

Is America In Trouble

2 Chronicles 7:14–21 (NLT) — (14) Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. (15) My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place. (16) For I have chosen this Temple and set it apart to be holy—a place where my name will be honored forever. I will always watch over it, for it is dear to my heart. (17) “As for you, if you faithfully follow me as David your father did, obeying all my commands, decrees, and regulations, (18) then I will establish the throne of your dynasty. For I made this covenant with your father, David, when I said, ‘One of your descendants will always rule over Israel.’ (19) “But if you or your descendants abandon me and disobey the decrees and commands I have given you, and if you serve and worship other gods, (20) then I will uproot the people from this land that I have given them. I will reject this Temple that I have made holy to honor my name. I will make it an object of mockery and ridicule among the nations. (21) And though this Temple is impressive now, all who pass by will be appalled. They will ask, ‘Why did the LORD do such terrible things to this land and to this Temple?’

I) God Destroys People Because They Forget Him

Psalms 9:17 (NLT) — (17) The wicked will go down to the grave. This is the fate of all the nations who ignore God.

II) God Destroys People Because They Become Materialistic

Deuteronomy 8:11–19 (NLT) — (11) “But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the LORD your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today. (12) For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, (13) and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful! (14) Do not become proud at that time and forget the LORD your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt. (15) Do not forget that he led you through the great and terrifying wilderness with its poisonous snakes and scorpions, where it was so hot and dry. He gave you water from the rock! (16) He fed you with manna in the wilderness, a food unknown to your ancestors. He did this to humble you and test you for your own good. (17) He did all this so you would never say to yourself, ‘I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.’ (18) Remember the LORD your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath. (19) “But I assure you of this: If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods, worshiping and bowing down to them, you will certainly be destroyed.

III) God Destroys People Because They Do Not Obey Him

Deuteronomy 8:11 (NLT) — (11) “But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the LORD your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today.

IV) God Destroys People Because They Are Wicked

Genesis 6:5–7 (NLT) — **(5)** The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. **(6)** So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. **(7)** And the LORD said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.”

V) God Destroys People Because They Are Proud

Proverbs 6:16–19 (NLT) — **(16)** There are six things the LORD hates— no, seven things he detests: **(17)** haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, **(18)** a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, **(19)** a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.

Proverbs 16:18 (NLT) — **(18)** Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.

Philippians 2:9–11 (NLT) — **(9)** Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, **(10)** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **(11)** and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.