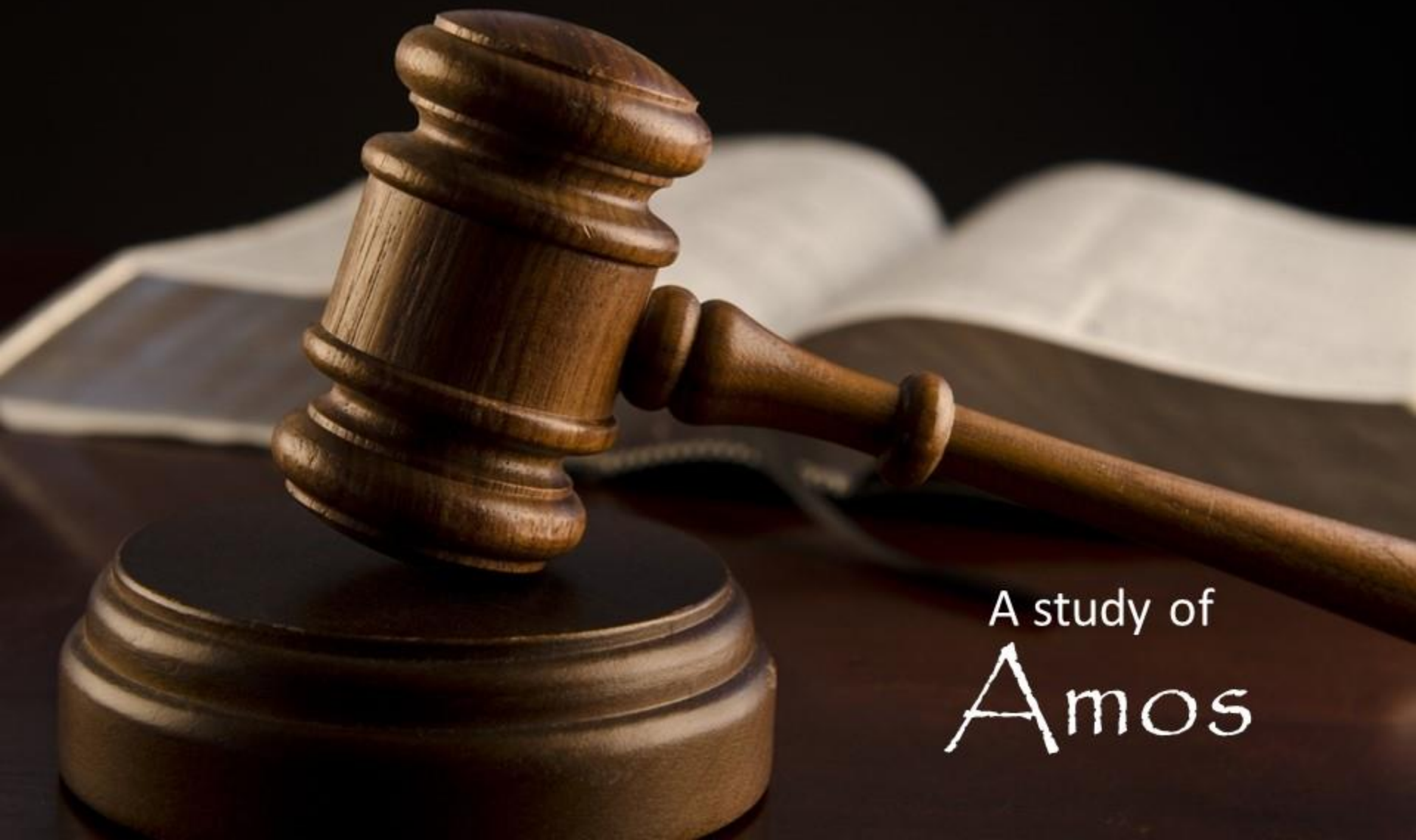


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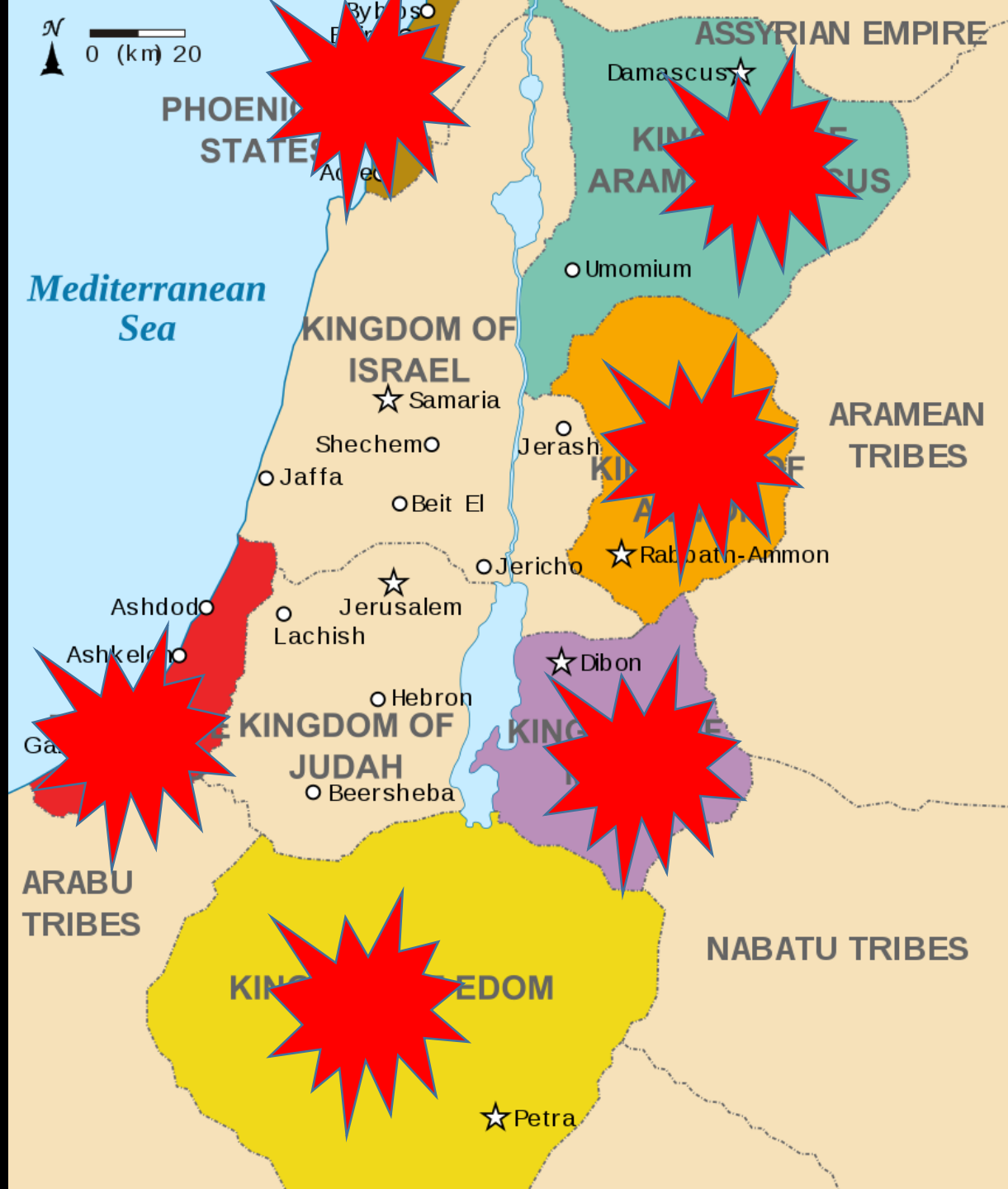
A study of
Amos

God Begins with a Roar

1:1 – God sends Amos from the southern kingdom (Judah) to the northern kingdom (Israel).

Life in Israel at this time is pretty good, but their relationship with God is very bad.

1:2 – A sobering introduction: God’s message is a “roar.” The divine predator is on the hunt.



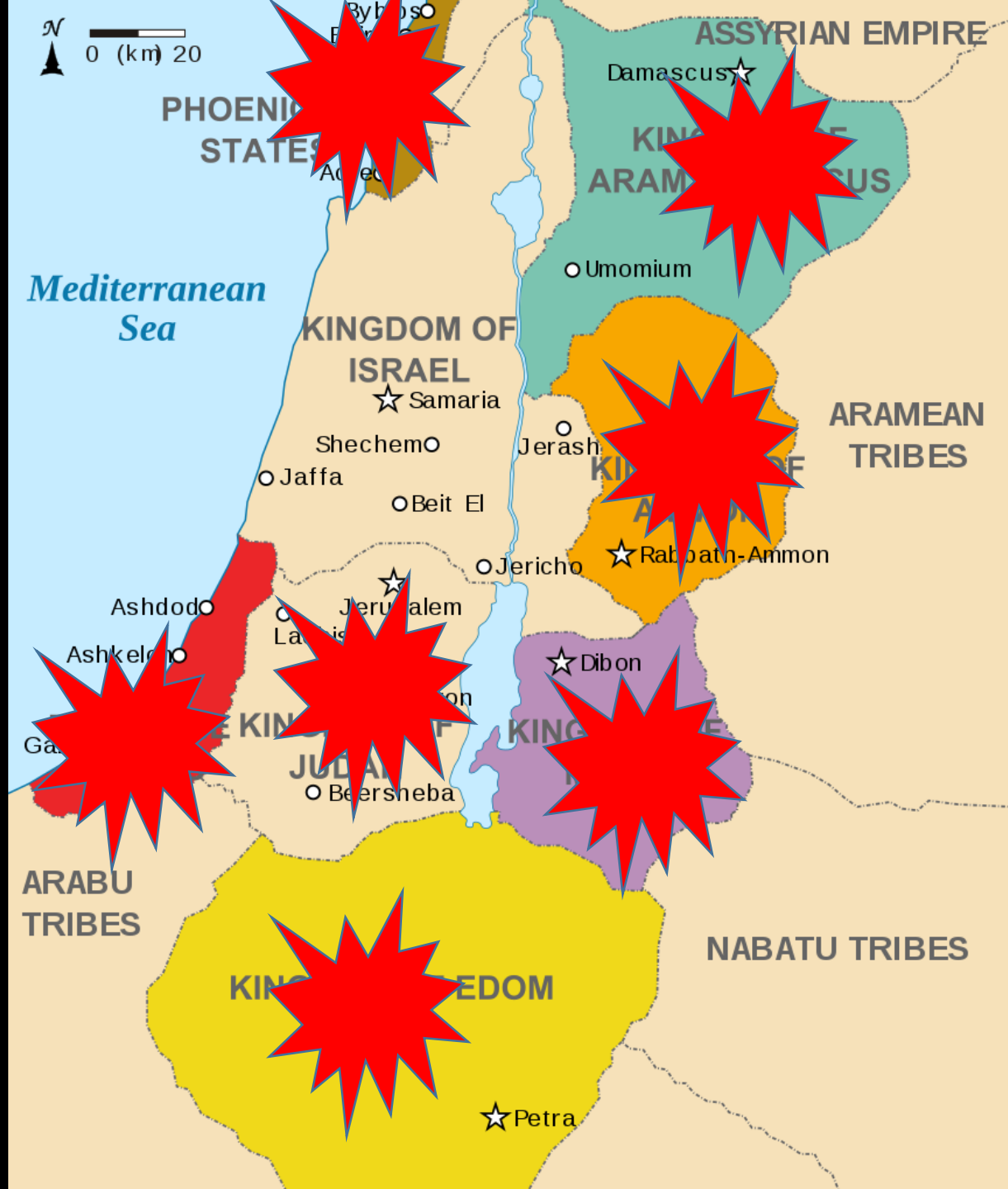
God Roars at the Nations

God's roar follows a poetic pattern:

1. Judgment announced: "For three transgressions, and for four..."
2. The reasons are given
3. The sentence is read: fire.

God is patient, giving time for sinners to repent.

Yet God WILL judge unrepentant sinners.

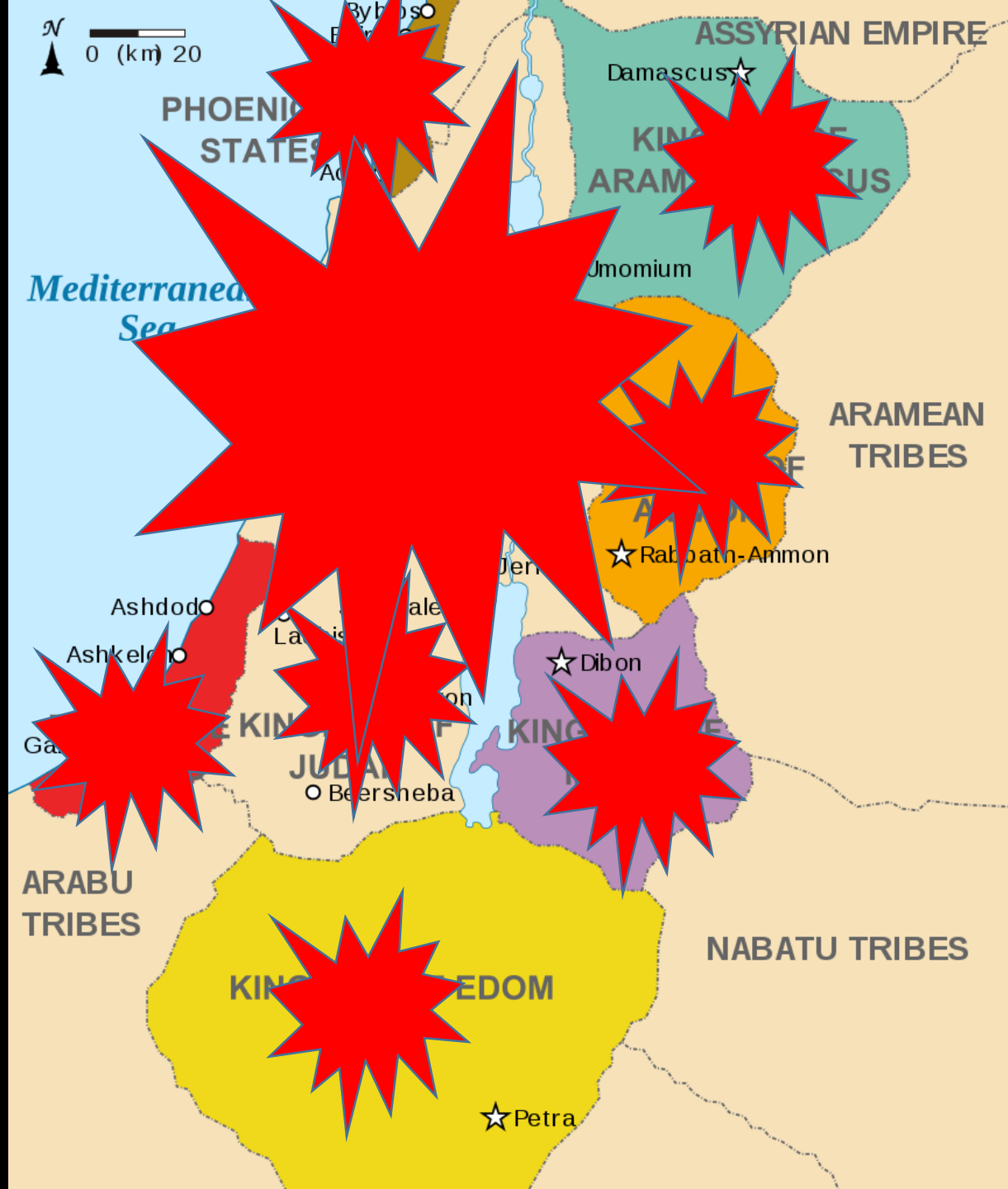


God Roars at Judah

- God's roar follows the same pattern.
- Yet the reason for judgment is different: "they have rejected the Law of the Lord," (2:6)

Judah's higher privilege (having God's written law) came with a higher standard.

Their status as God's chosen people didn't exempt them from his judgment on sin.



God Roars at Israel

1. Again the same pattern is followed.
2. The reason for judgment is much more detailed:
 - immoral living (2:6-8)
 - rejecting God's voice (2:9-12)
3. God's judgment can't be avoided.

God essentially says: "My judgment is coming for you, which is incredibly tragic in light of all I've done for you."

A Fatal Presumption

God warns us against the same fatal presumption that he condemned Israel for in Amos' day.

Romans 2:3-5

- Don't let other people's sin blind you to your own (3).
- Don't mistake God's patience for his affirmation (4).
- Our debt collects interest until it is wiped out (5).