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Privileged position was about to end in a catastrophic way

1 Kings 12 ... a bad start.

... Deut 28 ... covenant blessing and curses

A nation that does not know how to do right v 9-10

Map – Philistia and Egypt

Verse 10, “they do not know how to do right”.

... “they store up violence and robbery in their stronghold”.

God’s judgement on Israel – v 11-12

Amos 3:11ff ... a nation to utterly destroy Israel.

Exodus 22:12-13 - *But if the animal was stolen from the neighbour, restitution must be made to the owner. 13 If it was torn to pieces by a wild animal, the neighbour shall bring in the remains as evidence and shall not be required to pay for the torn animal.*

Verse 12 ... God’s judgement on them will be total.

God’s judgement on their false worship – v 14-15

“house of God”

... the horns of the altar cut off and falling to the ground.

Firstly, blood from the sacrifice on the horns on the altar. Leviticus 4:7, 16:18

= removing the opportunity for atonement of the sins

Secondly, cling to the horns on the altar for protection. (Exodus 21:12-14 or 1 Kings 1:50 2:28)

For us today

1 Cor 10:1-13... examples for us today

... verse 13 – no temptation seized you except what is common for man.

As a church ...crisis of knowing what is right

NT passages

- Phil 2:3-5 - “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
- James 5:1-6 “Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. 2 Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat

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your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. 4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. 5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.”