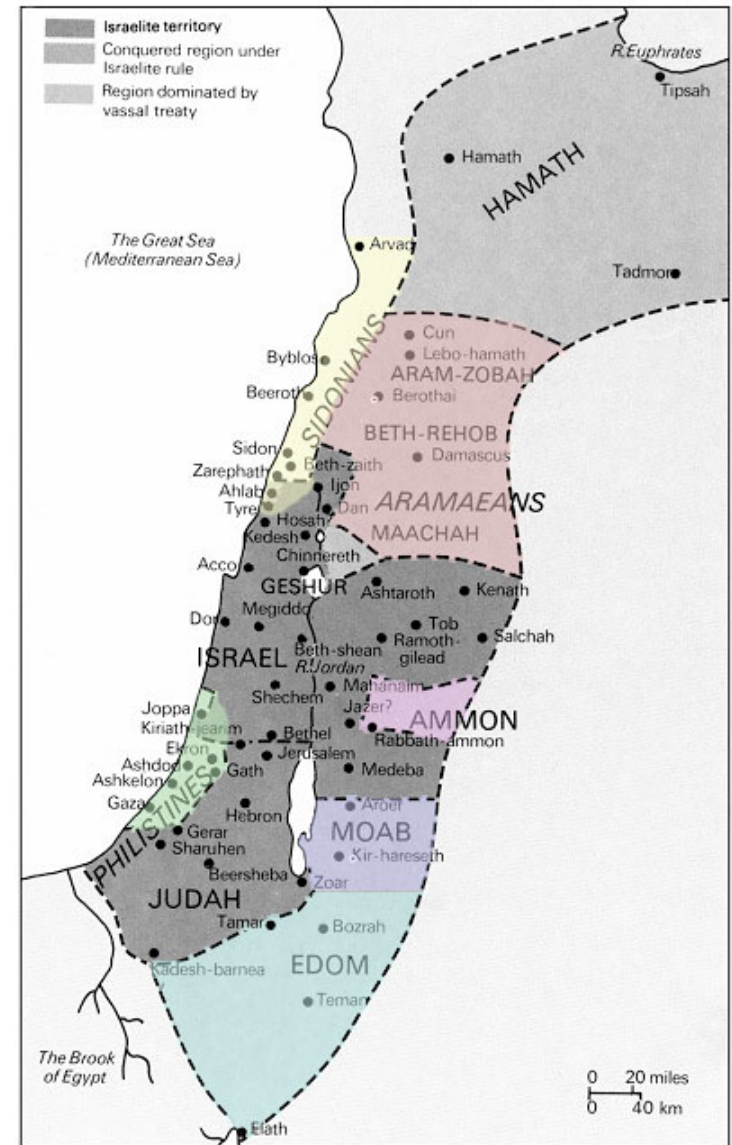


Amos 5 • There is No Formula

1. (v.1-3) The people, living in a time of relative peace and prosperity, don't see their need to change because they'd don't see their self as God sees them: _____.
2. (v.4-7) Spiritual deception is identified by an attempt to re-write both _____ and one's own _____ to fit with what is now worshiped.
3. (v.8-9) False worship may recognize God in some limited capacity, but not as _____ and _____ over all.
4. (v.10-15) God's proof that spiritual deception has matured into false worship:
 - a. The visible evidence: Breaking the _____.
 - b. The invisible evidence: This proves the breaking of the _____.
 - c. God always proves there is no true love nor worship of Him by how people treat _____.
5. (v.16-20) The second most visible evidence of spiritual corruption is the attempt to redefine _____ to fit their unbiblical behavior.
6. (v.21-27) The biblical definition of "heresy" is to lay truth alongside error.
 - a. They continued to observe the Old Testament rituals right alongside those to other gods, believing they were still compliant with _____.
 - b. Worship that is divided between God and false gods is, in reality, _____ at all.
 - c. God cannot be bound by a _____, even if you think it comes from His Word.

Application:

1. How can your relationship with God be precisely measured?
2. What is a pretty good indication we're straying from God?
3. What happens to our worship of God when we embrace other things as well?
4. What happens when we attempt to use formulas to bind an outcome from God?



Note how that at one time, **ALL** of these nations were enfolded into Israel under Solomon, a picture of all nations coming to God through Israel. However, all of them subsequently rejected God and are now extinct. Some of the cities remain, but not populated by these original people groups.