

# Isaiah

## “The Evangelical Prophet”

### I. God’s Denunciation of Judah (1:1-12:6)

#### A. The Condemnation of Judah (1:1-2:1-4)

### B. The Cleansing Judgments to Come (2:5-4:1)

1. The *Corruption* of the People (2:5-11)
2. The *Coming Day of Judgment* (2:12-21)

### 3. The *Collapse* of Judean Society (2:22-3:12)

#### a. The *Regard* for the Esteem of Man questioned (2:22)

<sup>22</sup> **Stop regarding man**, whose breath *of life* is in his nostrils;  
For *why* should he be esteemed?

#### b. The *Removal* of their Supply and Support (3:1-7)

**3** For behold, the **Lord GOD of hosts**  
is going to remove from **Jerusalem** and **Judah**  
Both *supply* and *support*, the **whole supply** of bread  
and the **whole supply** of water;

<sup>2</sup> The **mighty man** and the **warrior**,  
The **judge** and the **prophet**,  
The **diviner** and the **elder**,

<sup>3</sup> The **captain of fifty** and the **honorable man**,  
The **counselor** and the **expert artisan**,  
And the **skillful enchanter**.

<sup>4</sup> And I will make mere *lads* their princes,  
and **capricious children** will rule over them,  
<sup>5</sup> and the **people** will be *oppressed*,  
Each **one by another**, and each **one by his neighbor**;

The **youth** will **storm against** the **elder**  
and the **inferior against** the **honorable**.

<sup>6</sup> When a man *lays hold* of his brother in his **father’s house**, saying,

“**You** have a **cloak**, **you** shall be our **ruler**,  
and these **ruins** will be under **your charge**.”

<sup>7</sup> He will **protest** on that day, saying,  
“I will **not** be **your healer**,  
For in **my house** there is **neither bread** nor **cloak**;  
You should **not appoint me ruler** of the **people**.”

c. The **Results** of **Rebellion** and **Sin** (3:8-12)

<sup>8</sup> For **Jerusalem** has **stumbled** and **Judah** has **fallen**,  
Because their **speech** and their **actions** are **against the LORD**,  
To **rebel against His glorious presence**.

<sup>9</sup>The **expression** of their **faces** bears **witness against them**,  
and they **display their sin** like **Sodom**;  
They do **not even conceal it**.

**Woe** to them!  
For they have brought **evil on themselves**.

<sup>10</sup> Say to the **righteous** that *it will go well with them*,  
For they will **eat the fruit** of their **actions**.

<sup>11</sup> **Woe** to the **wicked**! *It will go badly with him*,  
for what **he deserves** will be **done** to him.

<sup>12</sup> **O My people!**  
Their **oppressors** are **children**,  
and **women rule over them**.

**O My people!** Those who **guide you lead you astray**  
and **confuse** the **direction** of your **paths**.

## Message Summary

### 3. The **Collapse** of **Judean Society** (2:22-3:12)

a. The **Regard** for the esteem of **Man** questioned (2:22)

b. The **Removal** of their **Supply** and **Support** (3:1-7)

1) **Removing** their whole **supply** of **bread** and **water** (3:1)

2) **Removing** the **support** of the **leaders** and the **skilled** among  
them (3:2-3)

a) the **mighty man** and the **warrior** (3:2a)

- b) the **judge** and the **prophet** (3:2b)
- c) the **diviner** and the **elder** (3:2c)
- d) the **captain of fifty** (3:3a)
- e) the **honorable man** (3:3b)
- f) the **counselor** (3:3c)
- g) the **expert artisan** (3:3d)
- h) the **skillful enchanter** (3:3e)

3) **Reversing** the natural **leadership** structure (3:4-5)

- a) mere **lads** made *princes* (3:4a)
- b) **children** *ruling* over **them** (3:4b)
- c) neighbors *oppressing* one another (3:5a)
- d) **youths** *storming* against their **elders** (5:5b)
- e) the **inferior** coming *against* the **honorable** (3:5c)
- f) men (being **destitute**) *refusing* leadership roles (3:6-7)

c. The **Results** of **Rebellion** and **Sin** (3:8-12)

- 1) **Having rebelled** against the **LORD** (3:8-9)
  - a) *with* their **speech** and **actions** (3:8)
  - b) *with* their **arrogant** and **open display of sin** (3:9a)
- 2) **Having** brought **evil** upon **themselves** (3:9b-12)
  - a) **well-being** upon the **righteous** (3:10a)
  - b) “woe” upon the **wicked** (3:9b, 11)
- 3) **Having** brought **disorder** in their **midst** (3:12)
  - a) *being* **oppressed** by *children* (3:12a)
  - b) *being* **ruled** by *women* (3:12b)
  - c) *being* **led astray**, and **confused** by their *leaders* (3:12c)

## Personal Application

In the **midst** of the *collapse* of **Judean society**,  
tonight we also read **this** verse:

“Say to the **righteous** that *it will go well with them*,  
For they will **eat** the **fruit** of their **actions** (3:10).”

**How** do we **live** as “**the righteous**”  
in a **society** that is *collapsing*?

1. We live *courageously*, walking according to righteous principles, even though they will be *unpopular*, and even *hated*, in an **increasingly decadent society**.

**Who** is there to **harm you** if you prove *zealous* for **what is good**?

But even if **you** should **suffer** for the sake of righteousness, **you** are *blessed*.  
AND DO **NOT FEAR** THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO **NOT BE TROUBLED**,

but **sanctify Messiah as Lord** in **your hearts**,  
always *being ready* to make a defense to everyone who **asks you**  
to give an **account** for the *hope* that is **in you**,  
yet with *gentleness* and *reverence*; (1 Peter 3:13-15)

2. We *communicate wisely*, sharing God's truths uncompromisingly, yet *lovingly*, towards those "**outside**," who may *oppose* and even *be hostile* to **our beliefs and values**. (Colossians 4:5-6)

**Conduct yourselves** with wisdom toward outsiders,  
making the **most** of the *opportunity*.

Let your speech always be with grace,  
*as though seasoned with salt*, so that you will **know**  
how you should *respond* to **each person**. (Colossians 4:5-6)

3. We *connect* with **other believers consistently**, that we may receive **comfort, instruction, and encouragement** from *others*, who are **living faithfully**, according to the truths and promises of **God's word**.

Let us hold fast the confession of **our hope without** wavering,  
for **He** who **promised** is **faithful**; and let us consider  
how to **stimulate one another** to *love* and *good deeds*,  
**not forsaking** our own assembling together,...but **encouraging one another**,  
and all the more as you see *the day* drawing near. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

4. We *commit* to **spending time** in prayer, and the study of God's word, knowing that these **disciplines** are essential to maintaining a *healthy spiritual life* in a **godless, and spiritually wicked world**.

Be **anxious for nothing**, but in everything by prayer and supplication  
with **thanksgiving** let **your requests** be made **known to God**.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all **comprehension**,  
will **guard your hearts** and **your minds** in **Messiah Jesus**. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Your word I have *hidden* in **my heart**,  
That I might **not sin** against **You**. (Psalm 119:11)

5. We *continue* to **walk** according to the indwelling Spirit of God, who **sanctifies, renews, and empowers believers** to *live godly* and *righteously* in an **unrighteous world**.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And *renew* a **steadfast spirit** within me.**

Do **not** cast me away from **Your presence**,  
And do **not** take **Your Holy Spirit** from me.

**Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
And *uphold me* by **Your generous Spirit**.**

***Then* I will *teach* transgressors **Your ways**,  
And **sinners** shall be ***converted* to You**. (Psalm 51:10-13)**