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**AMOS 3:3**

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# AGREEING WITH GOD

Amos 1,2

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*“The four absolutes we all have in our minds: love, justice, evil, and forgiveness.”* Ravi Zacharias

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# The nations listed in Amos 1,2



1 The words of Amos, who was among the shepherders from Tekoa, which he envisioned in visions concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

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2 He said,  
“The LORD roars from Zion  
And from Jerusalem He utters His voice;  
And the shepherds’ pasture grounds  
mourn,  
And the summit of Carmel dries up.”

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# Who God uses 1:1,2

- Amos – burden
- ‘shepherd of Tekoa’ Acts 4:13 “uneducated/untrained”
- Jeroboam II - 750BC (13<sup>th</sup> N. King)
- Earthquake?
- Zion – Jerusalem
- Mt. Carmel – hill of the fruit garden – the park!
- “When elephants fight – only the grass suffers” George Dapaah

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*“In the moral sphere, every act of justice or charity involves putting ourselves in the other person's place and thus transcending our own competitive particularity.”* C.S. Lewis

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# 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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3 Thus says the LORD,  
“For three transgressions of Damascus  
and for four  
I will not revoke its punishment,  
Because they threshed Gilead with  
implements of sharp iron.

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4 “So I will send fire upon the house of  
Hazael  
And it will consume the citadels of  
Ben-hadad.

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5 “I will also break the gate bar of  
Damascus,  
And cut off the inhabitant from the valley  
of Aven,  
And him who holds the scepter, from  
Beth-eden;  
So the people of Aram will go exiled to  
Kir,” Says the LORD.

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6 Thus says the LORD,  
“For three transgressions of Gaza and for  
four  
I will not revoke its punishment,  
Because they deported an entire  
population  
To deliver it up to Edom.

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7 “So I will send fire upon the wall of Gaza  
And it will consume her citadels.

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8 “I will also cut off the inhabitant from  
Ashdod,  
And him who holds the scepter, from  
Ashkelon;  
I will even unleash My power upon Ekron,  
And the remnant of the Philistines will  
perish,” Says the Lord GOD.

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# What God said 1:3-2:5

- Damascus 3-5
- Gaza 6-8
- Tyre
- Edom
- Ammon
- Moab
- Judah
- Damacus: cruelty to Gilead
- Threshed – wood chipper
- Hazael - Benhadad – kings
- Gaza: AGAGE – 5 cities
- Sold communities to Edom as slaves
- Value of ‘image of God’

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*“Yes, let God be the Judge. Your job today is to be a witness.”*

Warren Wiersbe

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9 Thus says the LORD,  
“For three transgressions of Tyre and for four  
I will not revoke its punishment,  
Because they delivered up an entire  
population to Edom  
And did not remember the covenant of  
brotherhood.

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10 “So I will send fire upon the wall of  
Tyre  
And it will consume her citadels.”

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11 Thus says the LORD,  
“For three transgressions of Edom and for  
four  
I will not revoke its punishment,  
Because he pursued his brother with the  
sword, While he stifled his compassion;  
His anger also tore continually,  
And he maintained his fury forever.

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12 “So I will send fire upon Teman  
And it will consume the citadels of  
Bozrah.”

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# What God said 1:3-2:5

- Damascus
- Gaza
- Tyre 9-10
- Edom 11-12
- Ammon
- Moab
- Judah
- Tyre: 'covenant of brotherhood' – value of life
- Sold as slaves to Edom
- Edom: Esau with Jacob
- 'pursued with the sword'
- 'cast off all pity'

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*“The vague and tenuous hope that God is too kind to punish the ungodly has become a deadly opiate for the consciences of millions.”* A. W. Tozer

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13 Thus says the LORD,  
“For three transgressions of the sons of  
Ammon and for four  
I will not revoke its punishment,  
Because they ripped open the pregnant  
women of Gilead  
In order to enlarge their borders.

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14 “So I will kindle a fire on the wall of  
Rabbah

And it will consume her citadels

Amid war cries on the day of battle,

And a storm on the day of tempest.

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15 “Their king will go into exile,  
He and his princes together,” says the  
LORD.

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2:1 Thus says the LORD,  
“For three transgressions of Moab and for  
four  
I will not revoke its punishment,  
Because he burned the bones of the king  
of Edom to lime.

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2 “So I will send fire upon Moab  
And it will consume the citadels of  
Kerioth;  
And Moab will die amid tumult,  
With war cries and the sound of a  
trumpet.

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3 “I will also cut off the judge from her  
midst

And slay all her princes with him,” says  
the LORD.

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# What God said 1:3-2:5

- Damascus
- Gaza
- Tyre
- Edom
- Ammon 13-15
- Moab 2:1-3
- Judah
- Ammon: 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Lot
- 'sins against the future'
- Cruelty to the unborn
- Moab: 1<sup>st</sup> son of Lot
- Disrespect of honored
- Their honored judged

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*“The Lord made it very plain in the New Testament that believers cannot escape reaping the kind of harvest they sow. We cannot hide our sin; we will not get away with it. The secrets of the night are not hidden from God.”* Theodore Epp

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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.

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

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# What God said 1:3-2:5

- Damascus
- Gaza
- Tyre
- Edom
- Ammon
- Moab
- Judah 2:4,5
- Judah – S. Kingdom
- Protected the line of David
- ‘rejected the law of the LORD’
- ‘not kept His statutes’
- ‘led them astray’

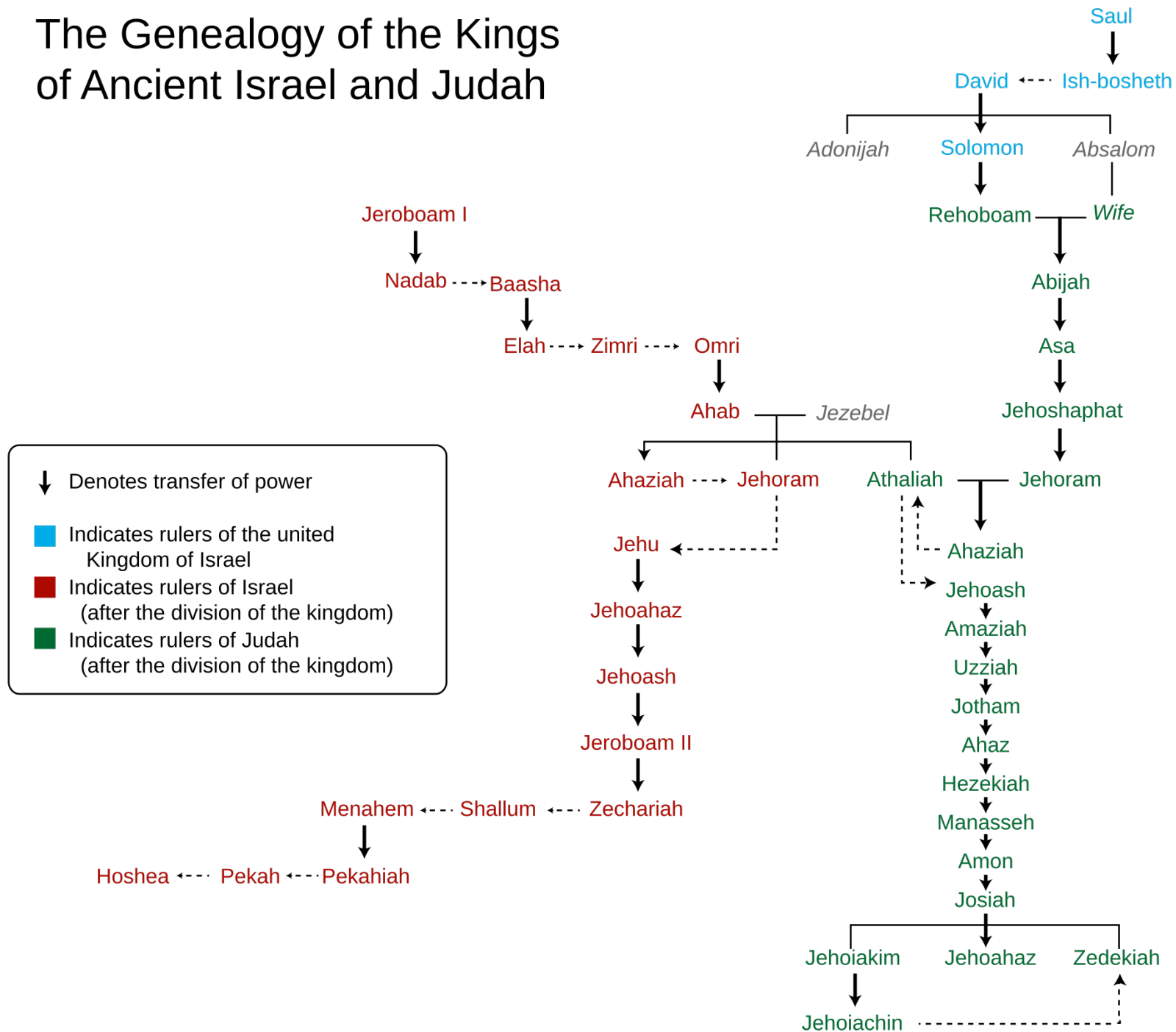
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*“Forgiveness on the part of God always has a judicial basis, not an emotional basis, and represents an attitude of God based upon the satisfaction of His righteousness in some way.”*

John F. Walvoord

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# The Genealogy of the Kings of Ancient Israel and Judah





# Why God judged 2:4,5

- Judah – Southern Kingdom
- Jeroboam (N – Israel - Samaria)
- Rehoboam (S - Judah - Jerusalem)
  - ‘rejected the law of the LORD’
  - ‘they have not kept’
  - ‘they led them astray’

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# How do we 'agree with God'?

- Who God uses – even us!
- What God says – *'be sure your sin will find you out!'*
- 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

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

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