

Amos 6:8-14

8 The sovereign Lord confirms this oath by his very own life.
The Lord, the God who commands armies, is speaking:
"I despise Jacob's arrogance; I hate their fortresses.
I will hand over to their enemies the city of Samaria and everything in it."

9 If ten men are left in one house, they too will die. 10 When their close relatives, the ones who will burn the corpses, pick up their bodies to remove the bones from the house, they will say to anyone who is in the inner rooms of the house, "Is anyone else with you?" He will respond, "Be quiet! Don't invoke the Lord's name!" 11 Indeed, look! The Lord is giving the command. He will smash the large house to bits, and the small house into little pieces.

12 Can horses run on rocky cliffs? Can one plow the sea with oxen?
Yet you have turned justice into a poisonous plant,
and the fruit of righteous actions into a bitter plant.

13 You are happy because you conquered Lo-Debar.
You say, "Did we not conquer Karnaim by our own power?"

14 "Look! I am about to bring a nation against you, family of Israel."
The Lord, the God who commands armies, is speaking.
"They will oppress you all the way from Lebo Hamath to the Stream of the Arabah."

Introduction:

I. How Does God Humble a Nation?

1. By _____

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3. History Lesson (2 Kings 14:23-29; 15:8-31; 17:1-41)

II. Why is God Humbling this Nation?

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III. What can We Learn?

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