

God's Word specifically addresses a people of old, BUT the SAME truth and the SAME correction is NEEDED in our lives as well

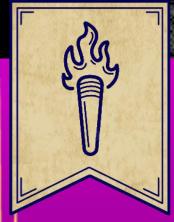
Matthew 7:1-5





God uses the sinfulness of others to draw our attention to our own desperately wicked and sinful states





The ONLY hope for ANY of us is to see our NEED and to run to Jesus – our Savior







Amos 6:1-3

Samaria (a symbol of Israel as a whole), sat smugly on top of a mountain seemingly safe and secure from surrounding nations



"Woe" when it was pronounced over the living was a prediction of death (calamity and carnage were coming)

Amos 6:4-7





The palace of Ahab and Jezebel was historically known for its interior design, which covered EVERYTHING in ivory

Assyrian brutality reveals that normally rich captives were blinded and their tongues were often cut out

Amos 6:8





Israel's strength and success
(apart from God's help)
would truly be put to the test

Amos 6:9-11





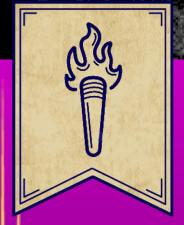
Following a prolonged war – the area attacked would also be struck by a nasty plague

Amos 6:12-14



It would be completely unimaginable to either see horses running on rocks or to see oxen plowing a cliffside

The SAME is true for Israel (who is relying on their own strength), they are going to FAIL apart from Christ



God loathes arrogance because He knows the destruction it brings

