

Concerns For the Family

#04: Family Upheaval and the
Purpose of God

Upheaval

Webster's: "Sudden, violent change."

Job unrest

Church unrest

Health unrest

Marital unrest

Child unrest

Family relocation
unrest

Death of a loved one

Matthew 7:13-14

“¹³ Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.”

Two ways – broad and narrow

Two teachers – false and true

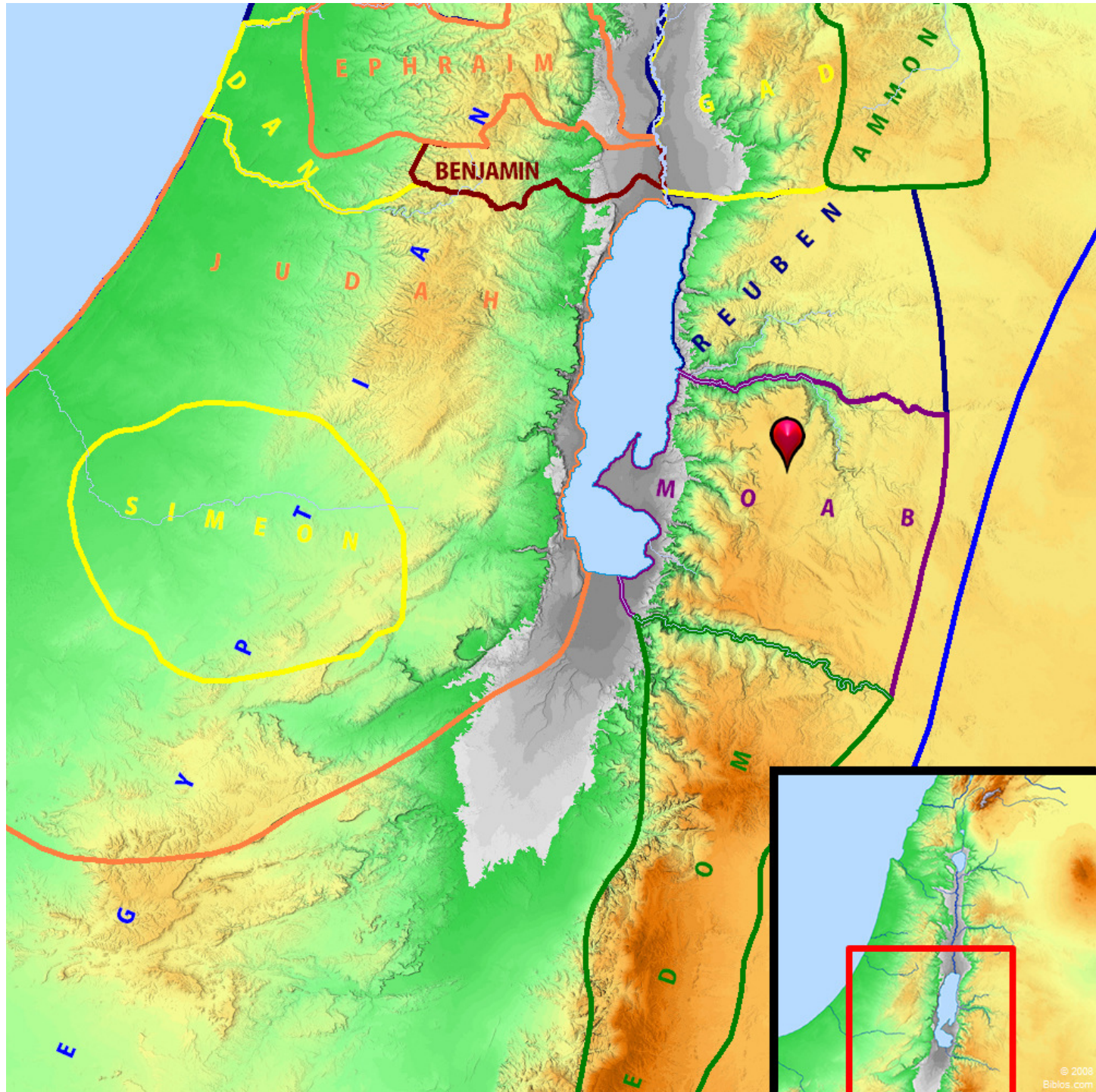
Two pleas – words and deeds

Two foundations – sand and rock

A Brief History of Israel

Jeremiah 1:2-4

“² ...to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³ It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month. ⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying....”



Jeremiah 48:11

“¹¹ Moab has been at ease since his youth; He has also been undisturbed, like wine on its dregs (lees – KJV), And he has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, Nor has he gone into exile. Therefore he retains his flavor, and his aroma has not changed.”

What are the lees?

Zephaniah 1:12

(KJV) “¹² And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil.”

(NASU) – “¹² It will come about at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are stagnant in spirit, who say in their hearts, ‘The Lord will not do good or evil!’”

**God did not allow his
people to settle on
their “lees.”**

Trials

Vessel to vessel is not a judgment.

**Our families often face times of crisis,
but God is being gracious
while Satan tells us
He is indifferent to our needs.**

We do not want to be left alone by God.