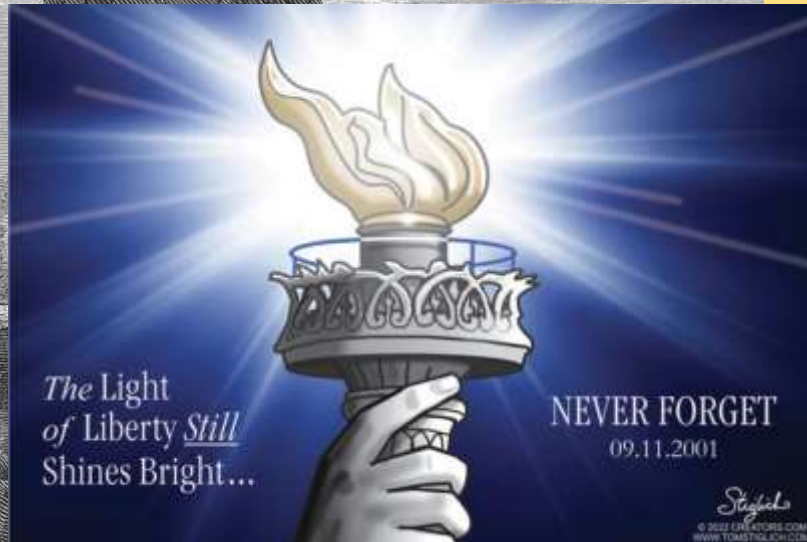


*Prophet Amos 1865 by
Gustave Doré 1832–1883*

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Amos

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Amos 1-2 – Country Prophet

When Silence Like a Cancer Grows

Amos 3-6 – God's Power Is the Insurance of the Galaxies

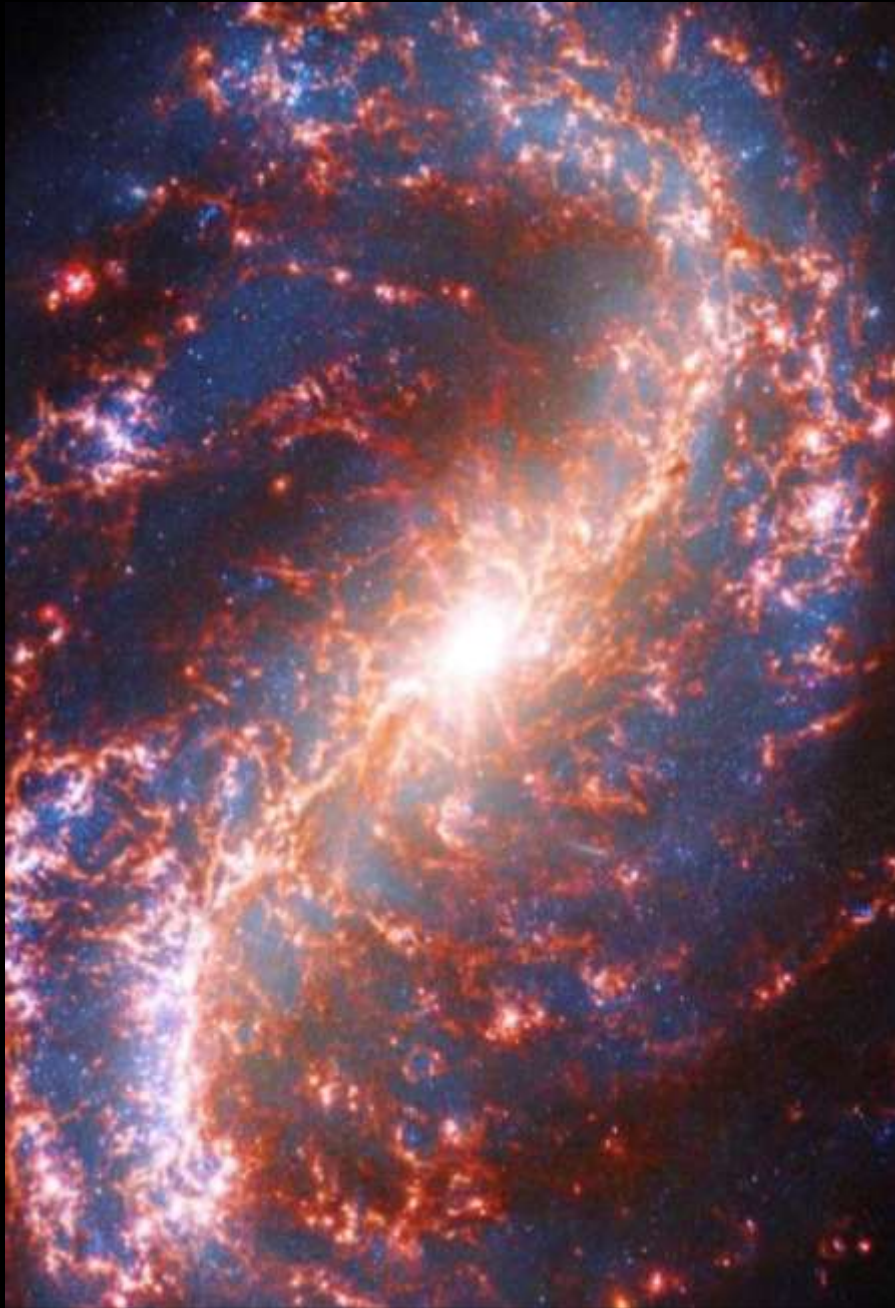
Amos 7-9:10 – Seek God

Amos 9:11-15 – Hope in God





“Grief is the price we pay for *LOVE*.”



Just this month ...

**James Webb Space Telescope
Captured galaxy NGC 7496**

24+ million light-years away

**little dots of light are
COLLECTIONS of Stars**

**Each STAR light-years
away from each other**

Milky Way is so huge ... yet small *inside* the Universe



TikTok

@mindblowing_science



The Milky Way



Alternate Title



**God's Power
is the
Insurance of
the Galaxies**

Amos ... Three Major Divisions

1 – 2 Prophecies x Nations

3 – 9:10 End of Israel > in 2 sections

3–6 SIX Prophecies/Oracles for Israel

3, 4, 5:1–17 “**Hear the Word of Lord**” x3

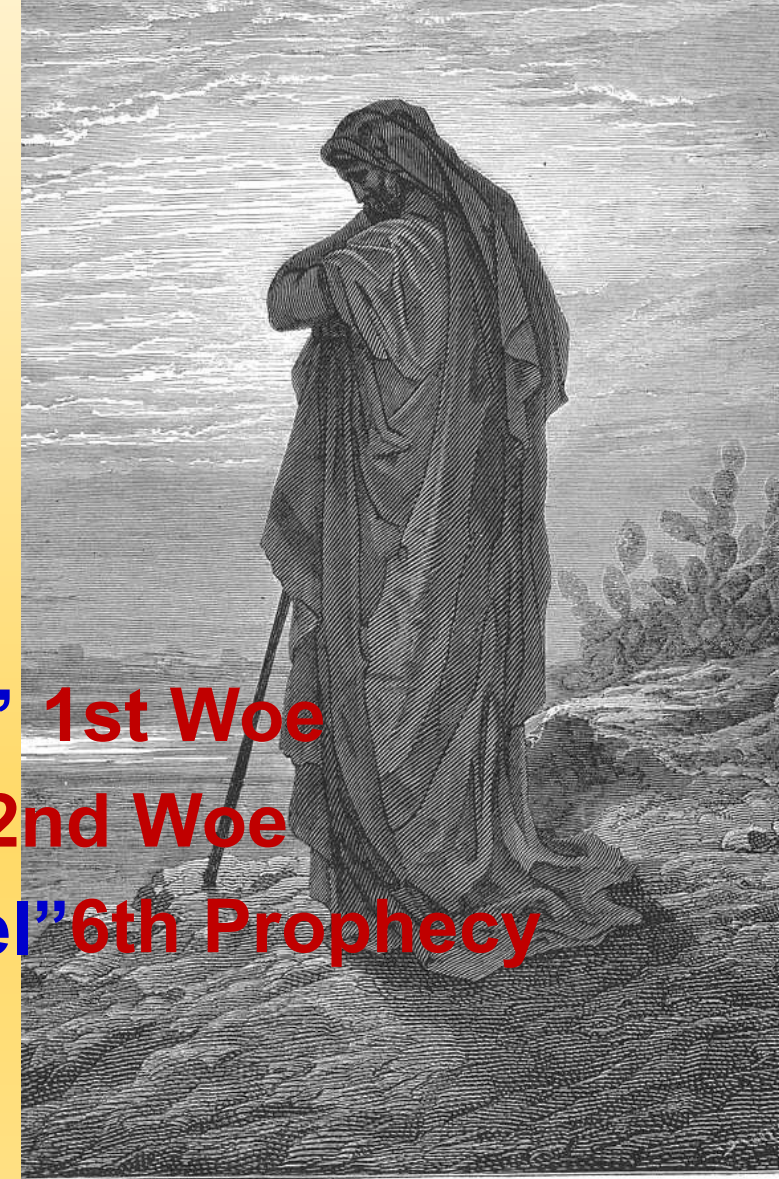
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7–9:10 Mostly Visions Israel’s Destruction
with a dab of narrative history

9:11–15 Promised Restoration





3-9 Nails Israel
w rare jab at
Judah or
at Whole
Chosen Nation

AMOS

| 1-2 | . 3-6 . . | 7-9:10 | 9:11-15 |

Introduction

A
shepherd's
vision

CHAPTER
1:1-2

Oracles against the Nations

Damascus
Gaza
Tyre
Edom
Ammon
Moab
Judah
Israel

CHAPTERS
1:3-2:16

Sermons against Nation of Israel

Hear this word . . .
sons of Israel (3:1)
. . . you cows of
Bashan (4:1) . . .
house of Israel
(5:1)

CHAPTERS
3-6

Visions of Judgment

Locusts
Fire
Plumb line
Ripe fruit
The LORD by
the altar

CHAPTERS
7:1-9:10

Promises of Hope

"In that day I will
raise up the fallen
booth of David. . .
I will also plant
them on their land."
(9:11,15)

CHAPTER
9:11-15

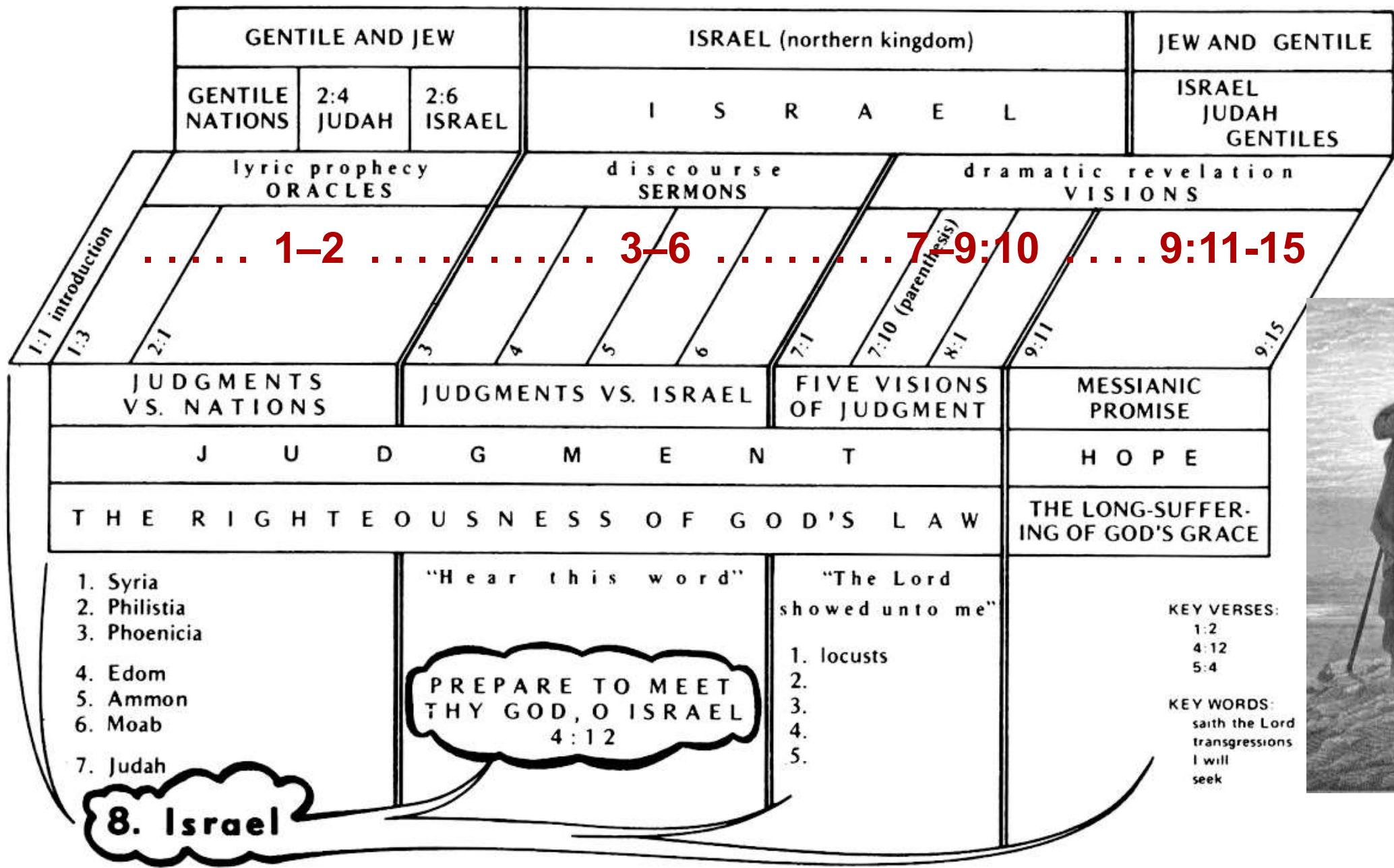
Israel's coming judgment for treating others with injustice

Key Verses

3:1-2; 4:12; 5:15, 24

Christ in Amos

Jesus Christ, who has all authority to judge, is also the One who restores His people.



3 – 9:10 End of Israel

3–6 SIX Prophecies/Oracles for Israel

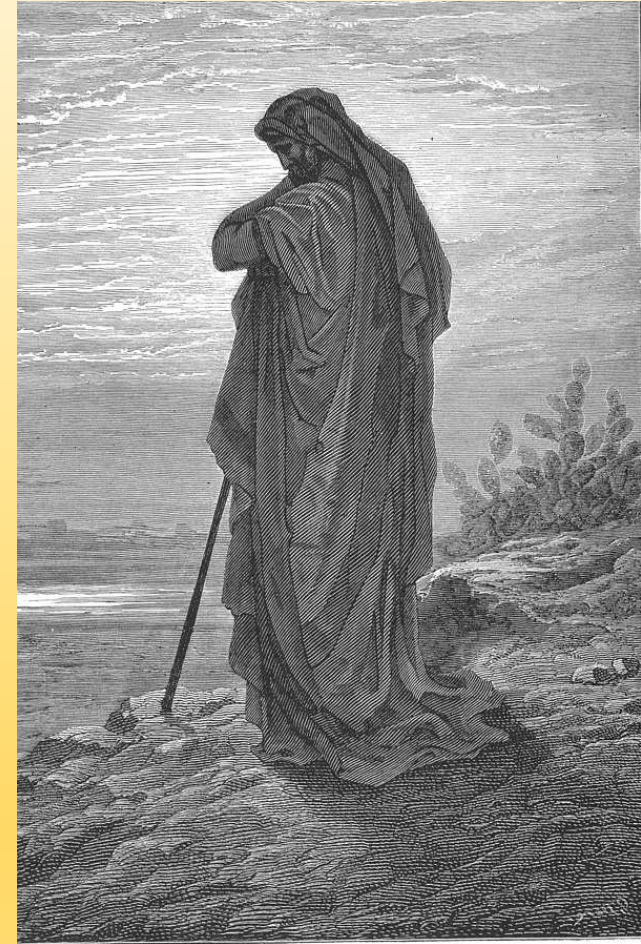
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Chapters 3–6 ...

Three “HEARs” ... Two “WOEs” ... One “SOVEREIGN”

SIX Prophecies Primarily Against Israel

Amos foretells Israel's Destruction ...

Chapter 3 “HEAR the Word of Lord”

Chapter 4 “HEAR the Word of Lord”

Chapter 5:1–17 “HEAR the Word of Lord”

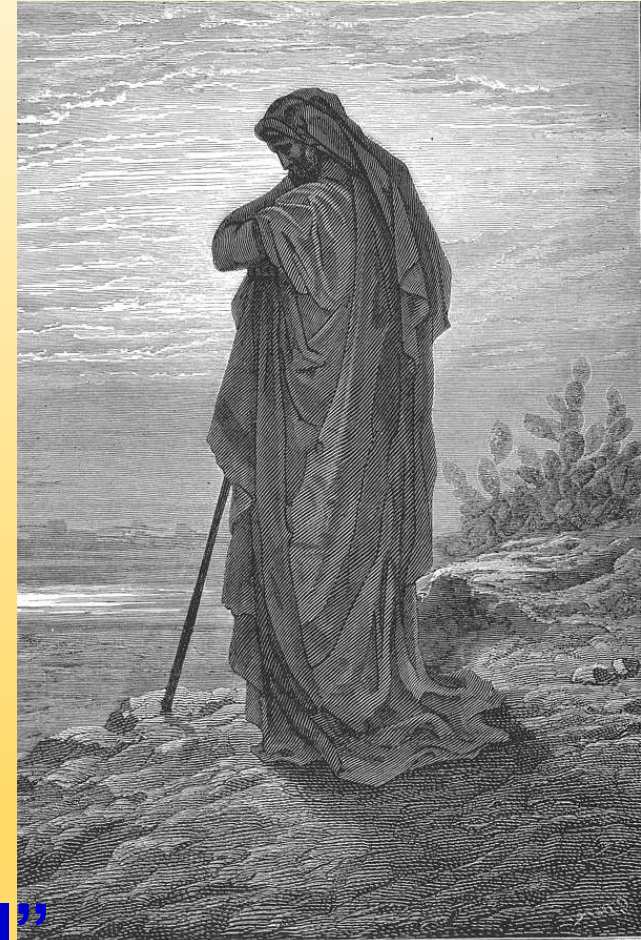
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^^^ **SIX** Prophecies / Stories / Oracles ^^^ or ... or ... or
“Words & Woes of the Lord”

Destruction of Israel



Amos foretells Israel's Destruction ...

Chapter 3 "HEAR the Word of Lord"

- 2 You *only* have I chosen from families of earth ...
- 3 Do two walk together unless they have agreed ...
- 4 Does a lion roar in the thicket ... 
- 7 Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his ... prophets....
- 12 As a shepherd rescues from the lion's mouth only two leg bones or a piece of an ear, so will the Israelites living in Samaria be rescued,

Destruction Coming for Israel



Amos foretells Israel's Destruction ...

Chapter 4 "HEAR the Word of Lord"



1 Cows of Bashan ... women oppress poor ...
taken away with hooks ...

4-5 Boast about offerings ... 7 I will withhold the rain ...

8 People stagger from town to town for water ...

10 I sent plagues ... kill young men ...

12 "Therefore ... prepare to meet your God."

13 He who forms the mountains, who creates the wind,



Destruction Coming to Israel FOR Oppressing Poor
Creator of the Mountains & Wind

Amos foretells Israel's Destruction ...

Chapter 5:1–17 “**HEAR the Word of Lord**”

- 2 “Fallen is Virgin Israel, never to rise again,
deserted ... with no one to lift her up....
- 4 “Seek me and live; do not seek Bethel....
- 6 or he will sweep thru tribes of Joseph like a fire ...
- 7 There are those who turn justice into bitterness
and cast righteousness to the ground.
- 8 He who made the Pleiades and Orion ...



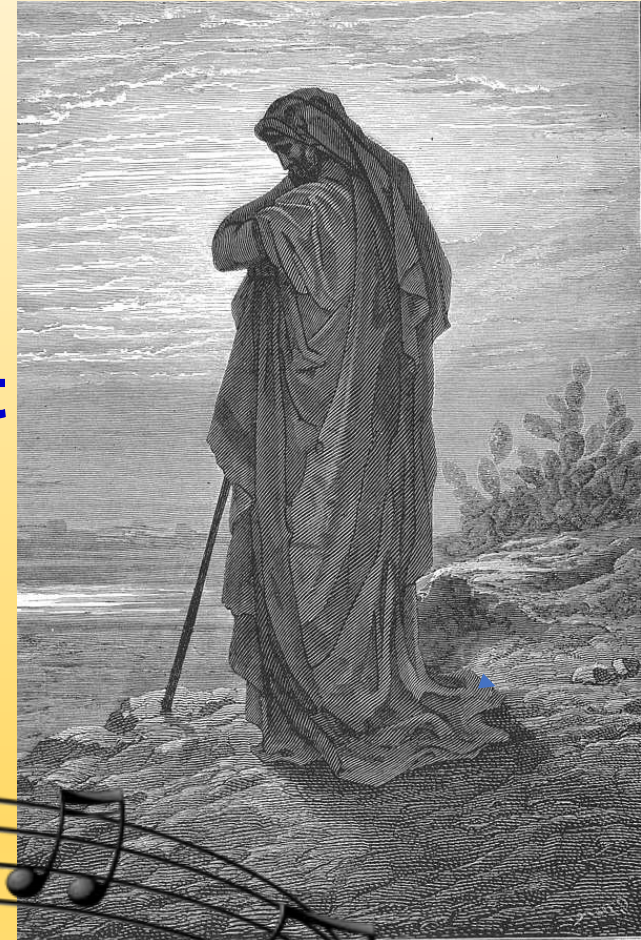
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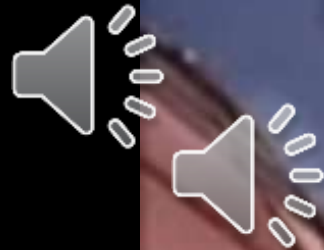
10 There are those who hate justice in the court
and detest the one who tells the truth.

11 Levy straw tax on the poor ...



Reminds me of an old song

Go ahead and hate your neighbor
Go ahead and cheat a friend
Do it in the name of *HEAVEN*
You can justify it in the end



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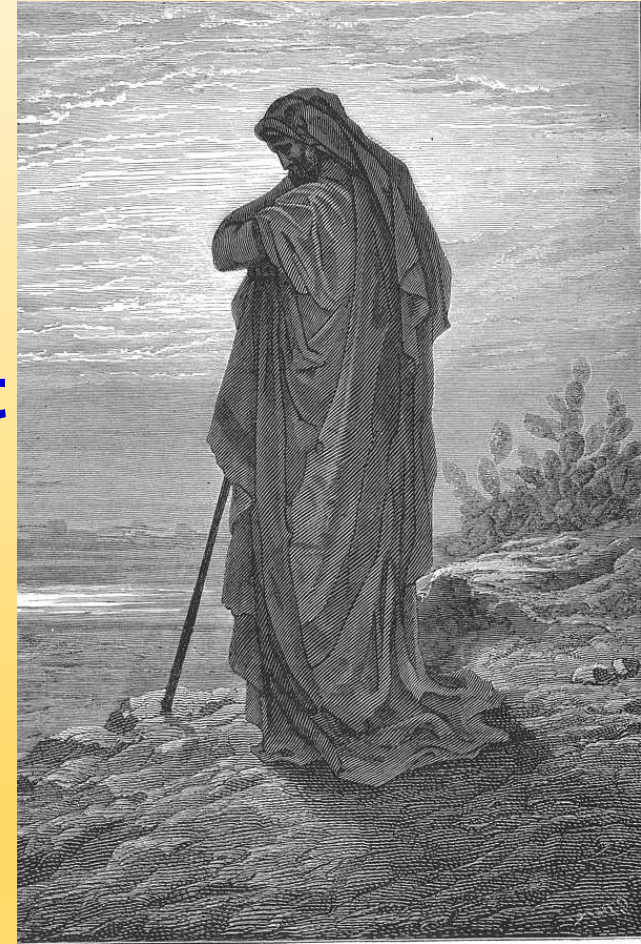
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Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you,
just as you SAY he is....**

16 “There will be wailing ... cries of anguish in public square.



**Destruction to Israel from
Creator of the Galaxies of Heaven**

**Now the valley cried with anger
“Mount your horses! Draw your sword!”**

**And they killed the mountain-people
So they won their just reward**



**Now they stood beside the treasure
On the mountain, dark and red
Turned the stone and looked beneath it
"Peace on Earth" was all it said**



Amos foretells Israel's Destruction ...

Chapter 5:18–27 “WOE to You ... Day of the Lord”

**19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion
only to meet a bear,**

**as though he entered his house
and rested his hand on the wall
only to have a snake bite him.**

**20 Will not the day of the Lord be darkness,
not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?**

21 “I hate, I despise your religious festivals



Day of the Lord – Against False Worship

Amos prophesies Israel's Destruction ...

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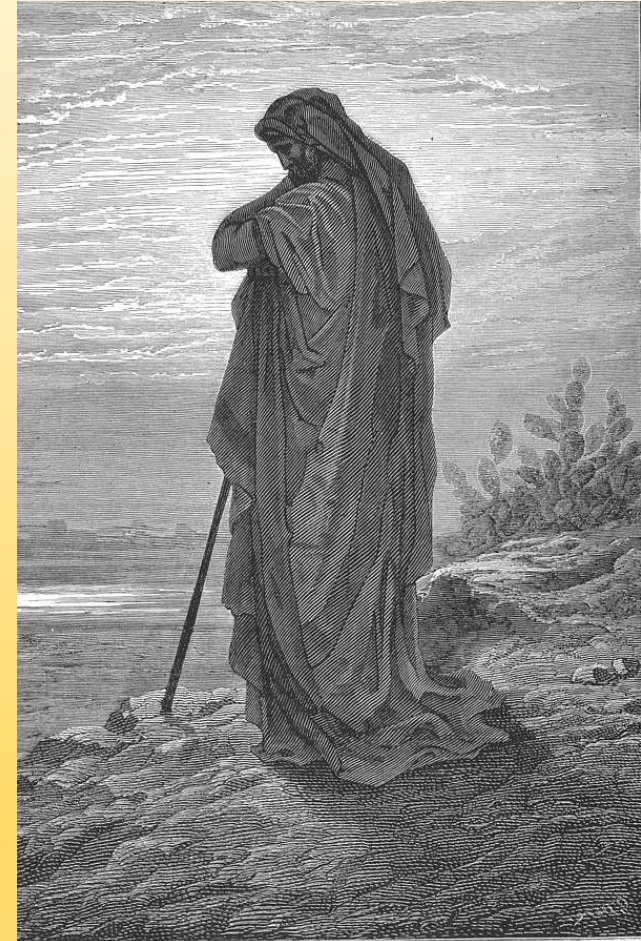
23 Away with the noise of your songs!

I will not listen to the music of your harps.

People talking *without* speaking

People hearing *without* listening

Woe to those from whom God turns **AWAY**



Amos prophesies Israel's Destruction ...

Continue 5:18–27 “**WOE to You ... Day of the Lord**”

**23 Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harp**

**24 But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream**

**27 Therefore I will send you into exile
beyond Damascus,”**

says the Lord, whose name is God Almighty



Day of the Lord – River of Justice

Amos foretells **Israel** & **Judah**'s Destruction ...

Chapter 6:1–7 “**WOE to You Zion & Samaria**”

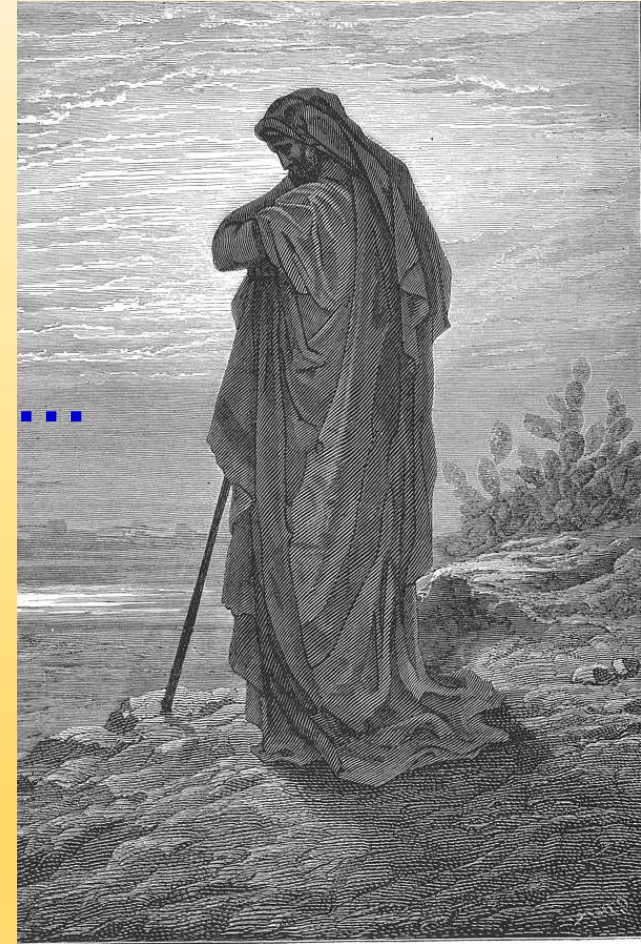
2-3 Two kingdoms ... put off the day of disaster ...

**4 You lie on beds adorned with ivory ...
dine on choice lambs and fattened calves.**

**5 You strum away on your harps like David
and improvise on musical instruments.**

6 You ... use the finest lotions....

**7 Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;
your feasting and lounging will end.**



Israel *FIRST* into Exile

Chapter 6:8–14 “Sovereign Lord ... against Israel”

**11 For the Lord has given the command,
and he will smash the great house into pieces ...**

**12 Do horses run on the rocky crags?
Does one plow the sea with oxen?**

**But you have turned justice into poison
and the fruit of righteousness into bitterness**

**Go ahead and hate your neighbor
Go ahead and cheat a friend
Do it in the name of heaven
You can justify it in the end**



Amos foretells Israel's Destruction ...

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14 For the Lord God Almighty declares,
“I will stir up a nation against you, Israel ...



Foretelling the Destruction of Israel

Amos foretells Israel's Destruction ...

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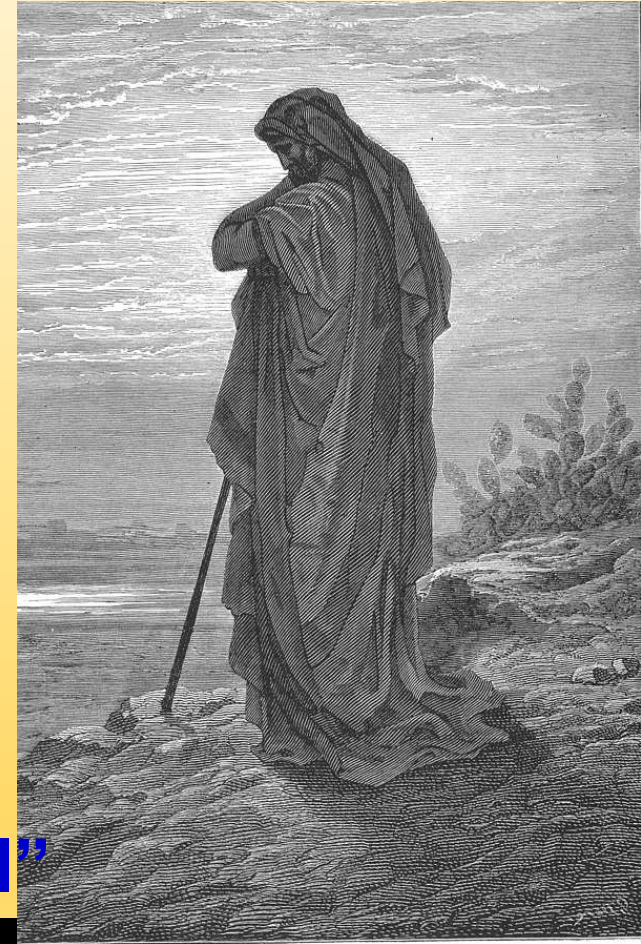
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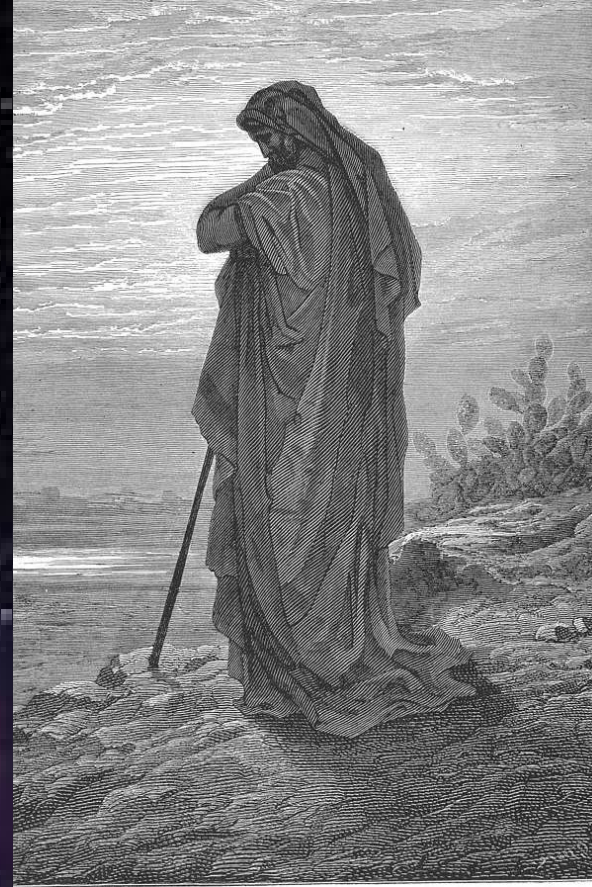
**HEAR the Words & Woes on the
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SIX Prophecies / Sermons / oracles
VASTLY more to Israel ...
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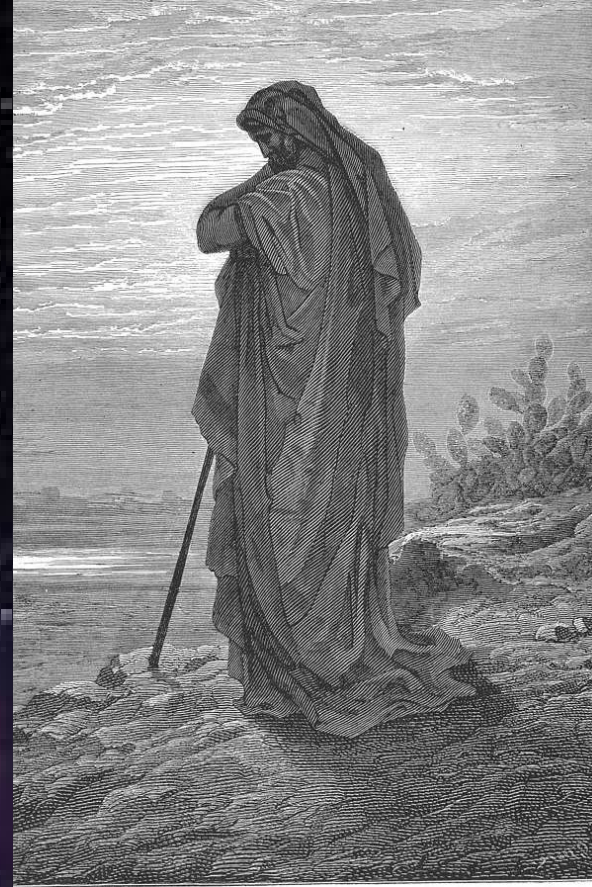
Amos **REACHED** beyond
Amos **ANCHORED** his vision
Amos **MORTARED** his vision
Amos **LASHED** his vision to

God Almighty's POWER



Call these insertions of **TREASURE** ...
Call these **SEALS** of authentication
Call these guarantors of **SURETY**
Call these appeals to Last Judge of **ALL**
Call these certifications of **VALUE**
Call these ... the ... the
Insurance of the Galaxies

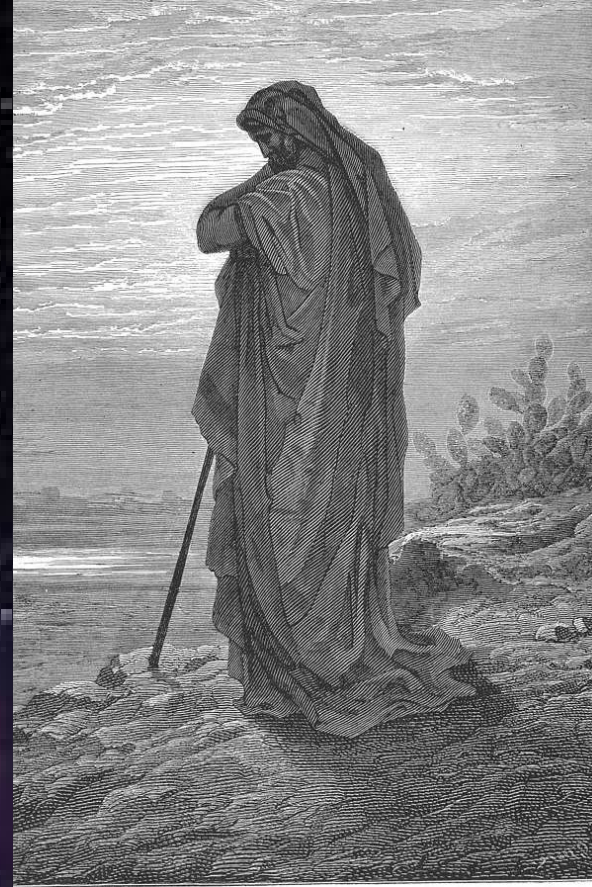
**Protected Policies of Power from
God Almighty**



4:13 He who forms the mountains,
who creates the wind,
and who reveals his thoughts to mankind,
who turns dawn to darkness, and

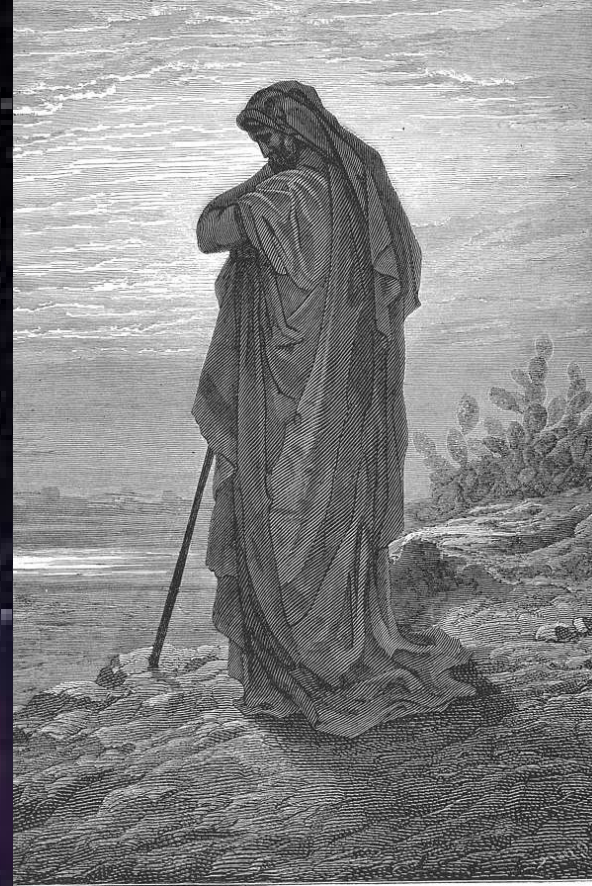
treads on the heights of the earth—the

Lord God Almighty is His Name.



**5:8 He who made the Pleiades and Orion,
Who turns midnight into dawn
and darkens day into night,**

**who calls for the waters of the sea
and pours them out over the face of the land—
The Lord is His Name.**



Yes ... and yes again ...

Prophecies and Promises of God

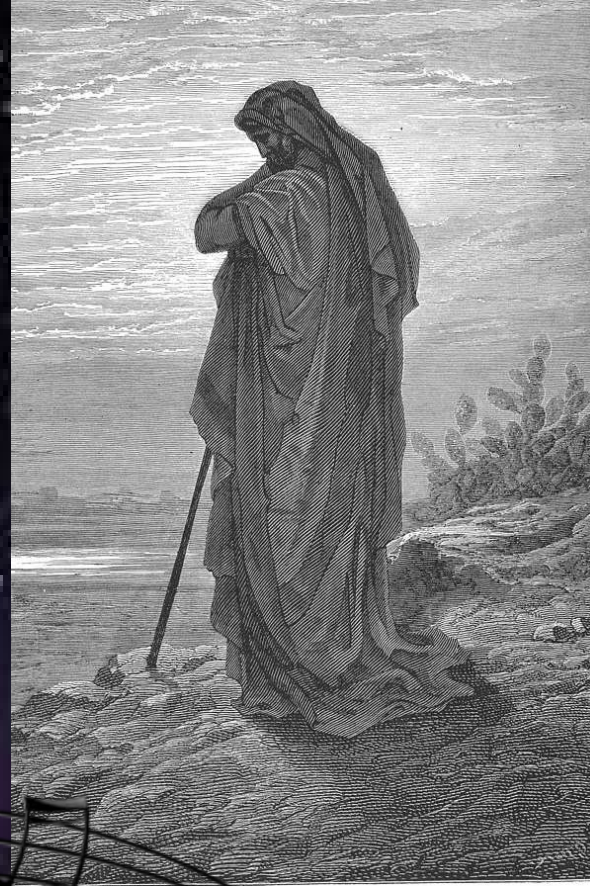
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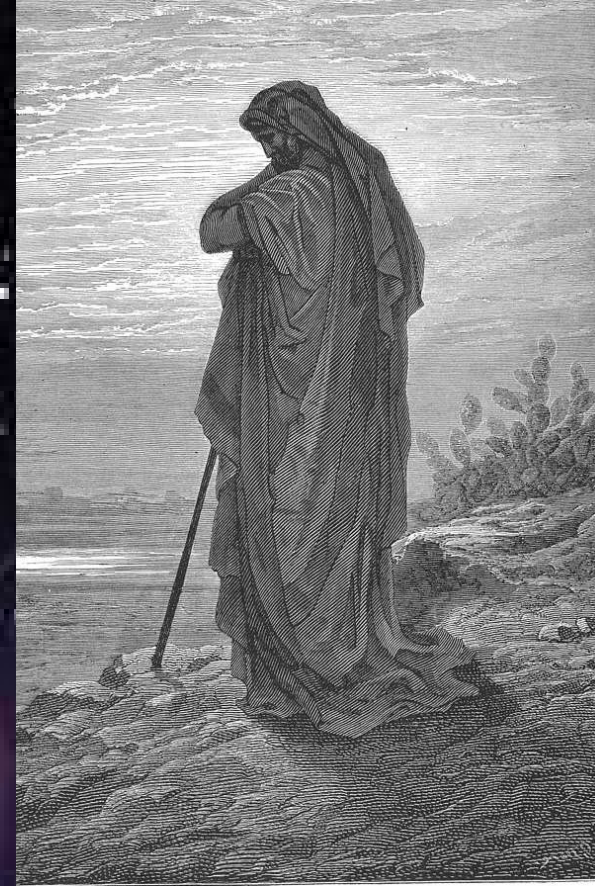


O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder

Consider all Thy works
Thy Hand hath made,

I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout

The universe displayed,



When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze,
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art!

How great Thou art!

