

THE SEIGE OF SAMARIA

2 Kings 6:24-33; (Lev 26:27-29; Deut 28:53-57)

I. THE DESPERATION OF THE HUMAN CONDITION (24-25)

A. **War**—*Samaria is under siege by the Syrian army*

1. Human conflict **began at the Fall** within the **family**.
2. War is a **massive, physical** expression of **humanity's relational dysfunction**.

B. **Famine**—*so severe that people are reduced to eating dung and cannibalism*

1. Our fortunes can change very quickly. (Zeph 1:18)
2. Famine is a manifestation of the curse that Adam brought upon the earth.

II. THE REASON FOR THE SITUATION (Amos 3:6)

A. **The Curse for Breaking Covenant** (Lev 26:27-29; Deut 28:53-57)—*it fits the crime*

B. **The Depth of Human Depravity** (Jer 19:4-9; 32:35)

1. The **Sacrifice of Children** to an **Idol**—*the most depraved worship imaginable*
2. The **Cannibalism of Parents** in Famine—*the most depraved loss of humanity*

III. THE KING'S RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION

A. **Distress** (30)—wearing sackcloth under his clothing

B. **Blaming the Prophet** (31; Ps 69:9; Jn 5:20)—off with his head!

C. **Blaming the LORD** (33a; Prov 19:3; Rev 16:11)—“*This trouble is from the LORD!*”

D. **Despair** (33b; Ps 27:13-14)—“*Why should I wait for the LORD any longer?*”

IV. **OUR RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION**

A. **Called to Trust God** (Ps 27:14; 71:1; Lam 3:26; Is 28:16; Rom 10:11;)—wait for the LORD

B. **Called to Witness** (Acts 1:8)—persecution spread the church, gave platform to witness; by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C. **Called to Rejoice in the LORD** (Ps 63:3; Hab 3:17-18; Phil 4:4)

Listen to Audrey Assad sing “I Shall Not Want”

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