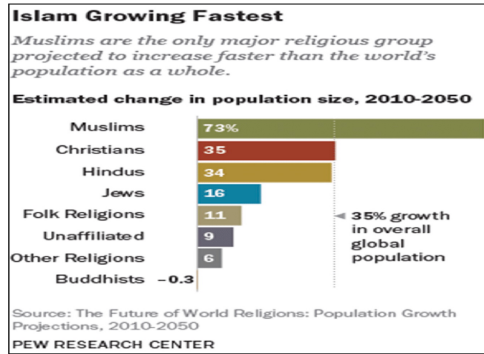




<p>Amos 1:1-5 (NKJV) Judgments on Israel's Neighbors 1 The words of Amos, who was among the sheep breeders of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. 2 And he said: "The Lord roars from Zion, And utters His voice from Jerusalem; The pastures of the shepherds mourn, And the top of Carmel withers."</p>	
<p>Judgment on the Nations 3 Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away its <i>punishment</i>, Because they have threshed Gilead with implements of iron. 4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, Which shall devour the palaces of Ben-Hadad.</p>	
<p>5 I will also break the <i>gate</i> bar of Damascus, And cut off the inhabitant from the Valley of Aven, And the one who holds the scepter from Beth Eden. The people of Syria shall go captive to Kir," Says the Lord</p>	
<p>The Lord roars from Zion, and utters His voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers. Amos 1:2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The roar is a warning.• The roar is a rallying cry.• The roar is to mark territory.	
<p>The lion's roar is communication on various levels. Lack of communication causes a breakdown in...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marriage• Warfare• Workplace• Friendships• Politics• Religion	



Mount Carmel wither's Amos 1:2

"The lord roars from Zion,
and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of
the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers."

1 kings 17:1, 18:19-40 Elijah and the prophets of Baal.

1 Kings 17:1 (NKJV)
Elijah proclaims a drought
1 and Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead,
said to Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, before
whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these
years, except at my word.

Kings 18:19-40 (NKJV)
19 Now therefore, send *and* gather all Israel to me
on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets
of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah,
who eat at Jezebel's table."
Elijah's Mount Carmel Victory
20 So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel,
and gathered the prophets together on Mount
Carmel. 21 And Elijah came to all the people, and
said, "How long will you falter between two opinions?
If the Lord *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him."
But the people answered him not a word.



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²² Then Elijah said to the people, “I alone am left a prophet of the Lord; but Baal’s prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men. ²³ Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on the wood, but put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay *it* on the wood, but put no fire *under it*. ²⁴ Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the God who answers by fire, He is God.”
So all the people answered and said, ¹“It is well spoken.”

²⁵ Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare *it* first, for you *are* many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire *under it*.” ²⁶ So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, “O Baal, hear us!” But *there was* no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. ²⁷ And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, “Cry aloud, for he *is* a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, *or* perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.”

²⁸ So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. ²⁹ And when midday was past, they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice. But *there was* no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention. ³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord *that was* broken down. ³¹ And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, “Israel shall be your name.” ³² Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed.

³³ And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid *it* on the wood, and said, “Fill four waterpots with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood.” ³⁴ Then he said, “Do *it* a second time,” and they did *it* a second time; and he said, “Do *it* a third time,” and they did *it* a third time. ³⁵ So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water.

³⁶ And it came to pass, at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, “Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that *You are* God in Israel and I *am* Your servant, and *that* I have done all these things at Your word.

³⁷ Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that *You are* the Lord God, and *that* You have turned their hearts back *to You* again.”

³⁸ Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that *was* in the trench. ³⁹ Now when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The Lord, He *is* God! The Lord, He *is* God!”

⁴⁰ And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!” So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them



Indians making clay pots in the city of Nazari, in November. (AFP)



Amos 1:3

“For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment because they have threshed Gilead with implements of iron.*
Oxford Dictionary, Symmetrical stanza.
Hebraism, known as a graduating numeral.

Biblical Numerology

Three means wholeness, resurrection and harmony.
(The Trinity)

Four means overflow. Known as a “cardinal number, which is a sacred and complete number.

The sins of the nations were

Multiplied, Intentional and Repeated.



<p>Jeremiah 12:14-17 New King James Version ¹⁴ Thus says the Lord: “Against all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit—behold, I will pluck them out of their land and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. ¹⁵ Then it shall be, after I have plucked them out, that I will return and have compassion on them and bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land.</p>	
<p>¹⁶ And it shall be, if they will learn carefully the ways of My people, to swear by My name, ‘As the Lord lives,’ as they taught My people to swear by Baal, then they shall be established in the midst of My people. ¹⁷ But if they do not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation,” says the Lord.</p>	
<p>“Because they have threshed filed with implements of iron”. See also, 2 kings 13:3 & 7</p>	
<p>2 Kings 13:3 New King James Version ³ Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-Hadad the son of Hazael, all <i>their</i> days.</p>	
<p>2 Kings 13:7 New King James Version ⁷ For He left of the army of Jehoahaz only fifty horsemen, ten chariots, and ten thousand foot soldiers; for the king of Syria had destroyed them and made them like the dust at threshing.</p>	



Amos 1:4 (NIV- UK)

⁴ I will send fire on the house of Hazael that will consume the fortresses of Ben-Hadad.

**2 Kings 8:7-15 New King James Version
Death of Ben-Hadad**

⁷ Then Elisha went to Damascus, and Ben-Hadad king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, "The man of God has come here." ⁸ And the king said to Hazael, "Take a present in your hand, and go to meet the man of God, and inquire of the Lord by him, saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?'" ⁹ So Hazael went to meet him and took a present with him, of every good thing of Damascus, forty camel-loads; and he came and stood before him, and said, "Your son Ben-Hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?'"

¹⁰ And Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him, 'You shall certainly recover.' However the Lord has shown me that he will really die." ¹¹ Then he ^[a]set his countenance in a stare until he was ashamed; and the man of God wept. ¹² And Hazael said, "Why is my lord weeping?" He answered, "Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel: Their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword; and you will dash their children, and rip open their women with child." ¹³ So Hazael said, "But what *is* your servant—a dog, that he should do this gross thing?" And Elisha answered, "The Lord has shown me that you *will become* king over Syria."

14 Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" And he answered, "He told me you would surely recover." **15** But it happened on the next day that he took a thick cloth and dipped *it* in water, and spread *it* over his face so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his place.

The Gates of the strength and the sceptre of power.

