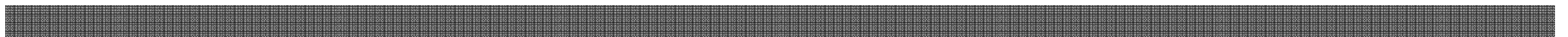




# Amos Part 2: Oracles Against the Nations



# Amos Review

Amos was a simple shepherd from Tekoa in the South, and God said, “Go speak to my people Israel.”

It was a time of prosperity and relative relief from the attacks of neighboring empires

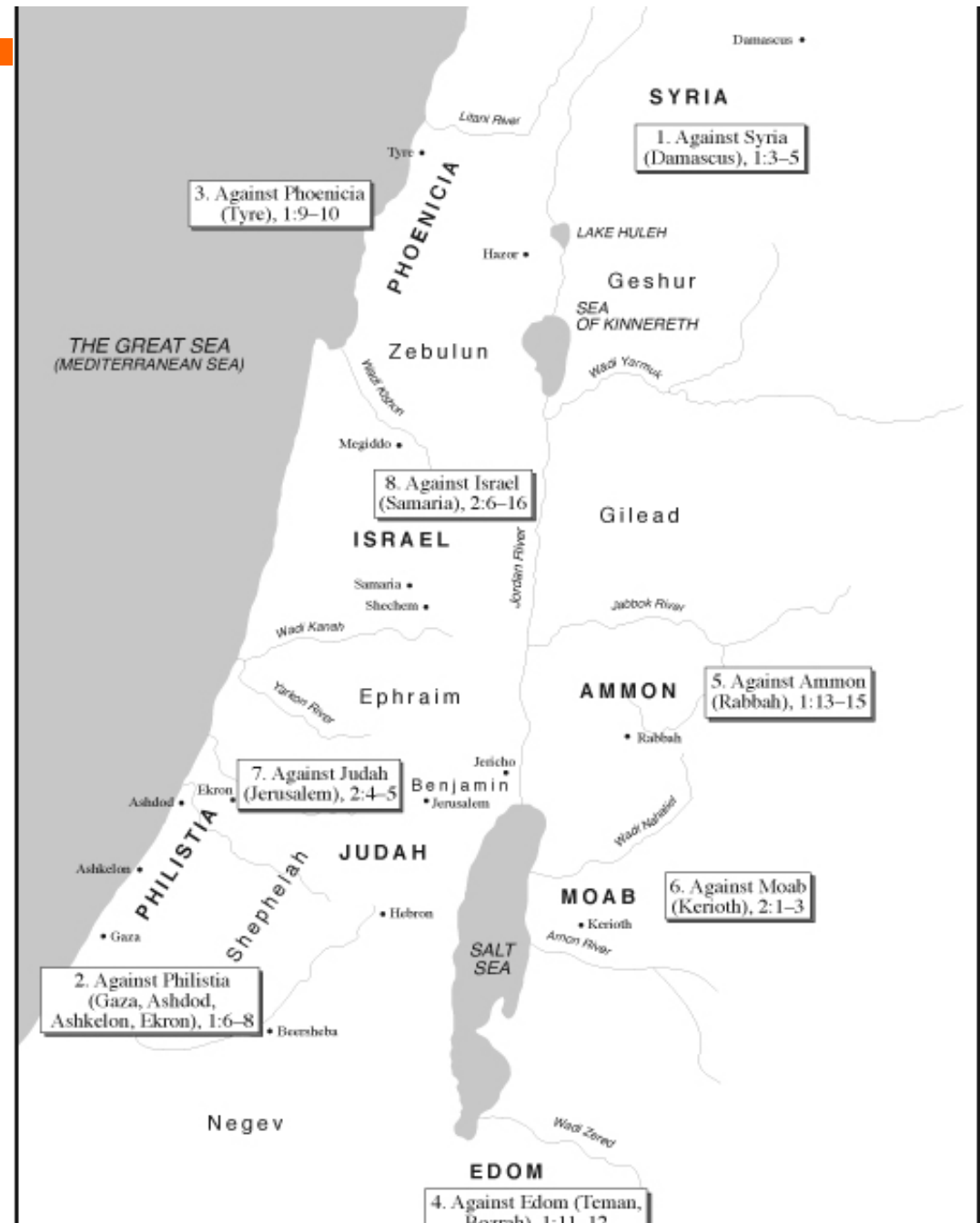
# Encountering Amos today

- Jump into the story and the context
- Wrestle with the implications and let the Spirit speak to you and shake you up
- Remember, we can learn what God cares about, what makes God angry

# Implications for today

- God has Amos speak out about “nations” so there are implications for how a “nation” functions
- Each country is addressed as one country or people, not as individuals
- There are systems set up in every civilization that affect people differently: political systems, economic systems, judicial systems

# Amos 1:3-5 Damascus (Syria)



# Damascus

# Amos 1:3-5

*<sup>3</sup>Thus says the LORD:*

*For three transgressions of Damascus,*

*and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;*

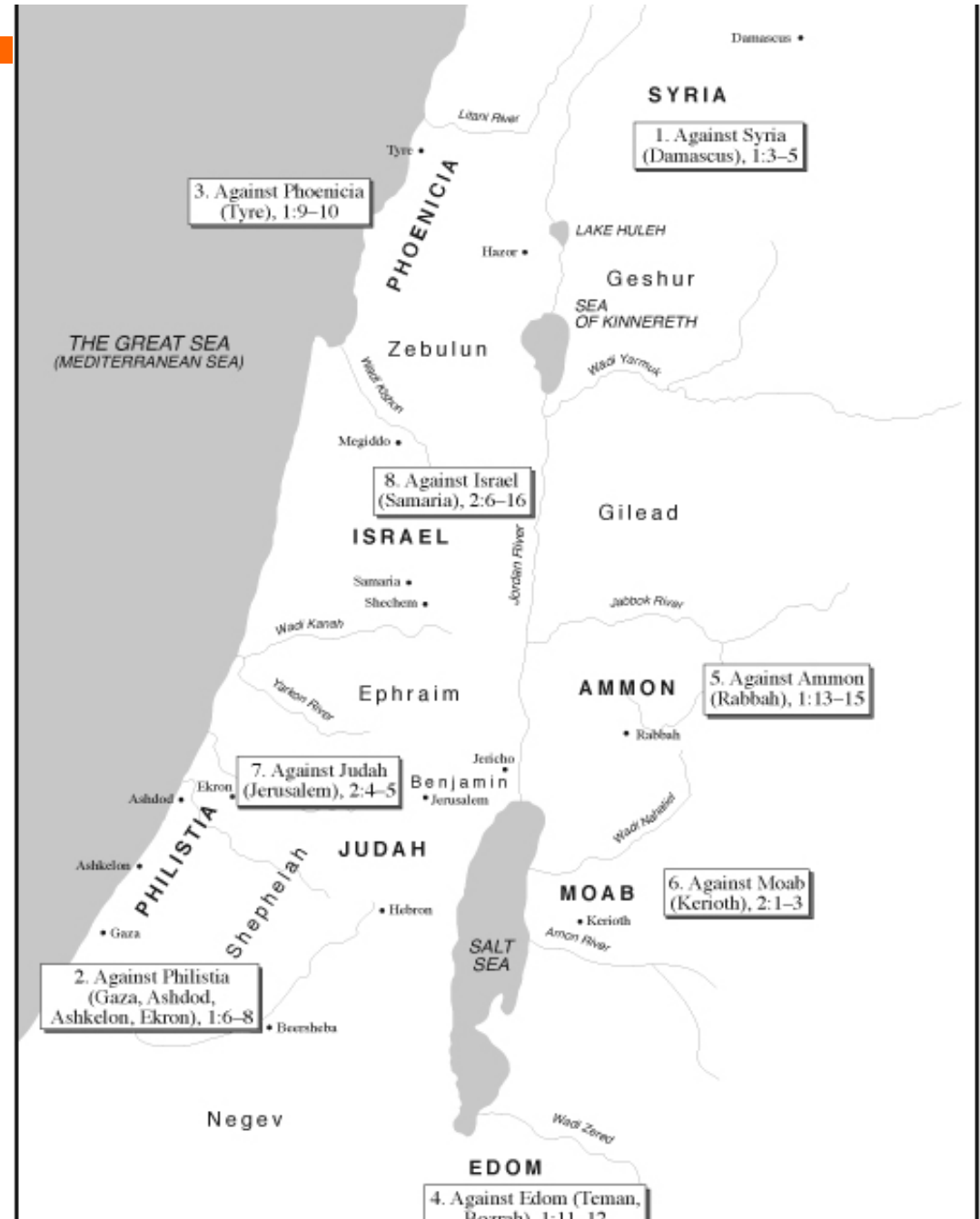
*because they have threshed Gilead*

*with threshing sledges of iron.*

*<sup>4</sup> So I will send a fire on the house of Hazael,*

*and it shall devour the strongholds of Ben-hadad.*

**Amos 1:6-8**  
Gaza  
(Philistines)



# Gaza Amos 1:6-8

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD: For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they carried into exile entire communities, to hand them over to Edom.

<sup>7</sup>So I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, fire that shall devour its strongholds.

<sup>8</sup> I will cut off the inhabitants from Ashdod,

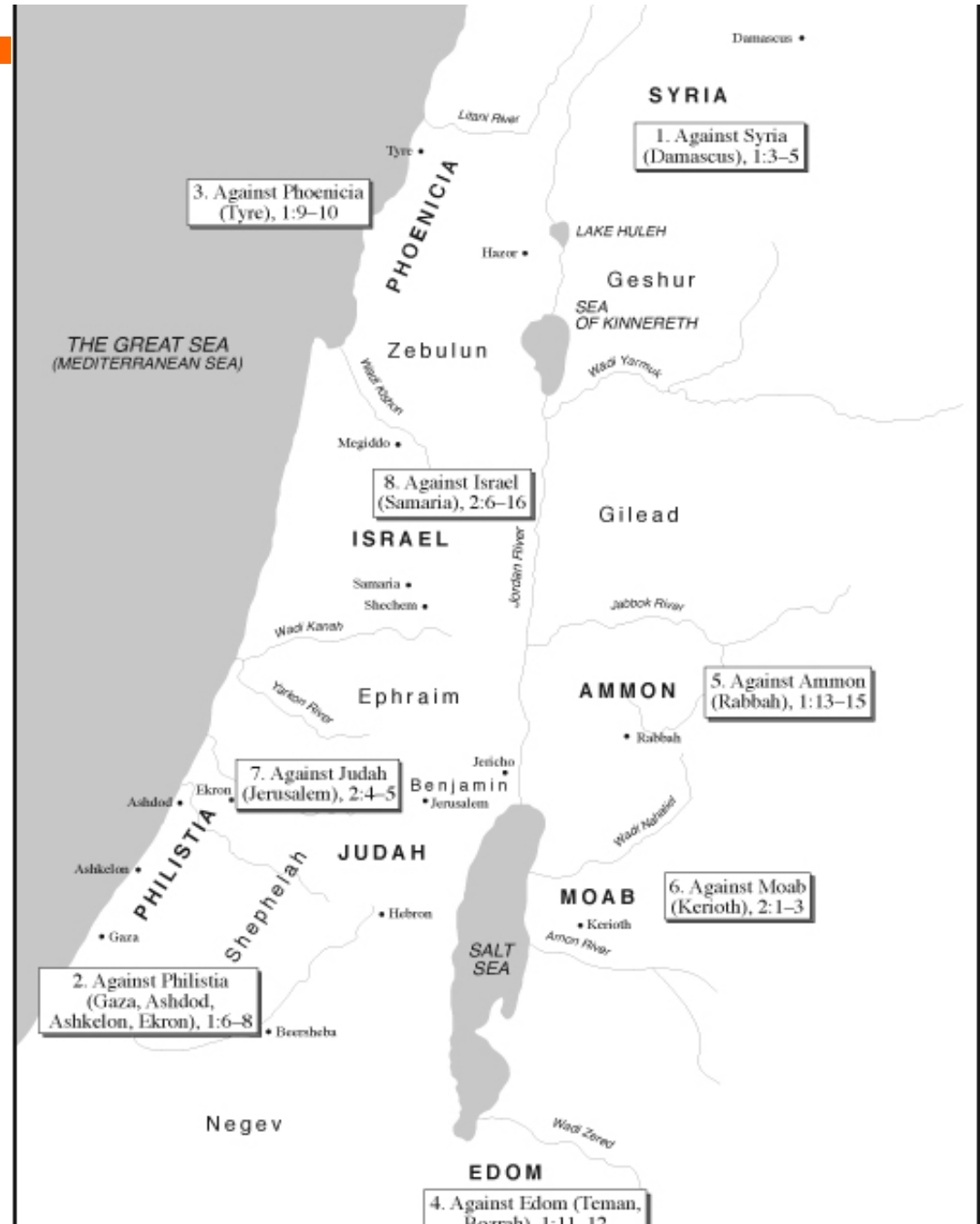
and the one who holds the scepter from Ashkelon;

I will turn my hand against Ekron,

and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, says the Lord GOD.



**Amos 1:9-10**  
**Tyre**  
**(Phoenicia)**



# Tyre

# Amos 1:9-10

<sup>9</sup>Thus says the LORD:

For three transgressions of Tyre,

and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;

because they delivered entire communities over to Edom,

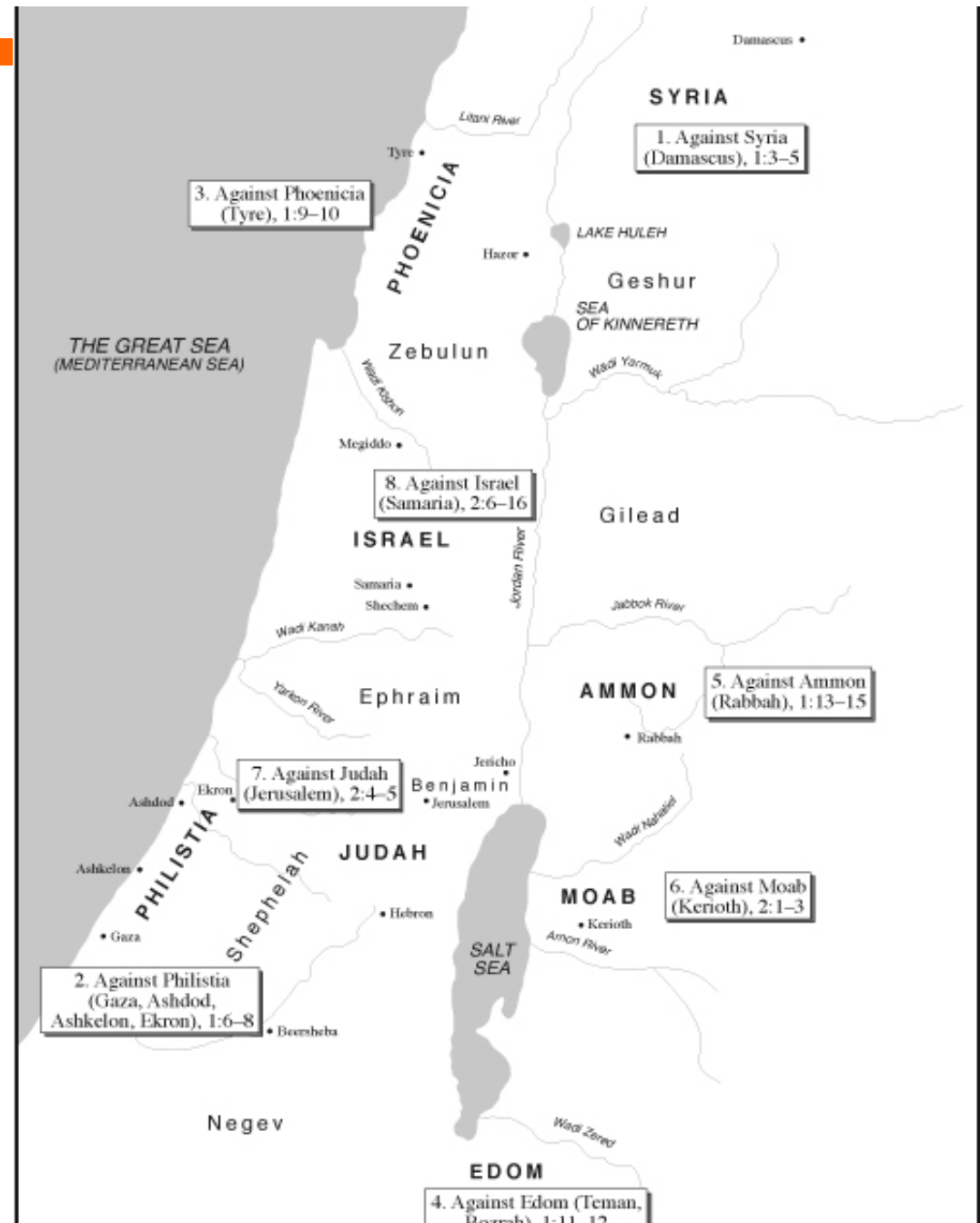
and did not remember the covenant of kinship.

<sup>10</sup> So I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre,

fire that shall devour its strongholds.

# Amos 1:11-12

## Edom



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Amos 1:11-12

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the LORD:

For three transgressions of Edom,

and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;

because he pursued his brother with the sword

and cast off all pity;

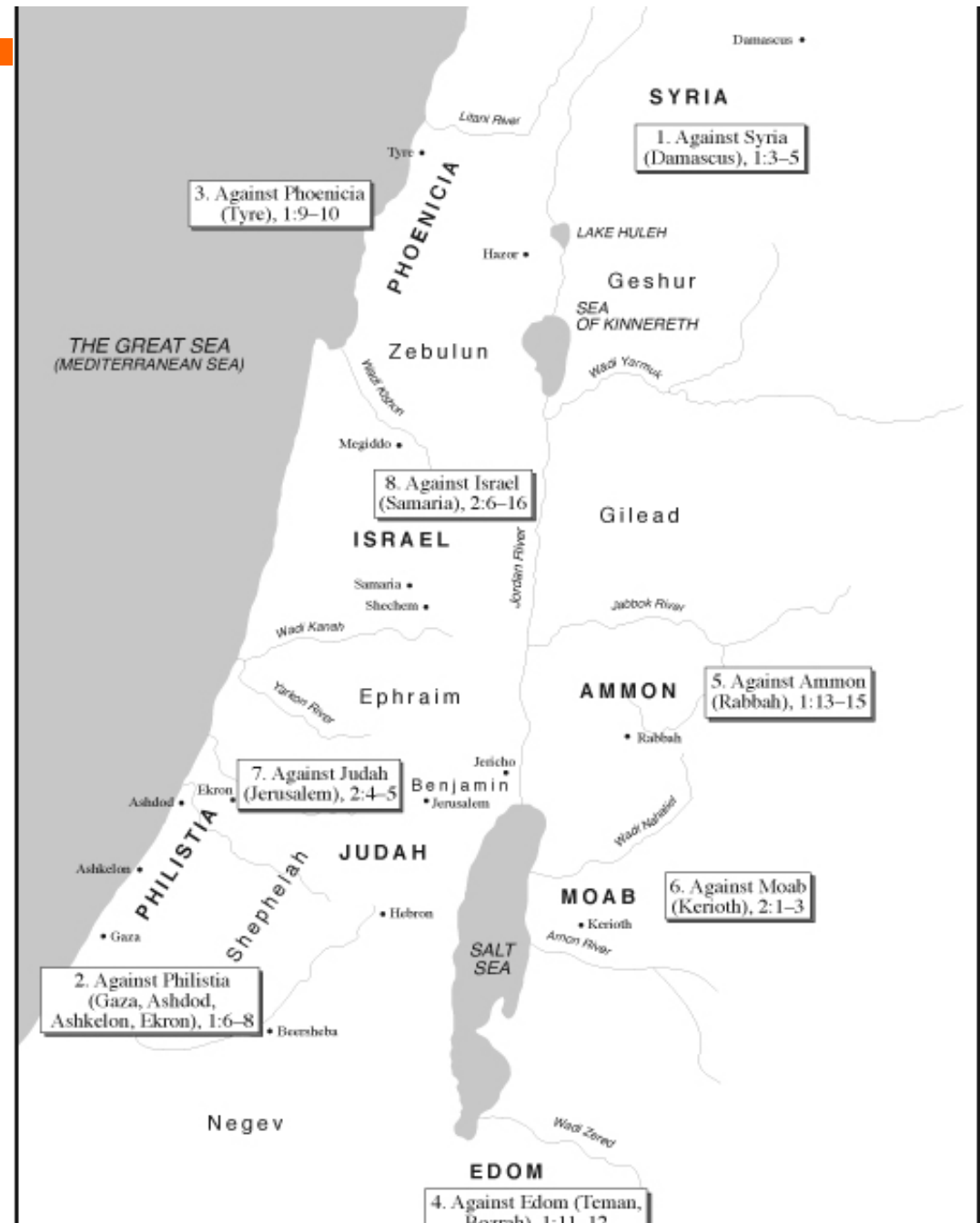
he maintained his anger perpetually, and kept his wrath forever.

<sup>12</sup> So I will send a fire on Teman,

and it shall devour the strongholds of Bozrah.

# Amos 1:13-15

## Ammonites



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<sup>13</sup> Thus says the LORD:

For three transgressions of the Ammonites,

and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;

because they have ripped open pregnant women in Gilead in order to enlarge their territory.

<sup>14</sup> So I will kindle a fire against the wall of Rabbah, fire that shall devour its strongholds,

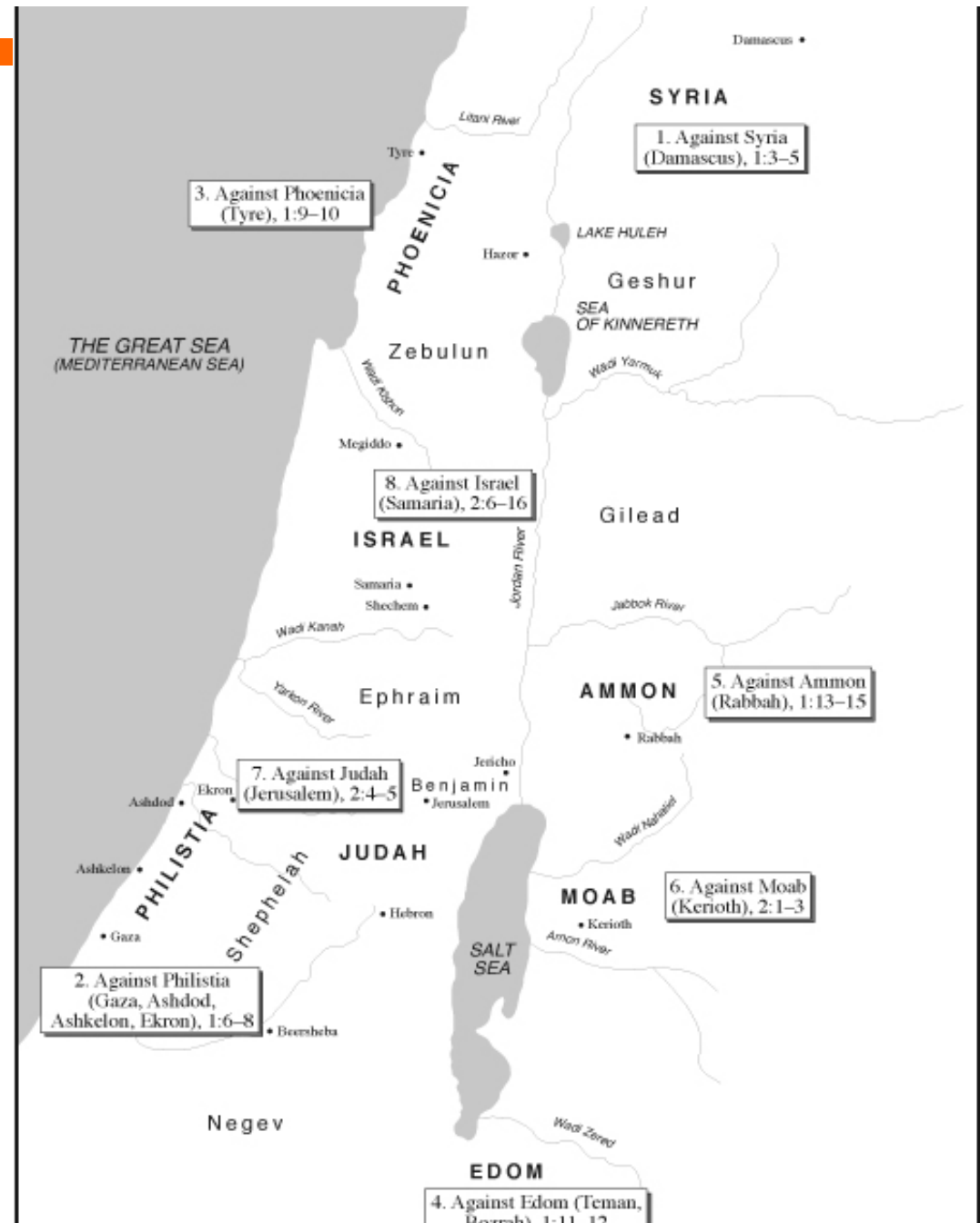
with shouting on the day of battle, with a storm on the day of the whirlwind;

<sup>15</sup> then their king shall go into exile, he and his officials together,

says the LORD.

# Amos 2:1-3

## Moab



# Moab

# Amos 2:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;

because he burned to lime the bones of the king of Edom.

<sup>2</sup> So I will send a fire on Moab, and it shall devour the strongholds of Kerioth,

and Moab shall die amid uproar, amid shouting and the sound of the trumpet;

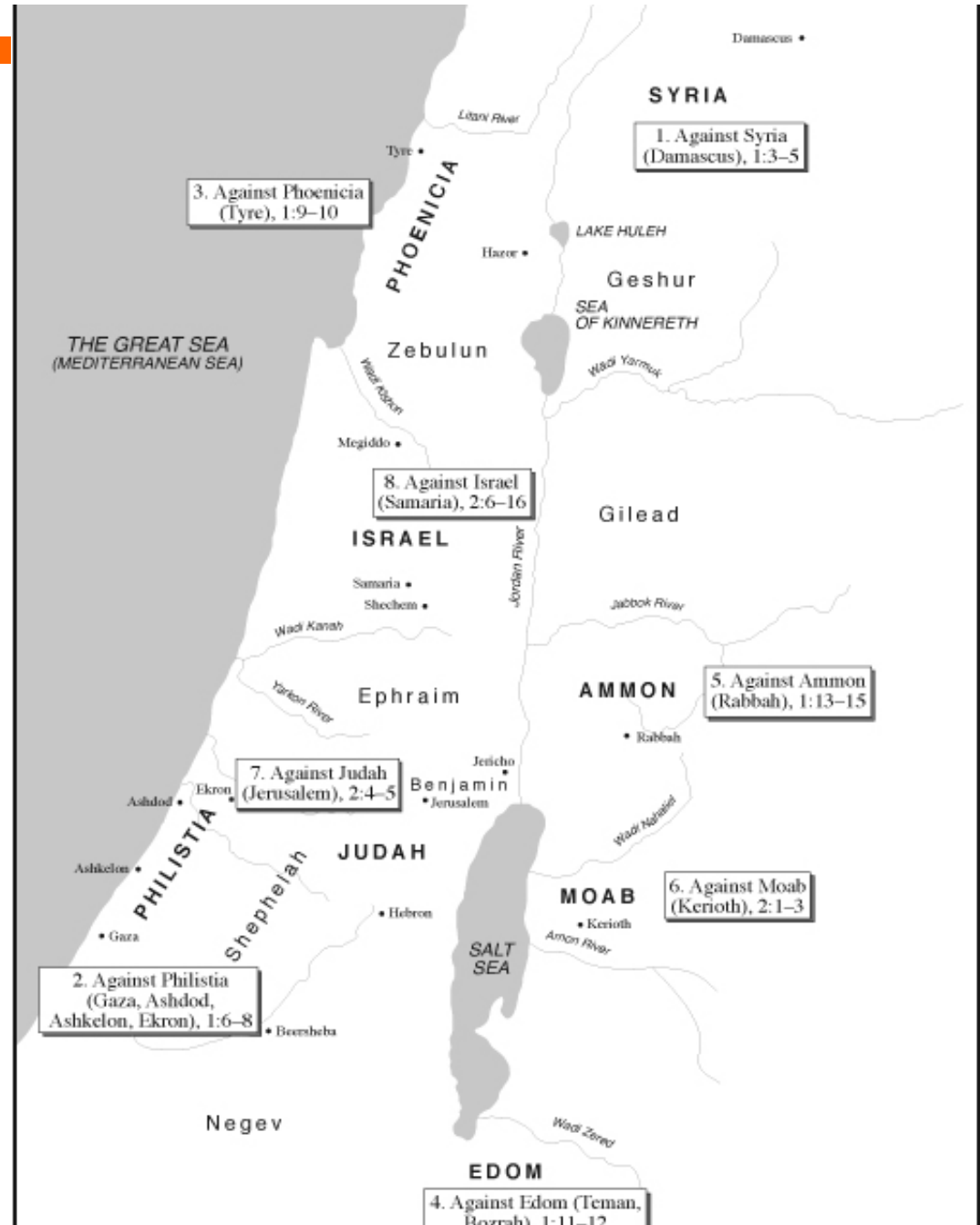
<sup>3</sup> I will cut off the ruler from its midst, and will kill all its officials with him,

says the LORD.



# Amos 2:1-3

## Judah





# Summary of Oracles Against the Nations

Violence, war and more violence

Lack of compassion or empathy  
for other people

# Judah

# Amos 2:4-5

<sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD:

For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;

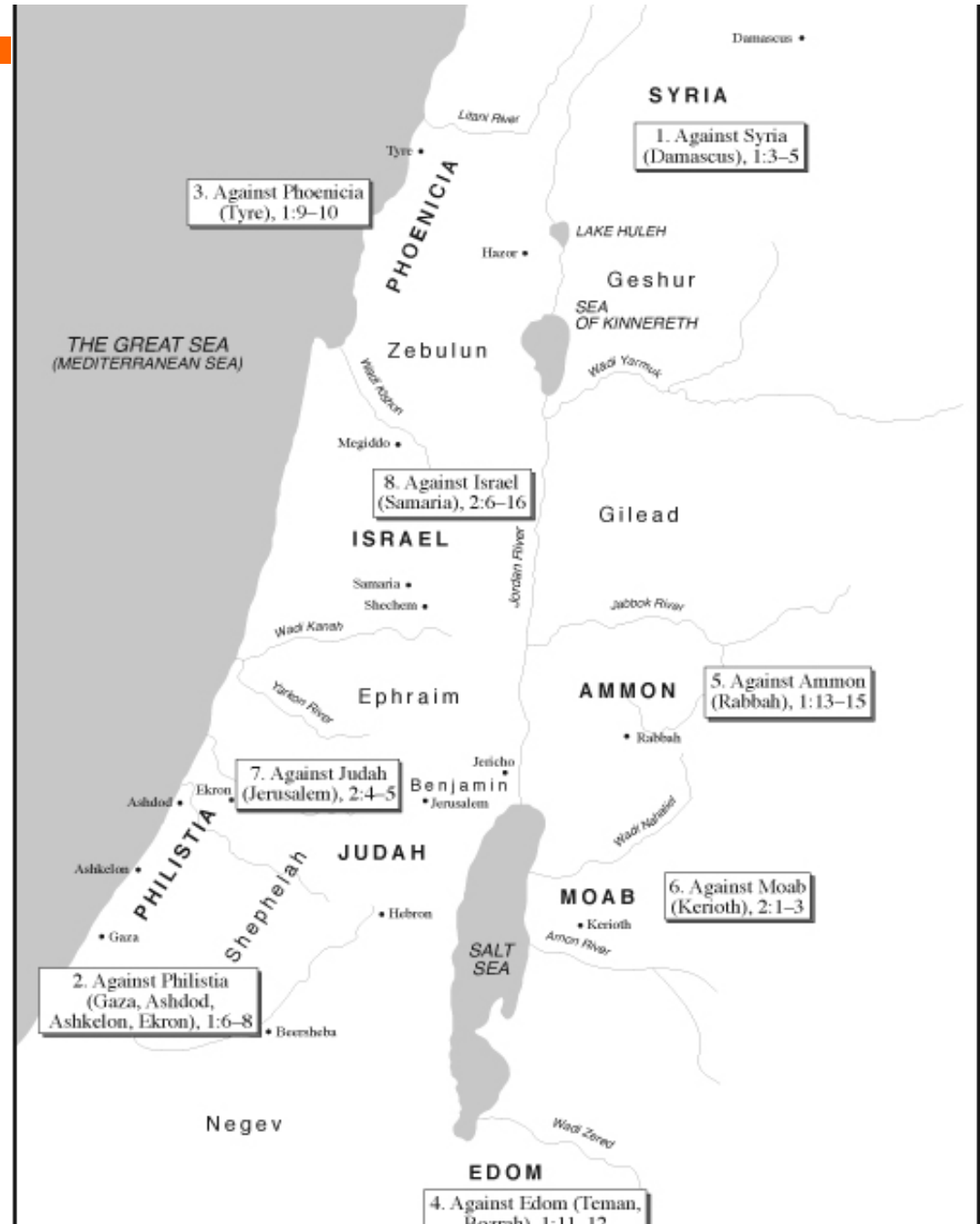
because they have rejected the law of the LORD, and have not kept his statutes,

but they have been led astray by the same lies after which their ancestors walked.

<sup>5</sup> So I will send a fire on Judah, and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.

# Amos 2:6-16

## Israel!?



# Israel

# Amos 2:6-9

<sup>6</sup> 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

<sup>7</sup> they who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth, and push the afflicted out of the way; father and son go in to the same girl, so that my holy name is profaned;

<sup>8</sup> they lay themselves down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge;

and in the house of their God they drink wine bought with fines they imposed.

Israel

Amos 2:6-9

- **“sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals.”**
- **“they who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth and push the afflicted away”**
- **“garments taken in pledge”**
- **“in the house of God they drink wine bought with fines they imposed.”**

Israel

Amos 2:9-16

God has shown His love and care for Israel  
time after time after time



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**Pray about this. Wrestle with this. Not with shame but with hope that God can continue to mold us and transform us**