

Amos 2:1-16 **Judgment against Moab, Israel, and Judah**

Judgment on Moab

1 Thus says Yahweh (the Lord):

"For three transgressions of **Moab**, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime.

2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, And it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth; Moab shall die with tumult, With shouting and trumpet sound.

3 And I will cut off the judge from its midst, And slay all its princes with him," Says Yahweh (the Lord).

Judgment on Judah

4 Thus says Yahweh (the Lord):

"For three transgressions of **Judah**, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, Because they have despised the law of Yahweh (the Lord), And have not kept His commandments. Their lies lead them astray, Lies which their fathers followed.

5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem."

Judgment on Israel

6 Thus says Yahweh (the Lord):

"For three transgressions of **Israel**, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, Because they sell the righteous for silver, And the poor for a pair of sandals.

7 They pant after the dust of the earth which is on the head of the poor, And pervert the way of the humble. A man and his father go in to the same girl, To defile My holy name.

8 They lie down by every altar on clothes taken in pledge, And drink the wine of the condemned in the house of Eloheyhem their god.

9 "Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, Whose height was like the height of the cedars, And he was as strong as the oaks; Yet I destroyed his fruit above And his roots beneath.

10 Also it was I who brought you up from the land of Egypt, And led you forty years through the wilderness, To possess the land of the Amorite.

11 I raised up some of your sons as **prophets**, And some of your young men as **Nazirites**. Is it not so, O you children of Israel?" Says Yahweh (the Lord).

12 'But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, And commanded the prophets saying, 'Do not prophesy!'

13 "Behold, I am weighed down by you, As a cart full of sheaves is weighed down.

14 Therefore flight shall perish from the swift, The strong shall not strengthen his power, Nor shall the mighty deliver himself;

15 He shall not stand who handles the bow, The swift of foot shall not escape, Nor shall he who rides a horse deliver himself.

16 The most courageous men of might Shall flee naked in that day," Says Yahweh (the Lord).

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Facts Revealed:

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◇ When Yahweh pronounces judgment against a nation He does not leave us any room for criticism of His actions, because He states the reason why in clear terms.

◇ **Moab** is a nation descended from Lot the nephew of Abraham.

◇ **Edom** is a nation descended from Esau the brother of Jacob (Israel).

◇ Both are close relatives to Israel.

◇ Moab is being punished because of their vindictive actions with the bones of the king of Edom.

◇ Moab will come to a violent end with tumult, shouting, and trumpet sound against the national rulers, judges, and princes.

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But I will send a fire upon Judah, And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem." [Amos 2:4-5]

◇ Judah is punished because of their rejection of the laws and commandments of Yahweh.

◇ When they turned their back against Yahweh, their religion and government became founded on lies of men. [Matthew 15:1-14, Mark 7:1-13, Colossians 2:8]

◇ Punishment will be against the rulers of Jerusalem, civil and religious.

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◇ When the rulers of Israel turned away from Yahweh and adopted idolatry, they became oppressors of the poor the righteous, and the humble.

◇ Idolatry is always accompanied with sexual immorality.

◇ Thus by their actions they defile the Name of Yahweh before the whole world.

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- ✧ Yahweh reminded Israel of a few facts in their history,
 It was He Who delivered the nations of giants into the hand of Israel.
 It was He Who brought Israel up out of Egypt and led them forty years in the wilderness.
 It was He Who and gave them the land of the Amorites (Giants living in the land of Canaan, the Promised Land.
- ✧ Yahweh also raised up Prophets and Nazirites from among the people of Israel, Holy men who demonstrated the power of God to the people.
- ✧ Israel defiled the holy men by giving wine to the Nazirites which was forbidden for them. [\[Numbers 6:2-4\]](#)
 They also commanded the prophets to not prophesy though they were sent by Yahweh to warn them of coming wrath and call them to repentance. [\[Isaiah 30:8-10\]](#)
- ☆ "Behold, I am weighed down by you, As a cart full of sheaves is weighed down.
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- ✧ Punishment for the wickedness of the People of Israel will be, that Yahweh will take away their ability for war and thus deliver them into the hand of their enemy.