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Amos 1:3-2:5  
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**STAY ON THE PATH!**

**The Oracles against the nations...**

Syria	1:3-5
Philistia	1:6-8
Phoenicia	1:9-10
Edom	1:11-12
Ammon	1:13-15
Moab	2:1-3
Judah	2:4-5
Indictment against all mankind	Romans 3

**Response needed?**



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PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



## Lion Warning

A lion has been frequenting this area, and could be aggressive toward humans.

### If You See A Lion:

**DO:**



- Pick up small children
- Stand together, Appear large
- Wave arms, Shout aggressively
- Throw stones or sticks
- Report sightings to a ranger

**DO NOT:**

- Show fear
- Crouch down
- Run away



### Act Safe!

- Avoid taking small children on this trail
- Keep kids close to adults
- Hike with others
- Avoid early morning or evening hiking

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## Bear Country

### When Hiking



- 🐾 Never Leave Packs or Food Unattended
- 🐾 Avoid Carrying Odorous Food or Toiletry Items
- 🐾 Carry Out Trash and Left-Over Food

### If You See a Bear

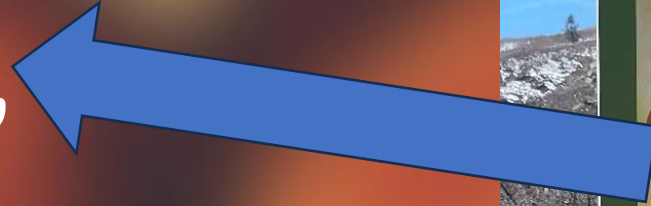
- 🐾 Keep a Safe Distance
- 🐾 If a Bear Approaches, Scare it Away
  - Shout, Wave Arms, Throw Stones
- 🐾 Never Feed or Approach a Bear
- 🐾 Report All Bear Sightings to a Ranger



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# “Stick to the Trail”







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<sup>10</sup> Listen, my son. Accept my words, and you will live many years.  
<sup>11</sup> I am teaching you the way of wisdom;  
I am guiding you on straight paths.  
<sup>12</sup> When you walk, your steps will not be hindered;  
when you run, you will not  
stumble.  
<sup>13</sup> Hold on to instruction; don't let go.  
Guard it, for it is your life.  
<sup>14</sup> Keep off the path of the wicked;  
don't proceed on the way of evil ones.  
<sup>15</sup> Avoid it; don't travel on it.  
Turn away from it, and pass it by.

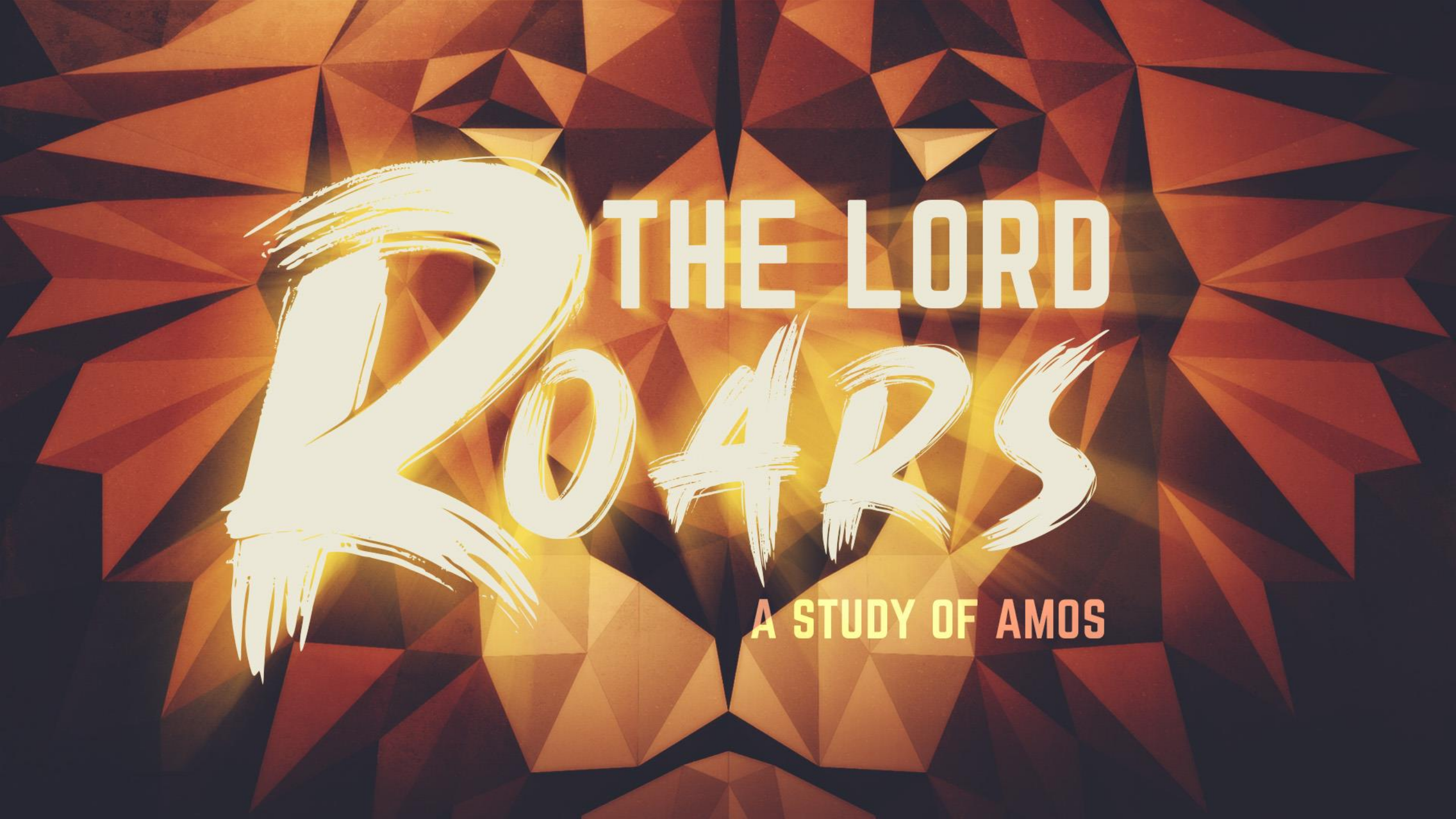






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**<sup>3</sup> The LORD says:**

**I will not relent from punishing Damascus  
for three crimes, even four,  
because they threshed Gilead with iron sledges.**

**<sup>4</sup> Therefore, I will send fire against Hazael's palace,  
and it will consume Ben-hadad's citadels.**

**<sup>5</sup> I will break down the gates' of Damascus.  
I will cut off the ruler from the Valley of Aven,  
and the one who wields the scepter from Beth-edon.  
The people of Aram will be exiled to Kir.  
The LORD has spoken.**



**<sup>6</sup> The LORD says:**

**I will not relent from punishing Gaza  
for three crimes, even four,  
because they exiled a whole community,  
handing them over to Edom.**

**<sup>7</sup> Therefore, I will send fire against the walls of Gaza,  
and it will consume its citadels.**

**<sup>8</sup> I will cut off the ruler from Ashdod,  
and the one who wields the scepter from Ashkelon.  
I will also turn my hand against Ekron,  
and the remainder of the Philistines will perish.  
The Lord GOD has spoken.**



**<sup>9</sup> The LORD says:**

**I will not relent from punishing Tyre  
for three crimes, even four,  
because they handed over  
a whole community of exiles to Edom  
and broke a treaty of brotherhood.**

**<sup>10</sup> Therefore, I will send fire against the walls of Tyre,  
and it will consume its citadels.**



**11 The LORD says:  
I will not relent from punishing Edom  
for three crimes, even four,  
because he pursued his brother with the sword.  
He stifled his compassion,  
his anger tore at him continually,  
and he harbored his rage incessantly.  
12 Therefore, I will send fire against Teman,  
and it will consume the citadels of Bozrah.**



**13 The LORD says:**

**I will not relent from punishing the Ammonites  
for three crimes, even four,  
because they ripped open  
the pregnant women of Gilead  
in order to enlarge their territory.**

**14 Therefore, I will set fire to the walls of Rabbah,  
and it will consume its citadels.**

**There will be shouting on the day of battle  
and a violent wind on the day of the storm.**

**15 Their king and his princes  
will go into exile together.**

**The LORD has spoken.**



**The LORD says:**

**I will not relent from punishing Moab  
for three crimes, even four,  
because he burned the bones  
of the king of Edom to lime.**

**<sup>2</sup> Therefore, I will send fire against Moab,  
and it will consume the citadels of Kerioth.  
Moab will die with a tumult,  
with shouting and the sound of the trumpet.**

**<sup>3</sup> I will cut off the judge from the land  
and kill all its officials with him.  
The LORD has spoken.**



**<sup>4</sup> The LORD says:**

**I will not relent from punishing Judah  
for three crimes, even four,  
because they have rejected the instruction of the LORD  
and have not kept his statutes.**

**The lies that their ancestors followed  
have led them astray.**

**<sup>5</sup> Therefore, I will send fire against Judah,  
and it will consume the citadels of Jerusalem.**






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A close-up of a lion's face, roaring with its mouth wide open, showing its teeth. The lion's fur is golden-brown and appears to be blowing in the wind. The background is a bright, fiery orange and yellow, suggesting a sunset or a fire. The overall mood is intense and powerful.

**I will not  
relent from  
punishing...**

***The cause of judgment for each nation was its “sins,” its covenant violations. The word for “sin” (peša’) means “rebellion” or “revolt,” and was used in secular treaties to describe a vassal’s disobedience of the terms of a covenant (1 Kings 12:19; 2 Kings 1:1; 3:5, 7; 8:22; Prov. 28:2). The Old Testament prophets also used the noun peša’ or the verb pāša’ in denouncing Israel’s rebellion against God’s covenant with her (Isa. 1:2, 28; 46:8; 66:24; Jer. 2:8; Hosea 7:13; 8:1; Micah 1:5, 13).***



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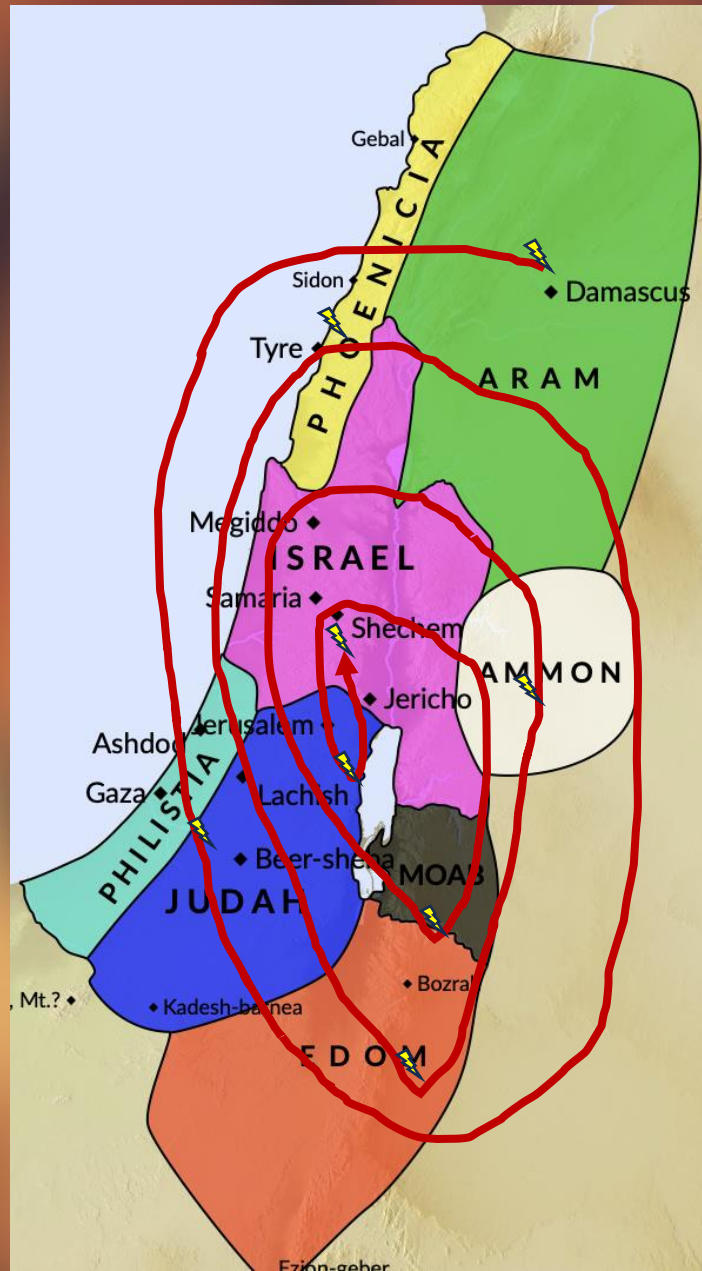
***Apparently Amos had in mind their rebellion against God's universal covenant with humanity made at the time of Noah (Gen. 9:5–17). In exchange for God's suzerain promise never again to destroy the earth with a flood (Gen. 9:11), the vassal peoples were to refrain from shedding blood because disregard for human life is an assault on God's own image in man (Gen. 9:5–6). Human life, rather than being destroyed or curtailed, was to multiply and increase on the earth (Gen. 9:7). This mutual agreement, whereby God would preserve the earth and people would honor and extend human life, was called an "everlasting covenant" (Gen. 9:16).***



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***Judah's indictment is not for war crimes, but "because they have rejected the law of the Lord" (2:4). The verb translated "rejected" may be rendered as correctly "despised." ...God charged Judah with not keeping or observing these laws.***

***The final part of the indictment against Judah is a charge of idolatry. This use of "lies" to mean false gods or idolatry is unique to Amos.***

***Rejection of Yahweh's word and practice of idolatry must be considered equal to (or worse than) atrocities of war.***



**So what advantage does the Jew have? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? <sup>2</sup> Considerable in every way. First, they were entrusted with the very words of God. <sup>3</sup> What then? If some were unfaithful, will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness? <sup>4</sup> Absolutely not! Let God be true, even though everyone is a liar, as it is written: That you may be justified in your words and triumph when you judge.'**

**<sup>5</sup> But if our unrighteousness highlights God's righteousness, what are we to say? I am using a human argument: Is God unrighteous to inflict wrath? <sup>6</sup> Absolutely not! Otherwise, how will God judge the world? <sup>7</sup> But if by my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner? <sup>8</sup> And why not say, just as some people slanderously claim we say, "Let us do what is evil so that good may come"? Their condemnation is deserved!**



**<sup>9</sup> What then? Are we any better off? Not at all! For we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin,<sup>10</sup> as it is written:**

**There is no one righteous, not even one.**

**<sup>11</sup> There is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.**

**<sup>12</sup> All have turned away; all alike have become worthless.**

**There is no one who does what is good, not even one.'**

**<sup>13</sup> Their throat is an open grave; they deceive with their tongues.'**

**Vipers' venom is under their lips.'**

**<sup>14</sup> Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.'**

**<sup>15</sup> Their feet are swift to shed blood;**

**<sup>16</sup> ruin and wretchedness are in their paths,**

**<sup>17</sup> and the path of peace they have not known.'**

**<sup>18</sup> There is no fear of God before their eyes.'**

**<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are subject to the law, so that every mouth may be shut and the whole world may become subject to God's judgment. <sup>20</sup> For no one will be justified in his sight by the works of the law, because the knowledge of sin comes through the law.**



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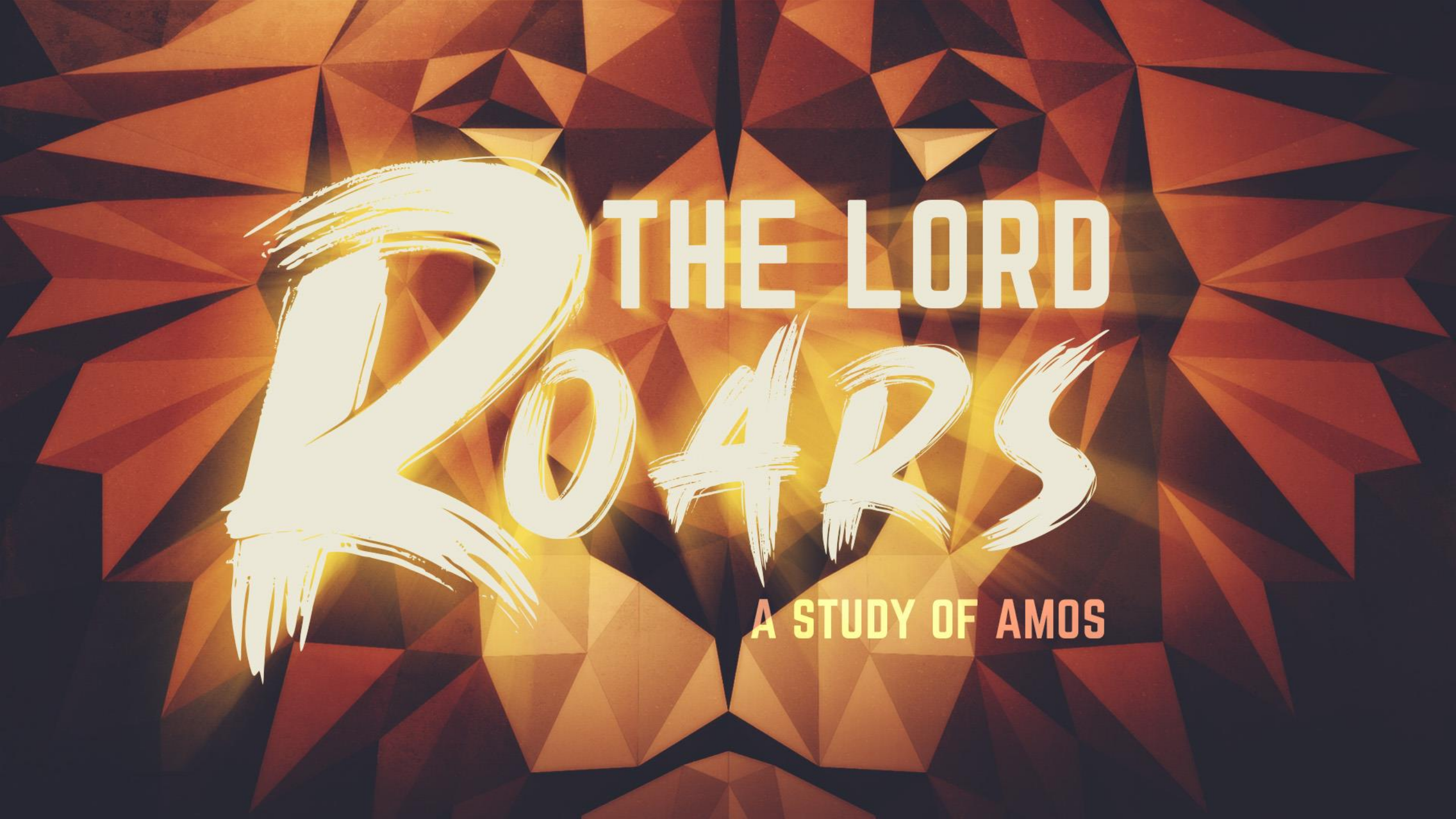


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***<sup>1</sup> The earth and everything in it,  
the world and its inhabitants,  
belong to the LORD;  
<sup>2</sup> for he laid its foundation on the seas  
and established it on the rivers.  
<sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?  
<sup>4</sup> The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who has not appealed to what is false,  
and who has not sworn deceitfully.***

**Stuff?**

**Control?**

**Kids?**

**Sex?**

**Comfort?**

**Health?**

**Work?**

**Drink?**

**Food?**



***<sup>3</sup> Do not  
have other  
gods  
besides  
me.***

***Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*** <sup>38</sup> *This is the greatest and most important command.* <sup>39</sup> *The second is like it: **Love your neighbor as yourself.***



**Remember The Word of The Lord**

**My son, obey my words,  
and treasure my commands.  
<sup>2</sup> Keep my commands and live,  
and guard my instructions  
as you would the pupil of your eye.  
<sup>3</sup> Tie them to your fingers;  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
<sup>4</sup> Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,”  
and call understanding your relative.**



# Remember The Word of The Lord



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<sup>6</sup> Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me  
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of  
the LORD as long as I live.' Psalm 23



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**Repent of chasing after idols.**



## Repent of chasing after idols.

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he richly poured out on us with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1

**Remember The Word of The Lord**

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**Rejoice in the goodness of God.**



**My faithful father  
Enduring friend  
Your tender mercy is like a river with no end  
It overwhelms me  
Covers my sin  
Each time I come into your presence  
I stand in wonder once again  
Your grace still amazes me  
Your love is still a mystery  
Each day I fall on my knees  
'Cause your grace still amazes me  
Your grace still amazes me**

**Andrew Shawn Craig / Connie Harrington. Your Grace Still Amazes Me  
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***<sup>26</sup> God presented him [Jesus] to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so that he would be just and justify the one who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:26***



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**Righteously walk the path of the Lord.**

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*We bow our hearts, we bend our knees  
O Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
O Lord we cast down our idols  
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another  
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts  
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O God let us be a generation that seeks  
that seeks your face O God of Jacob  
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# Please Pause and Pray

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