

## Complacency

- What is complacency?
  - Satisfaction with something that is actually not good
  - Unaware or uncaring of the trouble or risks
- Where do people fall into complacency?
- Why does it matter?
- What does this look like in our spiritual lives?

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## The LORD Roars!

### Amos 1-2

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## *The Ancient Near East*

### The Big Three

- Egypt
- Assyria
- Babylon

When they were weaker, others could prosper

- Israel & Judah



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## *Amos 1-2*

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- **Israel** (north) and **Judah** (south) had been one country
  - 12 sons of the man named Israel
- Split in a civil war
  - often battled against each other
- Amos came from the south to the north to warn of God's judgment



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  - God speaks from His chosen place on earth to all peoples
  - Amos's message:
    - God's justice is coming!
    - From lowly land, to the richest land, judgment will be felt

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- They were complacent: disaster would never come to them
  - “Disaster will not overtake or meet us.” *Amos 9:10*

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***The people of Israel's attitudes about God's judgments***

- They were complacent: disaster would never come to them
- Believed God was on their side and against their enemies
  - So they thought that “the day of the Lord” would bring judgment against their enemies, and blessing for them
  - But...
    - “Woe to you who long  
for the day of the Lord!  
Why do you long for the day of the Lord?  
That day will be darkness, not light.” *Amos 5:18*

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***The people of Israel's attitudes about God's judgments***

- They were complacent, disaster would never come to them
- Believed God was on their side and against their enemies
- They trusted in their religious activities for God
  - But the LORD says...
    - “I hate, I despise your religious festivals;  
your assemblies are a stench to me.  
Even though you bring me burnt offerings  
and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them....  
Away with the noise of your songs!  
I will not listen to the music of your harps.” *Amos 5:21-23*

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### *Amos 1:3-2:5*

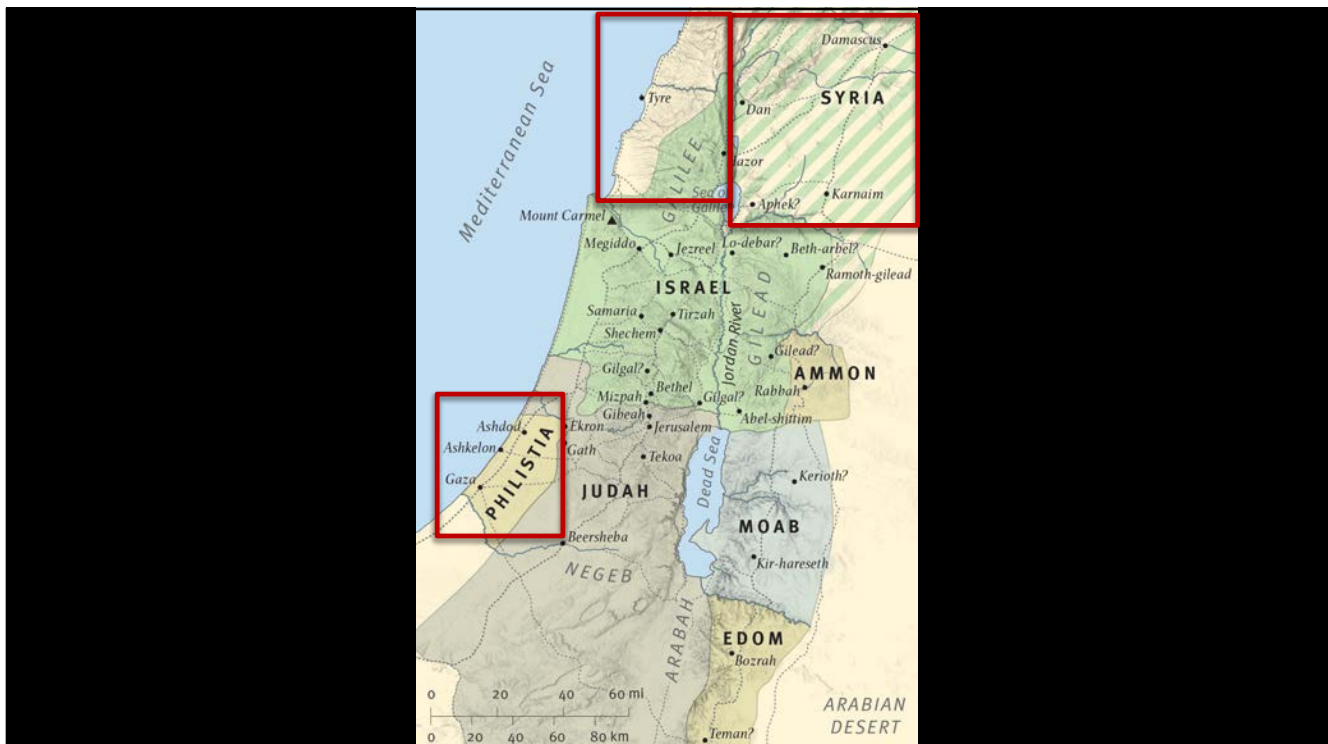
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Because \_\_\_\_\_

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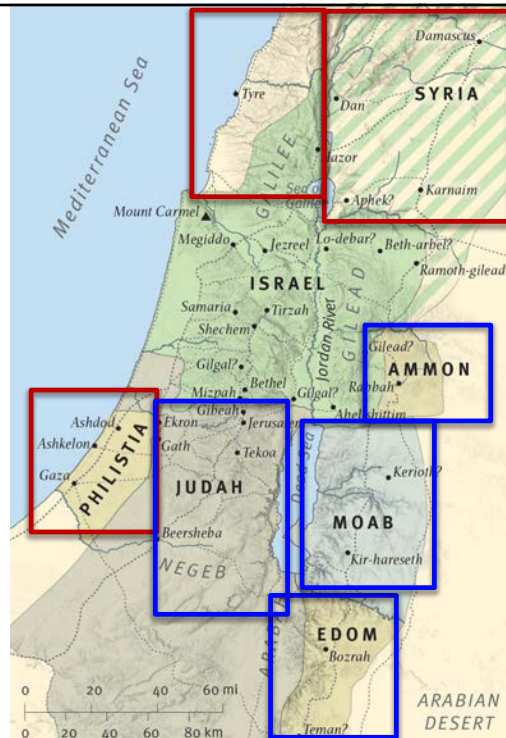
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1:3-5	Damascus	War atrocities	Fire → destroy power Cut off people & king
1:6-8	Gaza	Gross cruelty, slave raids	Fire → destroy power Cut off people & king
1:9-10	Tyre	Slave trafficking	Fire → destroy power

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Ancestors were  
in the same family  
as Israel



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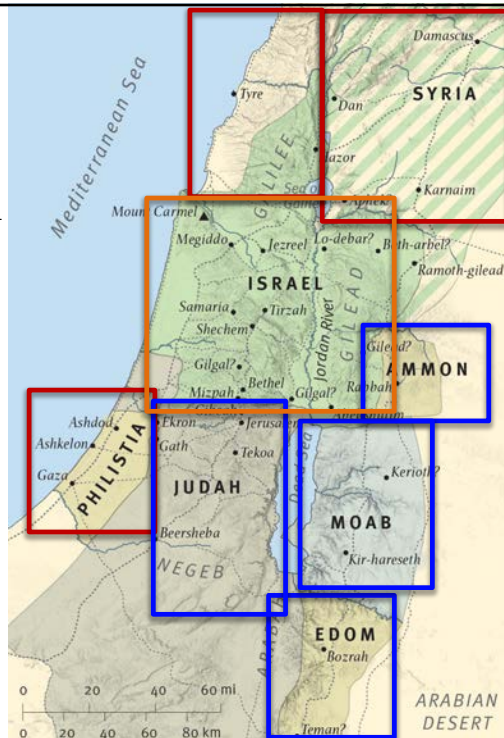
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1:11-12	Edom	Sword against brother Uncontrolled rage	Fire/destroy power
1:13-15	Ammon	Brutal genocide for territorial gain	Fire/destroy power Kings & princes to exile
2:1-3	Moab	Violation of human dignity	Fire/destroy power Die amid uproar
2:4-5	Judah	Rejected Law of the LORD Lies led them astray	Fire/destroy power

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After 7 countries,  
a surprise to bring  
judgment on Israel  
 (“God’s people”)



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*Amos 2:6-16*

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Because \_\_\_\_

I will send fire \_\_\_\_”

Israel	<p>Social injustice (6-7a)</p> <p>Sexual and religious immorality (7b)</p> <p>Religious abuses (8)</p> <p>Ignored God’s many gifts (9-11)</p> <p>Opposed God’s prophets and followers (12)</p>	<p>Crushed (13)</p> <p>The best of their military would be powerless and ashamed (14-16)</p>
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The message of Amos

- To the nations
- To God’s people

This is what the Lord says:

“For three sins you have done,  
even for four, I will not relent.

Because of your sins and injustice

I will send fire to destroy

I will crush you”



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## The Big Idea

God's perfect ways will come  
and judgment will come  
to the unjust, the oppressors, and the rebellious  
in all the earth

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Jesus said, "This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
on earth as it is in heaven."

*Matthew 6:9-10*

**This is what we mean:**

**"May your perfect ways come,  
and all that is wrong made right, including our own ways...,  
both now, and when Christ returns"**

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### *Complacency today...*

“Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, ‘Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.’ ...

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and **everything done in it will be laid bare.**”

*2 Peter 3:3-4, 10*

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“Everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said:

**“Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”**

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, **making the most of every opportunity**, because the days are evil.”

*Ephesians 5:13-16*



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### *Application*

- Recognize our need for God's mercy
  - “So we make it our goal to please God, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.” *2 Corinthians 5:9-10*
  - “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” *Luke 12:48*
    - Those who know more of God have greater responsibility

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### *Application*

- Recognize our need for God's mercy
- Receive and rejoice in the grace of Christ
  - Forgiveness and honor in place of guilt and shame is a gift of God, received by saving faith alone
    - “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, **‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’**” *John 1:29*
    - “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” *2 Corinthians 5:21*

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### *Application*

- Recognize our need for God's mercy
- Receive and rejoice in the grace of Christ
- Be determined to grow in Righteousness
  - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled.” *Matthew 5:6*
  - Eagerly pursue God's kingdom and God's ways today
  - Including...
    - care for the poor, weak, and vulnerable (this is true religion)
    - holiness
    - god-honoring worship

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God despised the religious festivals of the people  
 Instead, He wanted them to pursue righteousness:

**“Let justice roll on like a river,  
 righteousness like a never-failing stream.”**

*Amos 5:24*

Our times of worship together as a congregation must  
 always be in addition to our pursuit of God’s ways  
 abundantly experienced throughout the week

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### *Application*

- Recognize our need for God’s mercy
- Receive and rejoice in the grace of Christ
- Be determined to grow in Righteousness
- Be energetic in God’s mission in the world
  - God called Amos, a shepherd/farmer,  
 to take this warning and good news to his enemies
  - We are called by God to make known this warning and  
 this good news
  - We are called by God to pursue God’s values in all we do

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### *Christ's Return*

“We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, requires constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer...

to godly living,  
sacrificial service  
and energetic mission.”

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Jesus says, “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”

*Revelation 22:12*

“So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.”

*2 Peter 3:14*

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## The Big Idea

God's perfect ways will come  
and judgment will come  
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in all the earth

- Do you know your need for God's mercy?
- Have you received and rejoiced in the gift of grace in Christ?
- How are we growing in Righteousness and seeking God's Kingdom and God's values, both today and into eternity?