



BURNING HEARTS

CANCEL CHURCH! PURSUE JUSTICE! | BOOK OF JOEL

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AMOS-- ANCIENT ISRAEL; SHEPHERD; VINE DRESSER; HERDSMAN
"THE LORD/LION ROARS FROM ZION!" (1:2, 3:4, 8)





ASHER



BENJAMIN



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GAD



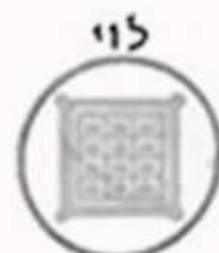
ISSACHAR



JOSEPH



JUDAH



LEVI



NAFTALI



REUBEN



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TRIBES OF ISRAEL

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15.0 mile
30.0 mile
50.0 km

TYRE

DAMASCUS

ISRAEL

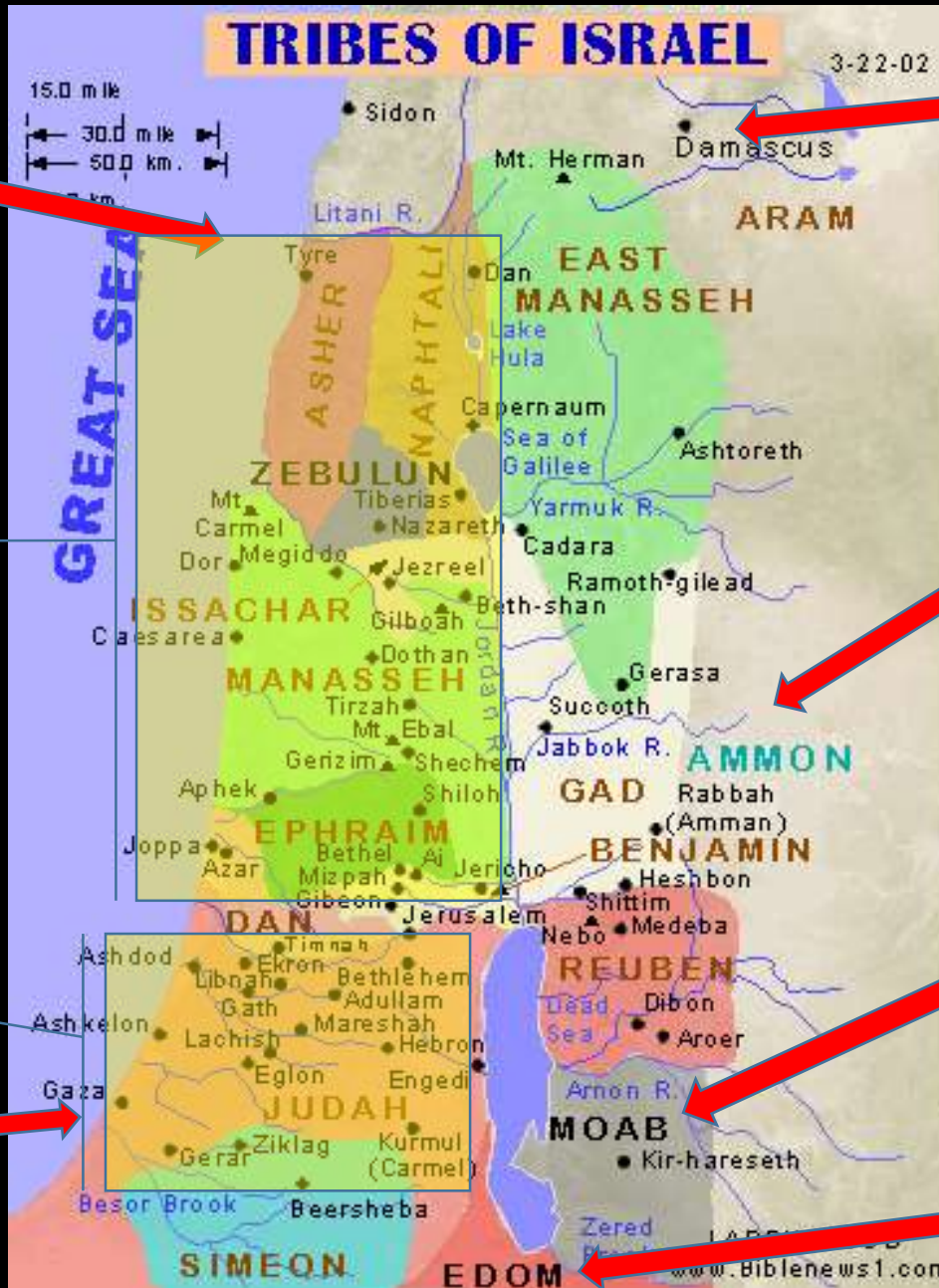
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THE SINS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (2:6-8)

1. Oppression.
2. Injustice.
3. Immorality.
4. Corruption.



THE UNIQUENESS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (3:1-2)

1. Unique Origin: "I chose you."
2. Unique Rescue: "I redeemed you."
3. Unique Ownership: "You are mine!"
4. Unique Treatment: "I will discipline you."



THE WORSHIP OF GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Form-al.
2. Lethargic.
3. Insincere.
4. Idolatrous.





AMOS 4: 6, 7, 8, 10, 11

"I gave...I withheld...I sent...I struck...

I sent...I overthrew...

YET YOU DID NOT RETURN TO ME!

PREPARE TO MEET GOD!"



AMOS 6:4-6

“Woe to those who ... (live in luxury) ...
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!”



AMOS 8:11

"I will send famine, not of bread,
but of hearing the Word of the Lord."



AMOS 5:24

"But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream.

CONCEPTS OF JUSTICE:

divine command theory--
natural law theory--
social contract theory--
utilitarian theory--
distributive justice theory--
egalitarian theory--
retributive justice theory--
restorative justice theory--



THE "JUSTICE OF GOD" describes God's perfect nature, infinitely righteous in all he is and does. God imposes just/righteous laws on his creatures and executes them righteously.

Justice is not optional but an unchangeable part of who God is. He requires his rational creatures to obey his moral law and rewards or punishes them accordingly. Being infinitely righteous, He must regard and hate sin as intrinsically hateful and deserving of punishment.

"He cannot deny himself"
(2 Tim. 2:13).



THE CHALLENGE TO GOD'S PEOPLE (5:14-15)

1. Seek justice before God.
2. Seek justice for others.



MATTHEW 12:17-20

This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory."



MATTHEW 23:23

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
For you tithe mint and dill and cumin,
and have neglected the weightier matters of the law:
justice and mercy and faithfulness.
These you ought to have done,
without neglecting the others."



LUKE 4:16-21

And he came to Nazareth,
where he had been brought up.

And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue
on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to
him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place
where it was written, **18** "The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me, because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.



LUKE 4:16-21 (cont.)

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." **20** And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down.

And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

21 And he began to say to them,
"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled
in your hearing."



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Psalm 140:12

I know that the **LORD**
will maintain the cause of the ***AFFLICTED***,
and will execute justice
for the ***NEEDY***.

