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Overloaded Wagons Amos 2

"And you know, when you've experienced grace and you feel like you've been forgiven, you're a lot more forgiving of other people. You're a lot more gracious to others." **Rick Warren**

The nations listed in Amos 1,2



What God said 1:3-2:5

- Damascus
- Gaza
- Tyre
- Edom
- Ammon
- Moab
- Judah

- Enemies of Israel (N. Kingdom)
- 'For three and for four...'
- 'sin upon sin'
- The tools of judgment were in need of judging as well – ONLY God is righteous!
- Sin's effects are Sin's consequences















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"Then Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28 NLT

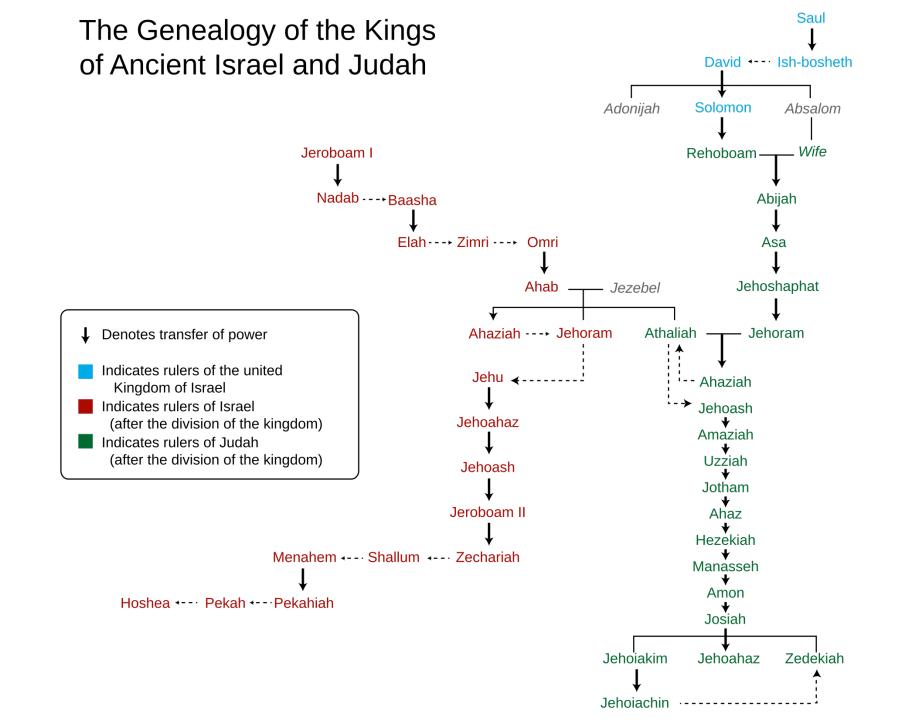
Amos 2:13 "Behold, I am weighted down beneath you As a wagon is weighted down when filled with sheaves.

Amos 2:4 Thus says the LORD, For three transgressions of Judah and for four I will not revoke its punishment, Because they rejected the law of the LORD And have not kept His statutes; Their lies also have led them astray, Those after which their fathers walked.

5 "So I will send fire upon Judah And it will consume the citadels of Jerusalem."

6 Thus says the LORD, For three transgressions of Israel and for four I will not revoke its punishment, Because they sell the righteous for money And the needy for a pair of sandals. 7 "These who pant after the very dust of the earth on the head of the helpless Also turn aside the way of the humble; And a man and his father resort to the same girl In order to profane My holy name.

8 "On garments taken as pledges they stretch out beside every altar, And in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined.





Saul – Benjamin David – Judah Solomon Jerohoam - Ephraim **(**19) Hoshea (722BC) Assyrians Saul – Benjamin David – Judah Solomon Rehoboam **(**20**)**

Jehoiachin (586) Babylonians

Your Transgressions 4-8

- Judah 3 key items
- Israel
 - sell the righteous
 - sell the needy
 - despise the poor
 - ignore the humble
 - practice open immorality
 - sin on garments taken for religious purposes
 - banquets with ill-gotten gain

"Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation." Henry Ward Beecher

Amos 2:9 "Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, Though his height was like the height of cedars And he was strong as the oaks;

I even destroyed his fruit above and his root below.

10 "It was I who brought you up from the land of Egypt, And I led you in the wilderness forty years That you might take possession of the land of the Amorite.

My Grace 9,10

- Amorites of OT
- The biggest of nations who possessed the land of Canaan before its conquest by the Israelites
- Great enemy = Great victory!
- God's victory over any obstacle to His blessings

"The voice of sin is loud, but the voice of forgiveness is louder." D. L. Moody

Amos 2:11 "Then I raised up some of your sons to be prophets And some of your young men to be Nazirites. Is this not so, O sons of Israel?" declares the LORD.

12 "But you made the Nazirites drink wine, And you commanded the prophets saying, 'You shall not prophesy!'

Act 18:18 Paul, having remained many days longer, took leave of the brethren and put out to sea for Syria, and with him were Priscilla and Aquila. In Cenchrea he had his hair cut, for he was keeping a vow.

My Words 11,12

- "I raised up some of your sons..."
- "some of your young men..."
- Nazarites Numbers 6
 - No haircut, no wine, no unclean food or practices (dead)
- The only "Nazirites for life" that we know by name are Samson, Samuel and John the Baptist
- Apostle Paul Acts 18
- Mishna 30, 60, 90 days for task

"Man has two great spiritual needs. One is for forgiveness. The other is for goodness." Billy Graham

Amos 2:13 "Behold, I am weighted down beneath you As a wagon is weighted down when filled with sheaves.

14 "Flight will perish from the swift, And the stalwart will not strengthen his power, Nor the mighty man save his life.

15 "He who grasps the bow will not stand his ground, The swift of foot will not escape, Nor will he who rides the horse save his life.

16 "Even the bravest among the warriors will flee naked in that day," declares the LORD.

My Judgment 13-16

- Overloaded wagon
- Matt 11:28,29
- No hiding from divine justice!
- 'every knee will bow'
- 'just as it is appointed for people to die once and after this, judgment '
- Live as the forgiven!
- Without guilt & with great mercy.

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." C.S. Lewis

How do we 'agree with God'?

• What does God want us to do?

- Accept the law of the LORD
- Keep the law of the LORD
- Teach the law of the LORD

What is overloaded in our life?

- "And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:25ff
- What is yours is yours you can keep it! = Levite
- What is mine is mine you can't have it! = Priest
- What is yours is yours I don't want it! = Jew
- What is mine is yours you can have it! = Samaritan

"He has his back to the world, his face toward heaven and a Book in his hand." John Bunyan

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As you leave – please mask up!

