that] material desires are inescapable, at turns tantalizing and disgusting. – Suzanna Murawski, "More Than Meets the Eye"

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Market Scene
Pieter Aertsen
1569

**4:1 Listen to this message, you cows of Bashan
who are on the hill of Samaria,
women who oppress the poor
and crush the needy,
who say to their husbands,
“Bring us something to drink.”**

**2 The Lord God has sworn by his holiness:
Look, the days are coming
when you will be taken away with hooks,
every last one of you with fishhooks.**

**³ You will go through breaches in the wall,
each woman straight ahead,
and you will be driven along toward Harmon.
This is the Lord's declaration.**

**⁴ Come to Bethel and rebel;
rebel even more at Gilgal!
Bring your sacrifices every morning,
your tenths every three days.
⁵ Offer leavened bread as a thanksgiving sacrifice,
and loudly proclaim your freewill offerings,
for that is what you Israelites love to do!
This is the declaration of the Lord God.**

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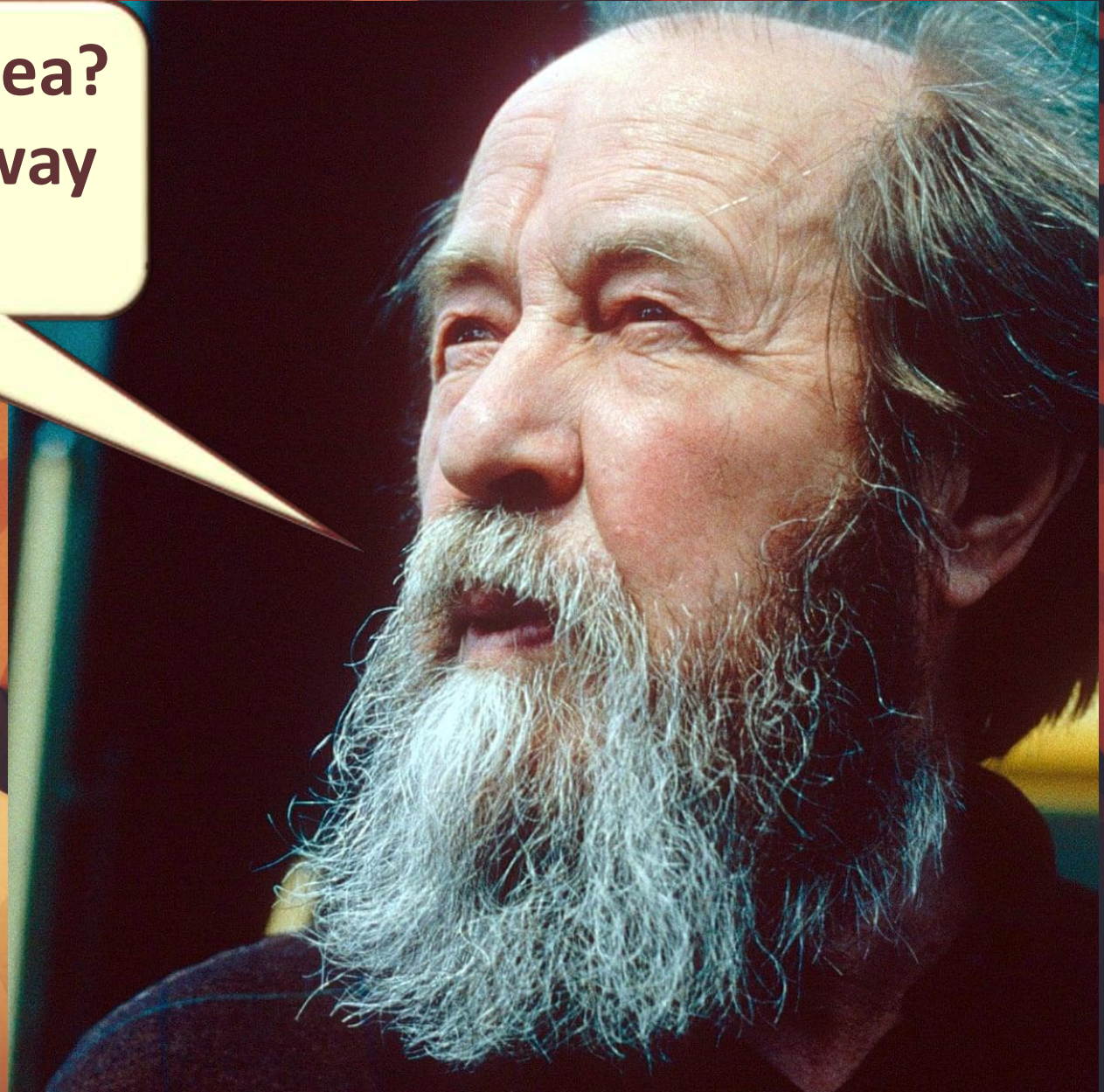


“That stupid bird is ruining the whole flock. I don’t care how many eggs she lays; it’s not worth the damage she causes. Go ring her neck. We’ll have fried chicken tonight.” – Mama Braudrick



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Responsibility:

- Humans are granted the ability to respond.
- That gift brings an attendant obligation.



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PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE