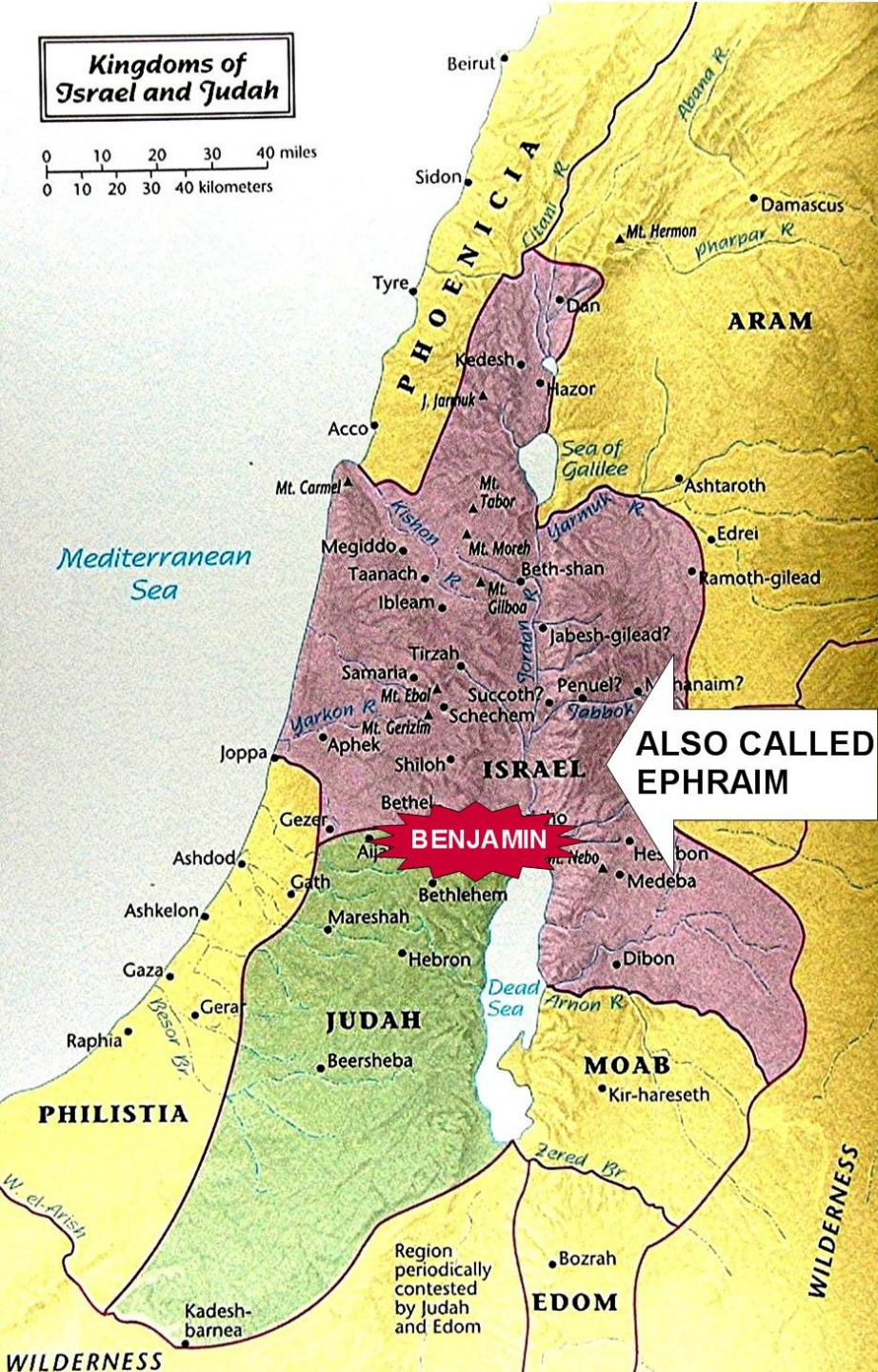




- Amos was a Judean man living in Judah, traveled to the Kingdom of Ephraim/Israel to prophesy to them
- King Jeroboam II ruled the Kingdom of Israel
- King Uzziah ruled the Kingdom of Judah
- Amos prophesied from about 786 to 746 B.C.
- A primary focus for Amos was social justice

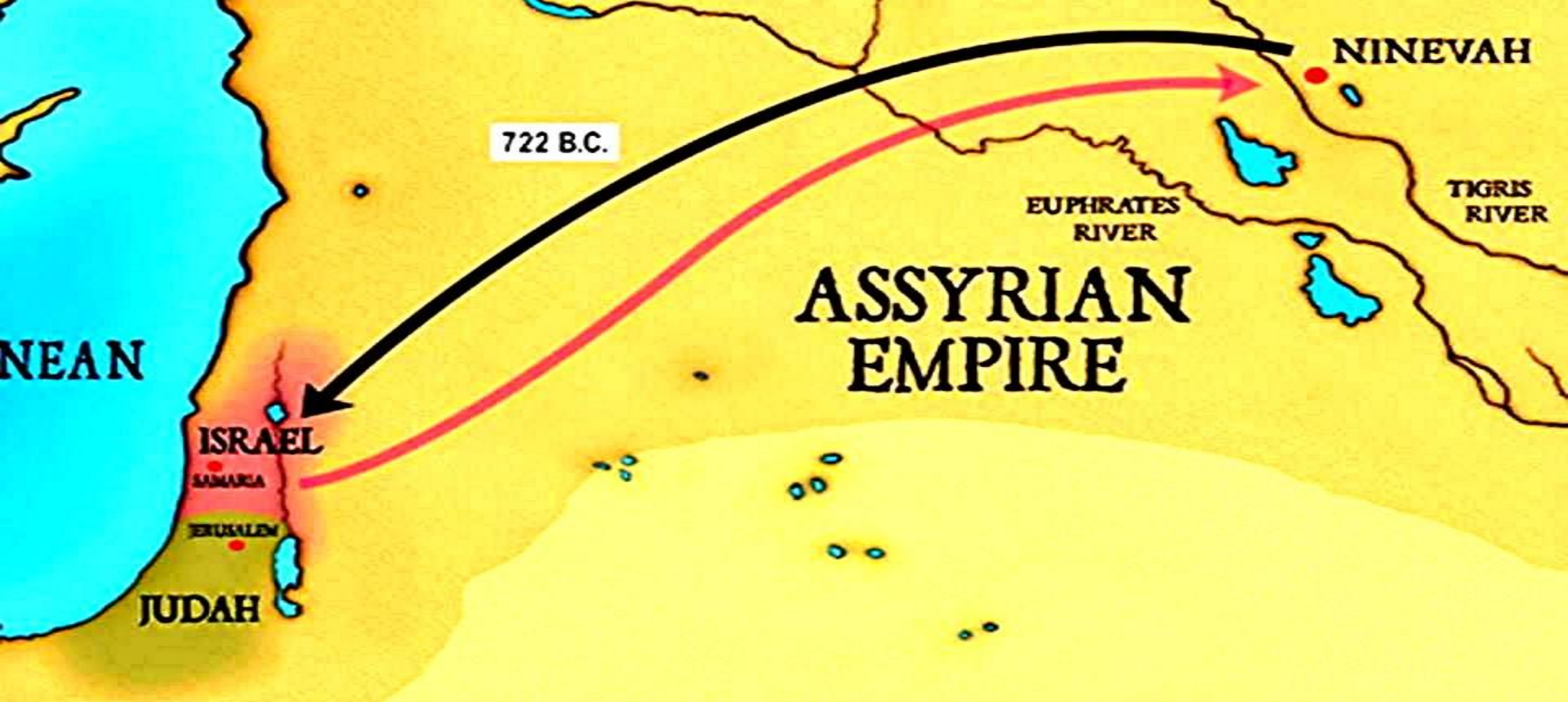
Kingdoms of Israel and Judah

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FROM UNITED TO DIVIDED

- Israel's wealth created an elite leisure class
- Their religion was popular and extremes were practiced
- Israel was only united for 80 years under Kings David and then Solomon
- Mid-10th century B.C., civil war and division
- Northern Kingdom called Ephraim after the largest of the 10 tribes (Ephraim)
- Israel, Ephraim, Ephraim/Israel refer to the same Kingdom



- During most of Amos's time Assyria was tame
- Amos a sheep breeder (*noqed*) from Tekoa in Judah
- He did not have any formal prophet training
- God's calling to ministry surpasses prior experience, academic training, or honors bestowed by institutions

GOD'S MORAL CODE

- For Amos Israel's sins are in relation to the Covenant of Moses
- On Mt. Sinai right and wrong, justice, mercy and more were defined
- The Law of Moses is the **ONLY** biblical code of morality
- God is faithful to His own moral code, but Israel failed



OBJECTIVE vs. SUBJECTIVE

verifiable facts

opinions or biases



A close-up photograph of a hand placing white dice on a dark surface. The dice are arranged to spell out the word 'SUBJECTIVE' in capital letters. The background is a blurred green and yellow, suggesting an outdoor setting. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the dice and the skin of the hand.

SUBJECTIVE

- Israel transformed The Law from objective to subjective, thereby removing the needle from their moral compass
- Christianity did the same in the 4th century A.D. at the councils of Nicaea and Laodicea
- As a result, sin became subjective and evolutionary
- Amos was not a man of theological innovation but rather a reformer sent by God to bring back the ancient truths

GOD REIGNS OVER THE NATIONS



- Klaus Koch: moral behavior has a direct connection and affect on what happens in society
- Re-writing and re-defining morality is the cause of the chaos, confusion, fears and anxieties of today
- God is sovereign over all the earth; not just Israel
- This was a novel thought in the 8th century B.C.



COVENANT...

the cord that binds
Israel to God

- God's sovereignty even extends to events
- Jeremiah 31:30 – 33 ***“...I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah...”***
- Amos the first Prophet to warn of Israel's extinction
- Israel had adopted the equivalent of a once-saved-always-saved doctrine, so didn't believe God would punish them so severely

CHAPTER 1

- Amos a sheep breeder from Tekoa
- He prophesied “2 years before the earthquake” during Uzziah’s reign
- Zechariah 14:1 – 5
- Bible prophecies tend to happen, then happen again later
- Vs. 2 is a preamble set in the form of poetry
- The word “curse” is more appropriate to describe Israel’s judgment



HOSEA 5:14

for to

Ephraim I

will be like a

lion....



- Amos's use of the word "roars" is meant to conjure up the image of a lion
- The term "thunders" from Jerusalem is a metaphor for the way the God speaks
- Exodus 20:15 – 16
- The Temple in Jerusalem is God's earthly abode, so the image is that Jerusalem is from where he speaks

TRANSGRESSIONS

is to revolt against God.....



- Amos 9:3
- God's roar and thunder reaches all the way to Mt. Carmel in the territory of Ephraim
- Vs. 3 begins 8 oracles of judgment against several nations
- **Pesha** = transgressions = to revolt and throw off authority. To break allegiance
- God will not tolerate unrighteousness no matter the nation