



Facts about Israel's destruction:

1. Misplaced confidence led the nation to a complacent attitude about God. The abandonment of God, as a nation, cost them their greatness and they were destroyed. (785 B.C. the warning)
2. Israel's Northern Kingdom is more than two centuries old, as they abandoned their heritage. 50 years later, it resulted in total destruction.

***Amos 6:1** Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come! (KJV) 1 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria.

***Amos 6:2** Go to Kalneh and look at it; go from there to great Hamath, and then go down to Gath in Philistia. Are they better off than your two kingdoms? Is their land larger than yours?

***Amos 6:3** You put off the day of disaster and bring near a reign of terror.

"Complacency is an Epidemic"

(Amos 6:1-7)

1. You can warn people (Woe) against complacency, but the real solution is to guide them to a passion for righteousness.
2. **V:1** "Trust" in the Old Testament is found 130 times, but it is used as mistrust or false confidence.
3. **V:2** Former great cities all lay in decay. God asked: "Are you greater than these cities?"
4. **V:3** You didn't push away the day of evil; therefore, your complacent view of society brought terror and violence upon the land.

5. **V:4-6** Focusing on your wealth and pleasure allowed them to become idols to you.
6. **V:7** To the wealthy, when you think you are safe you are not, but you will be the first to be judged. Your guilt was in using your status to destroy the sacred instead of protecting it.

***Amos 6:8** The Sovereign LORD has sworn by himself—the LORD God Almighty declares: "I abhor the pride of Jacob and detest his fortresses; I will deliver up the city and everything in it."

***Amos 6:10** And if the relative who comes to carry the bodies out of the house to burn them asks anyone who might be hiding there, "Is anyone else with you?" and he says, "No," then he will go on to say, "Hush! We must not mention the name of the LORD."

"The Pride that came before the Fall"

(Amos 6:8-13)

1. National pride was more important than God. They esteemed their wisdom and did not look to God.
2. **V:9-10** Others silenced those who wanted to identify with the house of Jacob and said we don't mention God here.
3. **V:11-13** God's confronts the prideful and then moves to judge them. (**1 Peter 5:5, James 4:6, & Proverbs 3:34**, God repeats three times that He resists the proud and embraces the humble).

***Amos 6:14** For the LORD God Almighty declares, "I will stir up a nation against you, Israel, that will oppress you all the way from Lebo Hamath to the valley of the Arabah."