



Amos and Jeroboam II

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2,800-Year-Old Writings Reveal Royal Administration in Biblical Israel

A new study offers a peek into the rule of Jeroboam II.

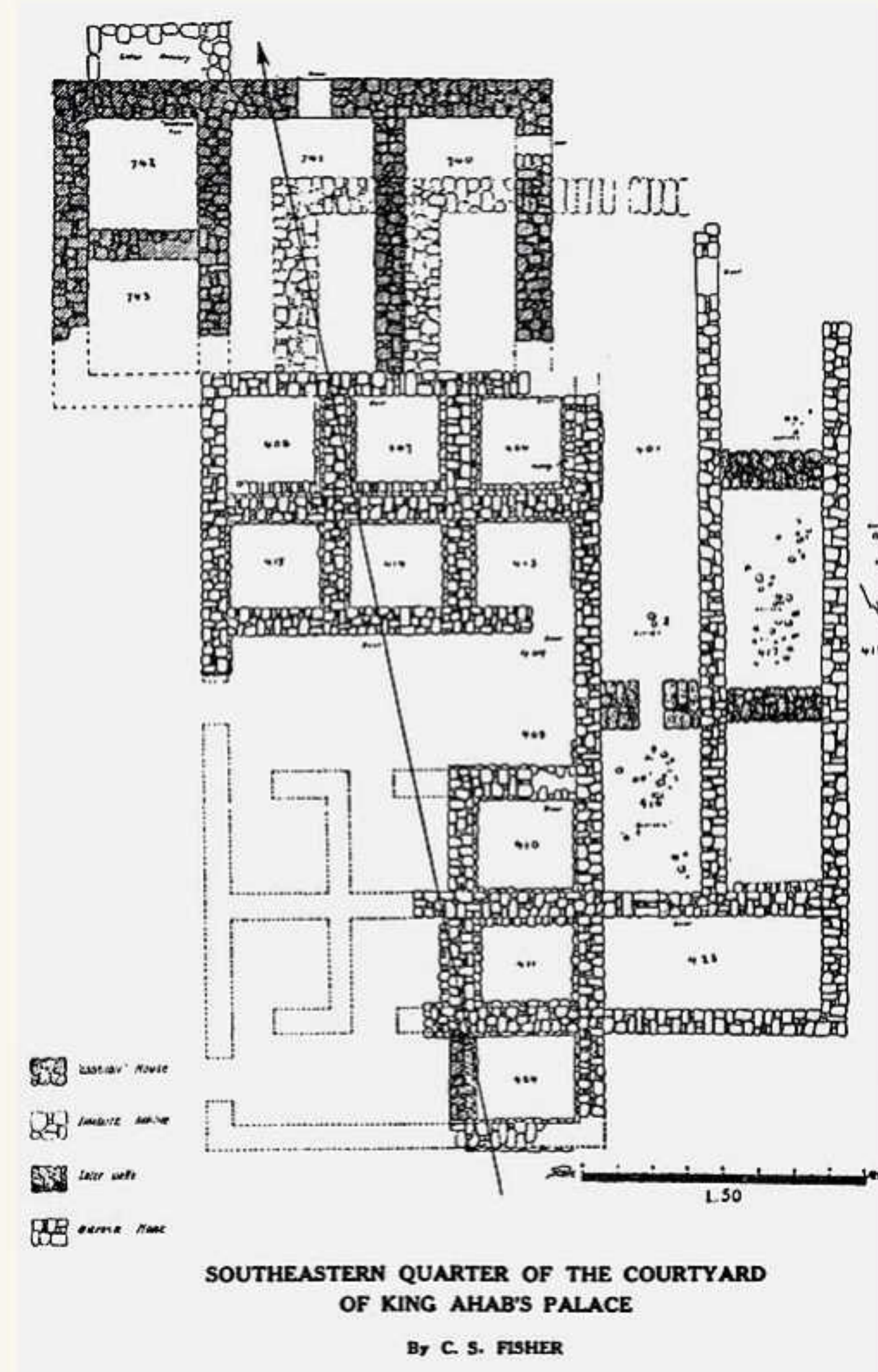
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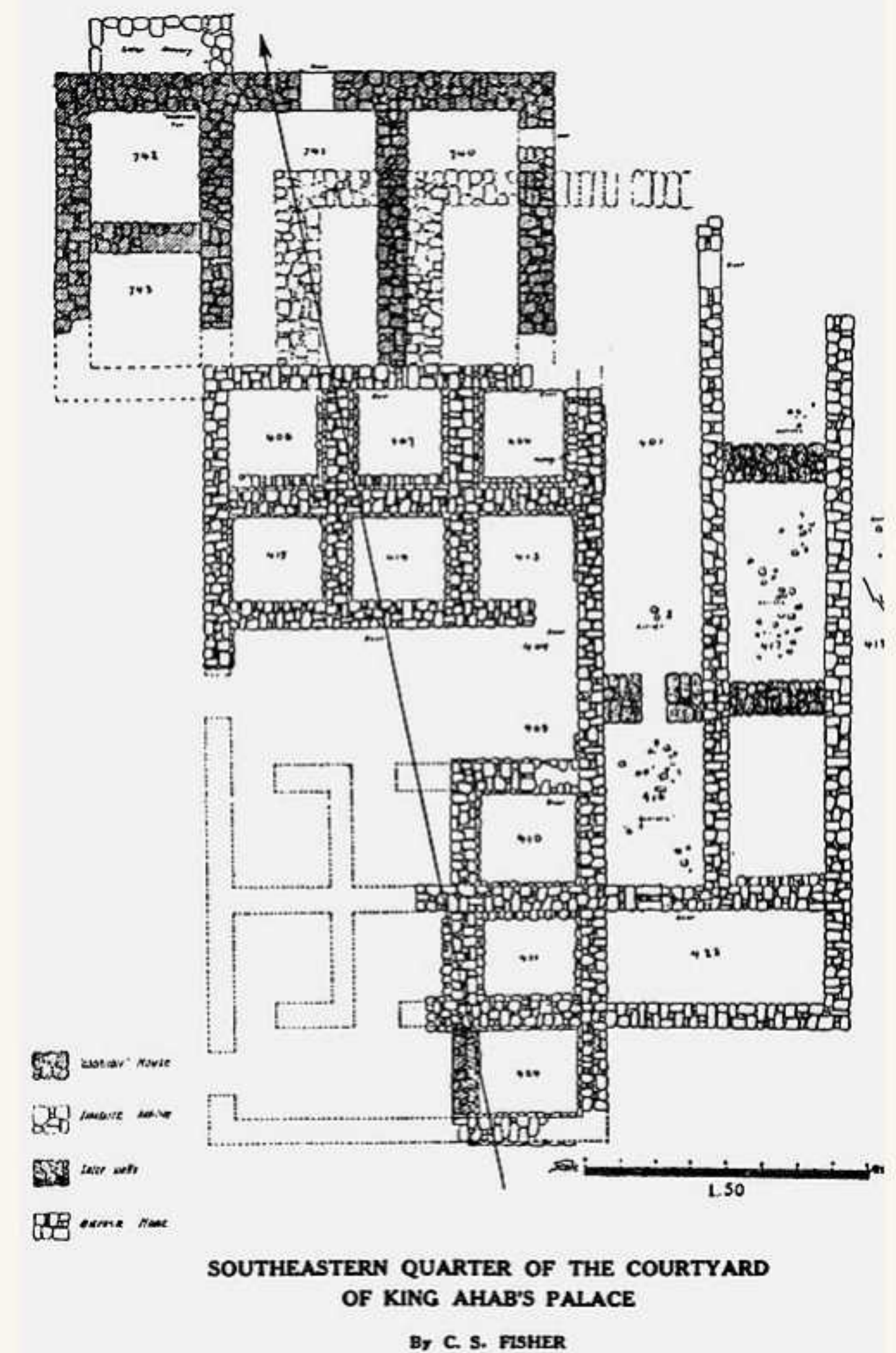
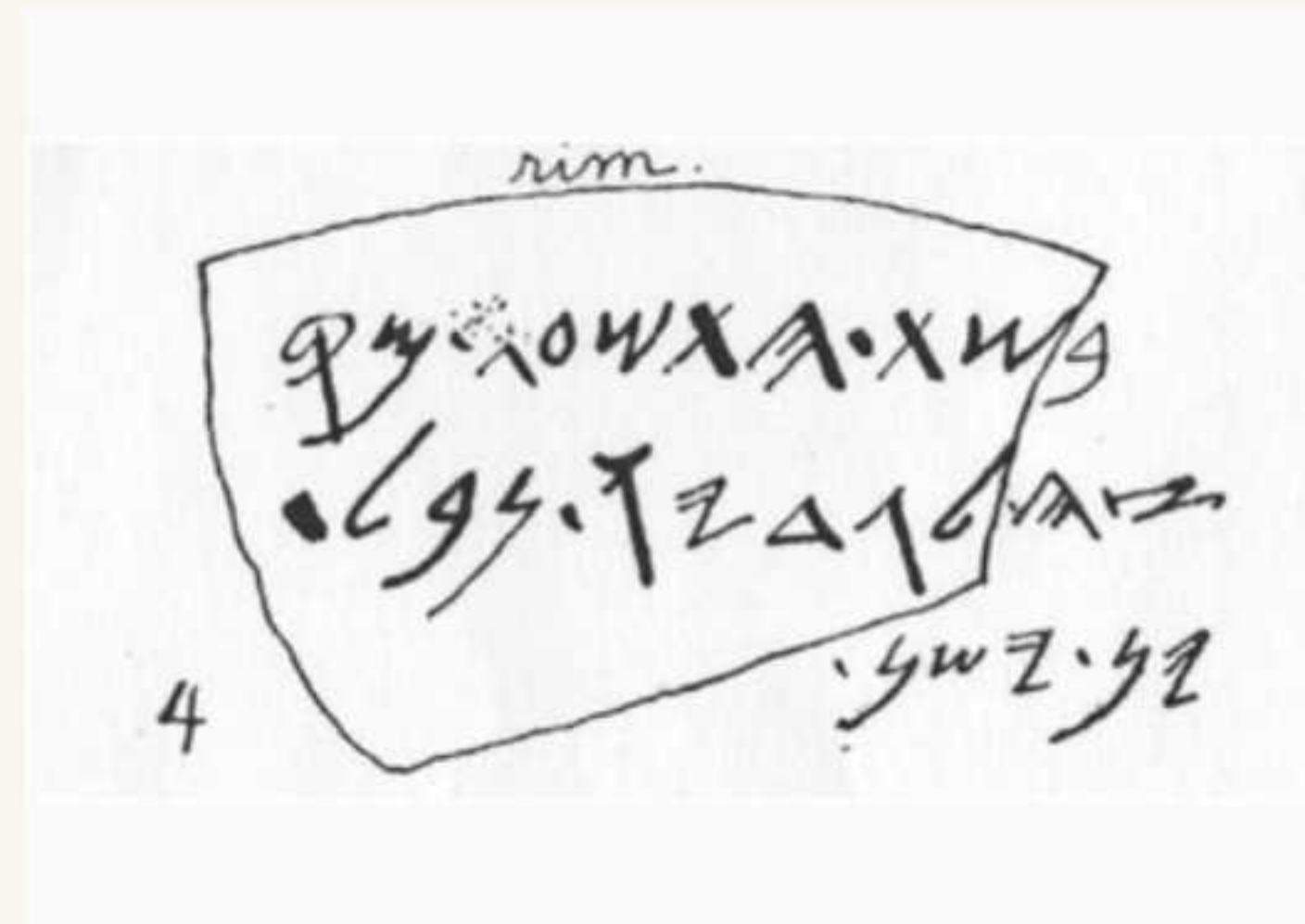


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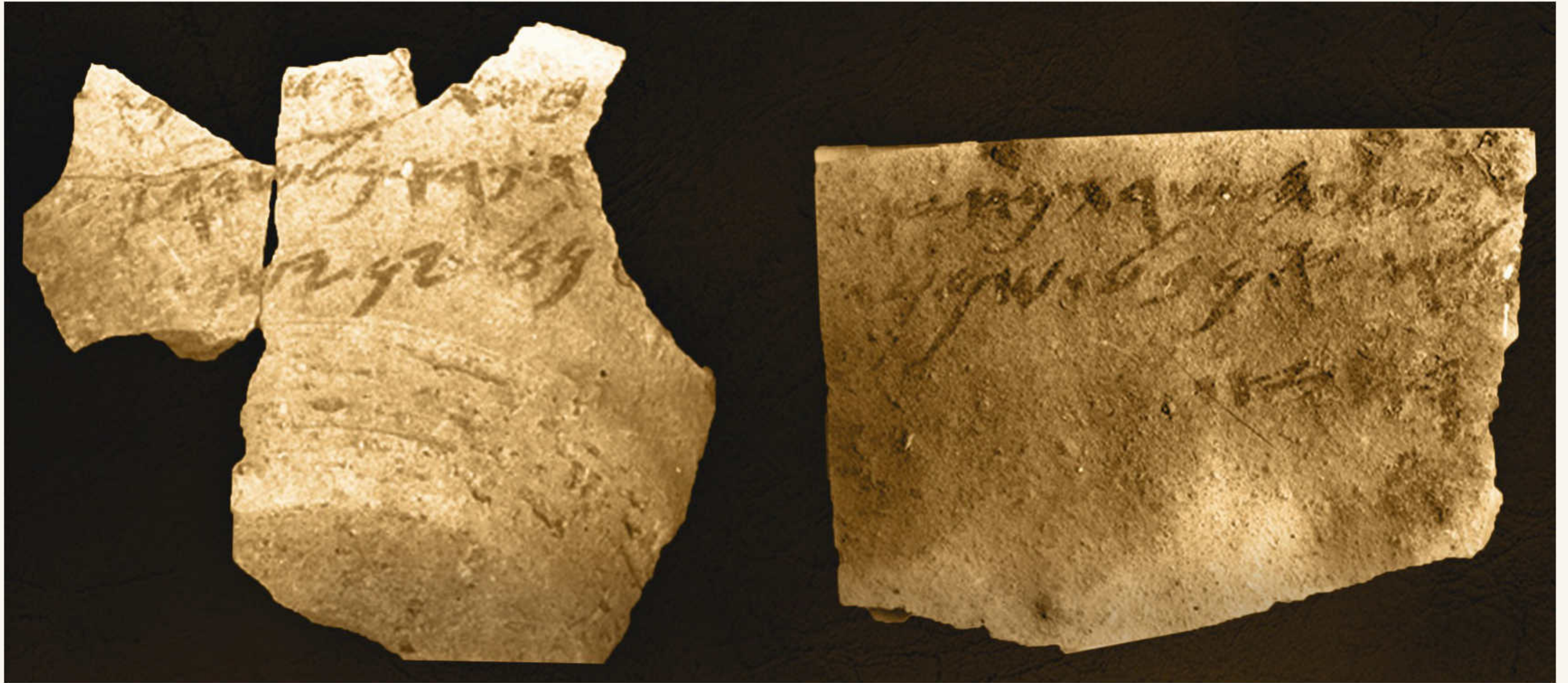


Samaria Ostraca



The Samaria Ostraca are rare examples of writing from ancient Israel (as opposed to Judah). They bear witness to northern Hebrew and to royal scribal practices under the Israelite monarchy.

The texts were discovered inside the acropolis of the Israelite capital city at Samaria and were written roughly a generation prior to the city's destruction by the Assyrians in 722 BC.



Examples of Samaria ostraca: (Left) No. 14: 'In the year ni[ne] from Az[...]t Par'an to Shemaryau jar of aged wine'; (Right) No. 18: 'In the year ten from Hazeroth to Gaddiyau jar of bath oil.' (Courtesy Tel Aviv University)





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seal discovered
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The Samaria Ivories

1 Kings 22:39 (ESV) Now the rest of the acts of Ahab and all that he did, and the ivory house that he built and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?



A fragment of an ivory plaque from Samaria, Israel, shows the Egyptian god Hah holding a palm branch in both hands.

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Samaria during the days of Jeroboam II (789-748 BC)



The Story of Jeroboam (930-907 BC)
1 Kings 11-14

The Divided Kingdom

1 Kings 12

2 Chronicles 10

930 BC The Kingdom Divides

The Kingdom in the North

Is called “Israel” or “Samaria”

Or is called “House of

no kingly lineage

722 BC - Is destroyed by Assyria

The Kingdom in the South

Is called “Judah”

Or “House of David”

The King is of the lineage of David.

586 BC - Is destroyed by Babylon





Kings of Israel / Samaria (206 Yrs)

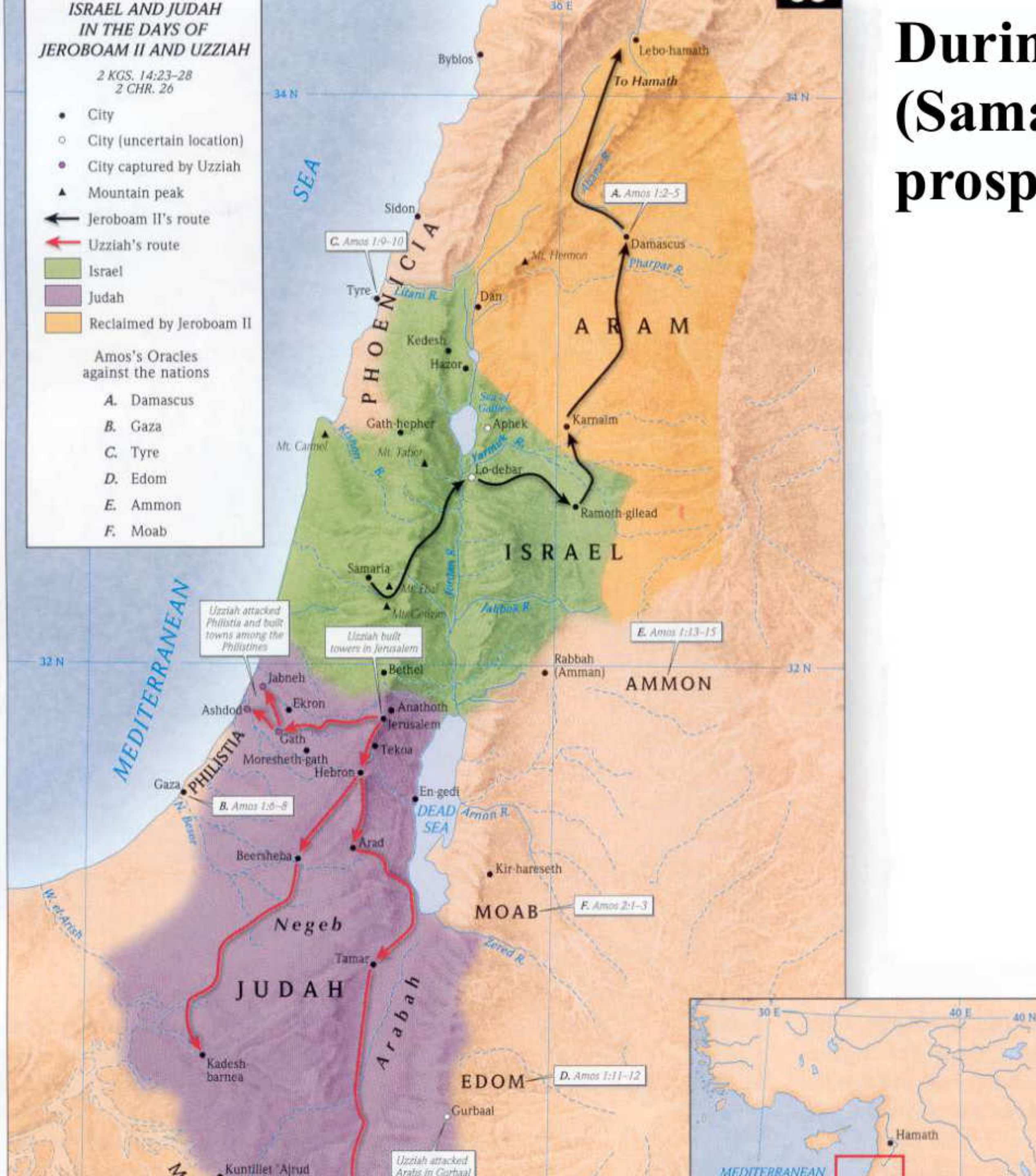
1	Jeroboam	930-907
2	<u>Nadab</u>	907-906
3	<u>Baasha</u>	906-883
4	<u>Elah</u>	883-882
5	<u>Zimri</u>	882
6	<u>Tibni</u>	882
7	<u>Omri</u>	882-871
8	Ahab	873-852
9	<u>Ahaziah</u>	852-851
10	<u>Jehoram</u>	851-842
11	Jehu	842-814
12	<u>Jehoahaz</u>	817-800
13	<u>Jehoash</u>	800-784
14	Jeroboam II	789-748
15	<u>Zechariah</u>	748-747
16	<u>Shallum</u>	747
17	<u>Menahem</u>	747-737
18	<u>Pekahiah</u>	737-735
19	<u>Pekah</u>	735-732
20	<u>Hoshea</u>	732-722

Destroyed by Assyria - 722 BC

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- Assyria had destroyed Syria and Aram, but puttered out when it got to Israel.
- When Jeroboam II became king, there was no external threat pressing upon them.
- Under Jeroboam, there was peace and an expansion of Samaria's borders.
- This peace and expansion of borders brought about tremendous prosperity in Samaria.
 - plenty and splendor in the land,
 - elegance in the cities, and might in the palaces.
 - The rich had their summer and winter palaces adorned with costly ivory
 - gorgeous couches and damask pillows
 - on which they reclined at their sumptuous feasts.
 - They planted pleasant vineyards,
 - anointed themselves with precious oils,

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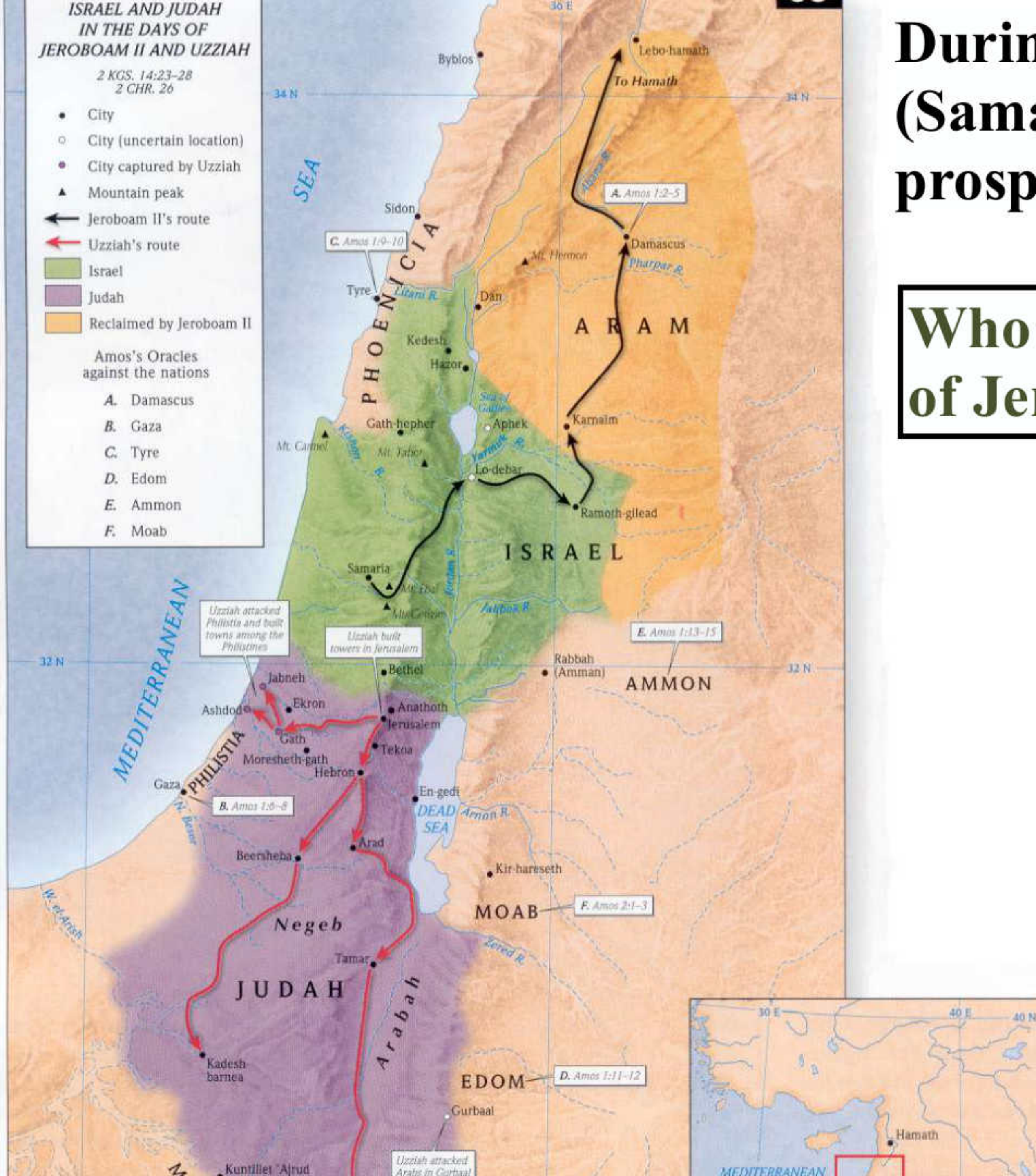
**ISRAEL AND JUDAH
IN THE DAYS OF
JEROBOAM II AND UZZIAH**

2 KGS. 14:23-28
2 CHR. 26

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- City captured by Uzziah
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Jeroboam II's route
- Uzziah's route
- Israel
- Judah
- Reclaimed by Jeroboam II

Amos's Oracles
against the nations

- A. Damascus
- B. Gaza
- C. Tyre
- D. Edom
- E. Ammon
- F. Moab



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Who were the prophets during the time of Jeroboam II?

**Amos
Hosea
Jonah**

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The Prophets - 760 BC -460 BC

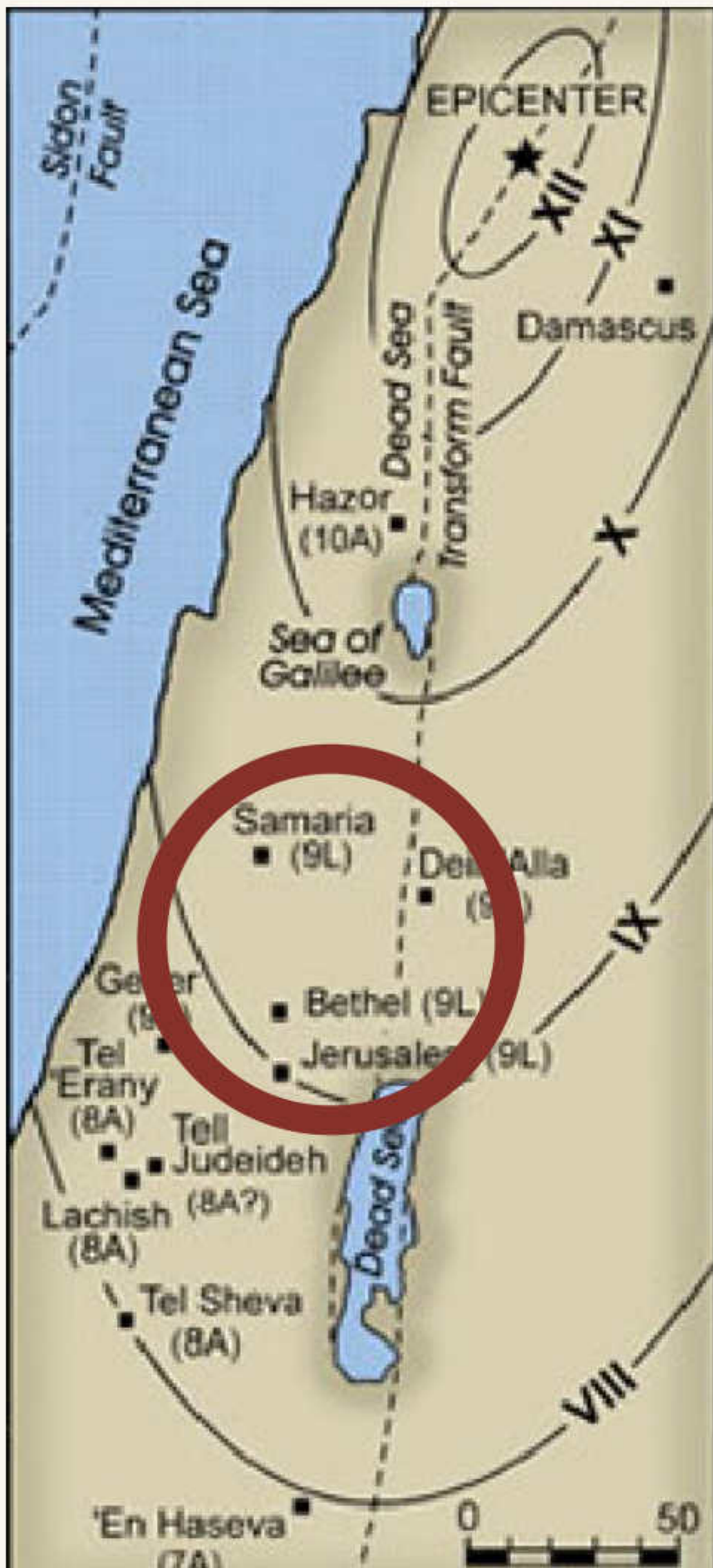
300 Years	Prophet	Date BC	Prophesied To	The Prophets to Israel (Northern Kingdom)	
	Amos	760	Israel		
	Jonah	760-725	Nineveh		
	Hosea	760-725	Israel		
	Isaiah	740-690	Israel and Judah		
	Micah	735-700	Israel and Judah		
	Israel Destroyed by Assyria - 722 BC				
	Zephaniah	630-625	Judah	The Prophets to Judah (Southern Kingdom)	
	Nahum	630-612	Nineveh		
	Jeremiah	627-586	Judah		
	Habakkuk	612-606	Judah		
	Judah taken into captivity 606/597/586				
	Daniel	606-536	Captives	The Prophets to the Exiles (Babylon)	
	Ezekiel	592-570	Captives		
	Joel	590	Judah		
	70 Years	Temple Destroyed by Babylonians - 586 BC			
		Obadiah	586	Edom - Aggression after Temple destroyed	
		Lamentations	586	Captives	
		The Exiles Return Under Persia - 536/458/444 BC			
Haggai		520	Remnant of Israel	The Prophets to those who Return (Judah / Jerusalem)	
Zechariah		520-495	Remnant of Israel		
The Temple Rebuilt - 516/515					
Esther	486-464	Captives			
Malachi	460	Remnant of Israel			
Ezra	458	Remnant of Israel			
Nehemiah	444	Remnant of Israel			

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Evidence of ‘Amos’s Earthquake’ Discovered in Jerusalem

Archaeologists identify remains in the City of David as belonging to the infamous biblical catastrophe.

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1:2–5 “2 And he said: “The LORD roars from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers.”

•3 Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of **Damascus**, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment,

•1:6 “Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of **Gaza**, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they carried into exile a whole people to deliver them up to Edom.” (Tyre, Edom, Ammonites, Moab).

Amos 2:4–5 “4 Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of **Judah**, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have rejected the law of the LORD, and have not kept his statutes, but their lies have led them astray, those after which their fathers walked. 5 So I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.””

Amos 2:6–8 “6 Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals— 7 those who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth and turn aside the way of the afflicted; a man and his father go in to the same girl, so that my holy name is profaned; 8 they lay themselves down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined.”

What is Israel's Sin?

Oppression of the poor. Israel is charged with selling the righteous for silver, selling the needy for a pair of sandals, trampling the poor into the dust, perverting justice, exploiting vulnerable women, taking garments from the poor as collateral, and then using the proceeds of their injustice in their religious worship.

God Reminds them of His faithfulness

I have been faithful to you.

- I delivered you from Egypt.
- I brought you through the wilderness.
- I gave you the land.
- I gave you prophets.

I have been faithful to you, but you have been unfaithful to me.

Amos 2:9–12 “9 “Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars and who was as strong as the oaks; I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath. 10 Also it was I who brought you up out of the land of Egypt and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. 11 And I raised up some of your sons for prophets, and some of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not indeed so, O people of Israel?” declares the LORD. 12 “But you made the Nazirites drink wine, and commanded the prophets, saying, ‘You shall not prophesy.’”

AMOS 2-6 The Kingdom of Israel is charged with -

1. The Practice of False Justice

- Instead of caring for people, the law was used to oppress people

2. The Practice of False Righteousness

- Instead of living in right relationship with God and others, relationships were distorted for personal gain.

3. The Practice of False Security

- Wealth and Prosperity was the means of security

4. The Practice of False Religion

- Religion was a means to honor, glorify and justify the self.

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The Lie Israel Told Itself.

- We are prosperous, therefore we are blessed.
- We are religious, therefore we are righteous.
- We are powerful, therefore we are secure.
- We are God's people, therefore judgment cannot happen to us.

The Truth Amos Spoke

- Your justice is false.
- Your righteousness is false.
- Your security is false.
- Your religion is false.

*Because of their refusal to repent,
Judgement is coming.*

Amos 6:8 “The Lord GOD has sworn by himself, declares the LORD, the God of hosts: “I abhor the pride of Jacob and hate his strongholds, and I will deliver up the city and all that is in it.”



Amos - The Trial of Visions (7-9)

The Conviction

Tax Day and The Locusts (7:1)

Judgment by Fire (7:4)

God's Plumb line (7:7)

The Defendant Responds

Amos is accused as being
wrong. (7:10-17)

Judgement Given

Basket of Summer Fruit (The
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The Lord and His Altar (9:1)



God's Judgement (Three Visions)



7:1-3 - Tax Day and the Locuts

(The rich devoured the poor, now they will be devoured)

7:2-3, Amos intercedes and the Lord Relents



7:4-6 - Fire upon the Land

(Fire to purify the religious hypocrisy)

7:5-6, Amos intercedes and the Lord Relents



7:7-9 - Plumb Line and a Sword

(Leveling the land with a sword)

What should Israel do?

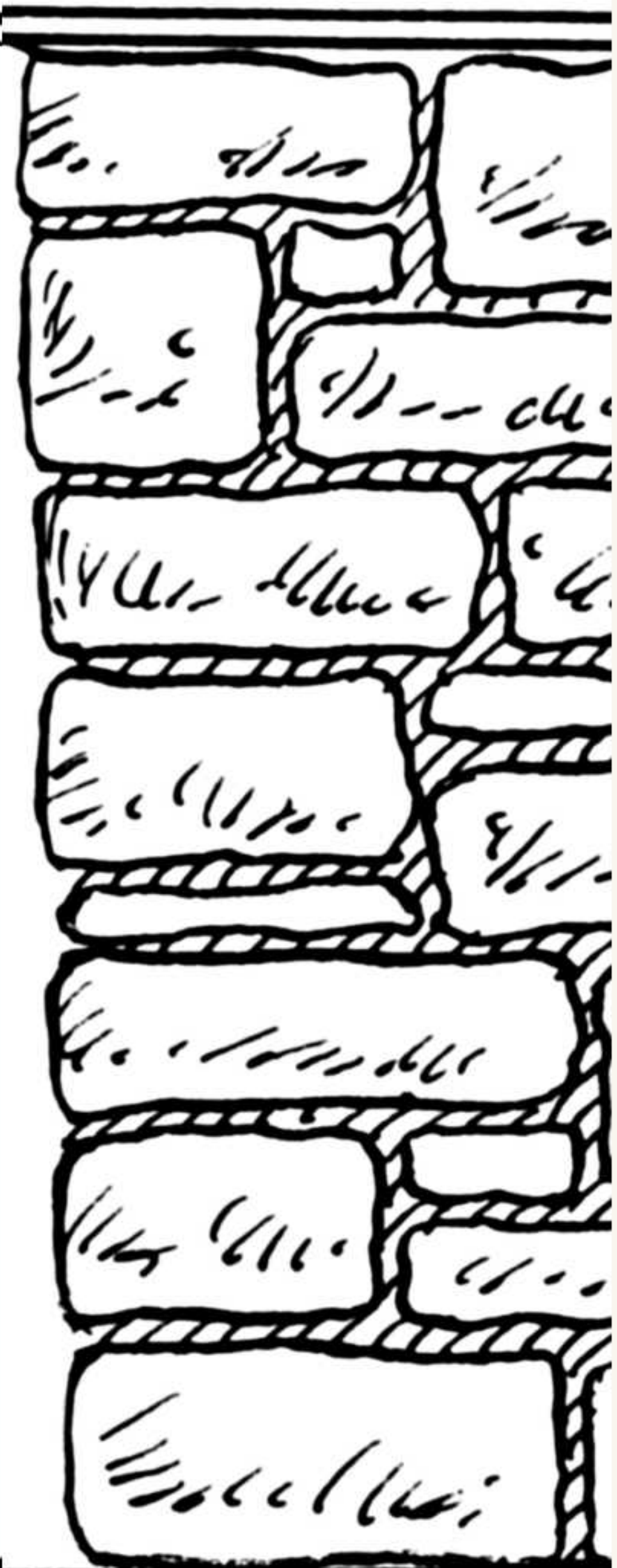
Repent!!

“Seek me and live;”

Israel has been
measuring itself
by prosperity,
wealth, religious
activity, and
national success.

“Look at how
great we are!”

**The
measurement
that God uses
is Justice,
righteousness,
and seeking
the Lord**





God's Judgement

How do the people respond to Amos' preaching?

People are indifferent!!

7:10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "**Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words.**" 11 For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" 12 And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Amos himself is accused of wrong doing.



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8:1-14, Basket of Fruit gone bad in the heat.

8:1 This is what the Lord GOD showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit. 2 And he said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the LORD said to me, “The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.

(Because of the lack of covenant righteousness, you will be tossed out like a rotten basket of fruit left out in the sun).

(Amos 8:11–12) “11 “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD, “when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.”

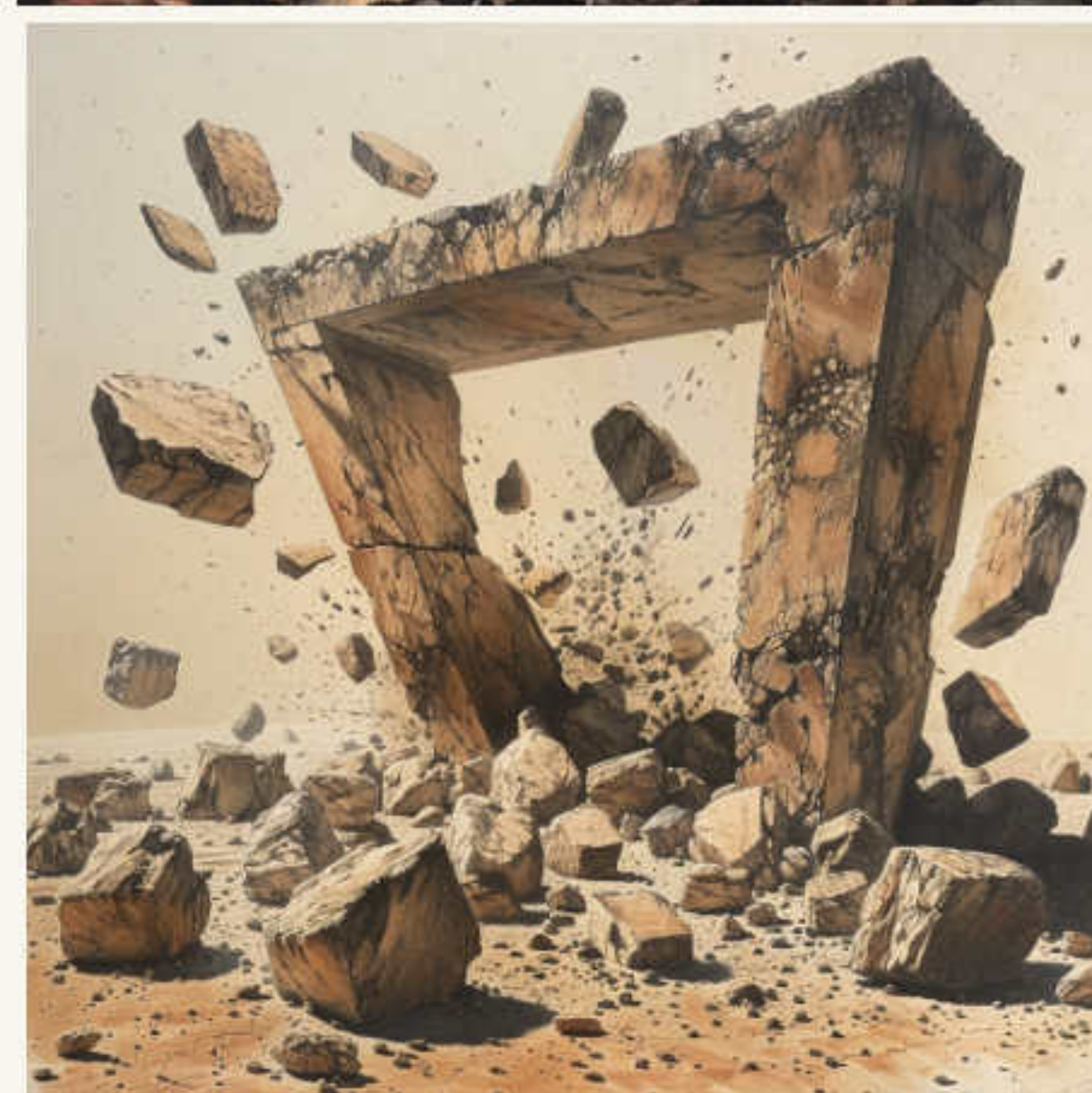


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9:1-10, The Striking of the Altar

9:1 "I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and he said:
"Strike the capitals until the thresholds shake, and shatter them on the heads of all the people; and those who are left of them I will kill with the sword; not one of them shall flee away; not one of them shall escape."

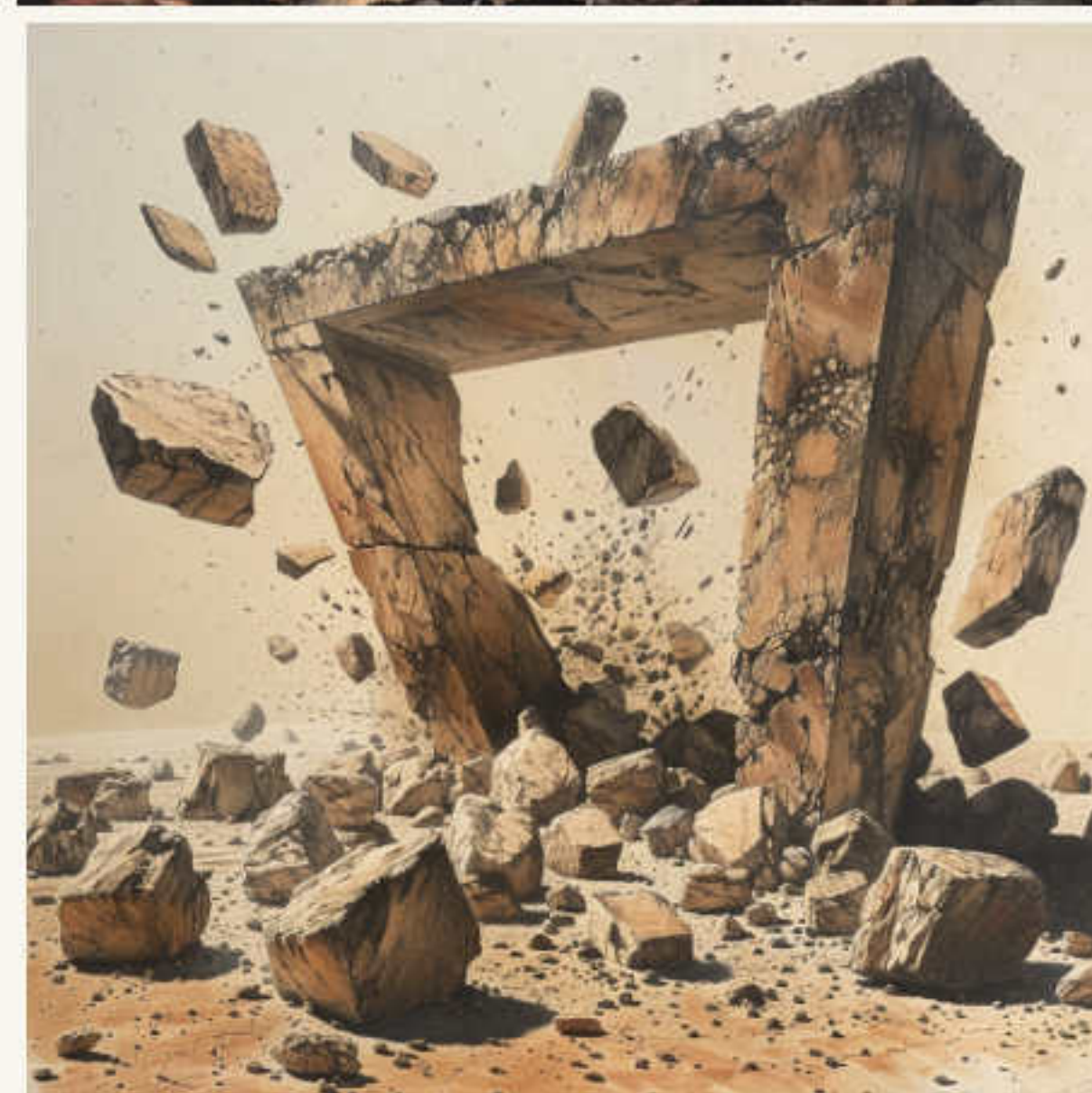


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The place where they placed their security (religious ritual) is destroyed and falls upon them.

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What is the fourth role of the prophets?

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The New Thing the Lord is Doing (9:11-15)

9:11 **“In that day** I will raise up **the booth of David** that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, 12 that they may possess **the remnant of Edom and all the nations** who are called by my name,” declares the LORD who does this.

13 **“Behold, the days are coming,”** declares the LORD, **“when the plowman shall overtake the reaper** and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. 14 I will **restore** the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall **rebuild** the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. 15 **I will plant** them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them,” says the LORD your God.”

Amos 9:11 “In that day I will raise up the booth of David

Matthew 13:16-17 “16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. 17 For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

