

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

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

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

1. The *Charge against Israel* (1:1-4)
2. The *Chastisement* of the Nation (1:5-9)
3. The *Censure* of their Religious Hypocrisy (1:10-15)
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7. The *Coming Kingdom* and its Glory (2:1-4)

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

1. The *Corruption* of the People (2:5-11)

⁵ Come, house of Jacob, and let us *walk* in the light of the LORD.

⁶ For You have **abandoned** Your people, the house of Jacob,
Because they are **filled with influences** from the east,
And *they are soothsayers* like the **Philistines**,
And they strike bargains with the **children of foreigners**.

⁷ Their **land** has also been **filled** with silver and gold
And there is **no end** to their *treasures*;

Their **land** has also been **filled with horses**
And there is **no end** to their *chariots*.

⁸ Their **land** has also been **filled with idols**;
They *worship* the **work** of their *hands*,
That which their *fingers* have **made**.

⁹ So the **common man** has been humbled
And the **man of importance** has been abased,
But do not forgive them.

¹⁰ *Enter* the **rock** and *hide* in the **dust**
From the terror of the LORD and from the splendor of His majesty.

¹¹ The proud look of man will be *abased*
And the loftiness of man will be *humbled*,
And the LORD alone will be *exalted* in that day.

2. The *Coming Day of Judgment* (2:12-21)

a. **Judgment against all** who are **proud** and **lifted up** (2:12)

¹² For the **LORD of hosts** will have a **day of reckoning**
Against everyone who is **proud** and **lofty**

And **against everyone** who is **lifted up**,
That **he** may be **abased**.

b. **Judgment against all** that is **lofty** and **lifted up** (2:13-17)

¹³ And it will be **against** all the **cedars of Lebanon** that are **lofty** and **lifted up**,
Against all the **oaks** of **Bashan**,

¹⁴ **Against** all the **lofty mountains**,
Against all the **hills** that are **lifted up**,

¹⁵ **Against** every **high tower**,
Against every **fortified wall**,

¹⁶ **Against** all the **ships** of **Tarshish**
And **against** all the **beautiful craft**.

¹⁷ The **pride of man** will be **humbled**
And the **loftiness of men** will be **abased**;
And the **LORD alone** will be **exalted** in that day,

c. **Judgment against the idolatry of men** (2:18-22)

¹⁸ But the **idols** will **completely vanish**.

¹⁹ **Men** will go into **caves** of the **rocks**
And into **holes** of the **ground**

Before the **terror of the LORD**
And the **splendor of His majesty**,
When **He arises** to make the **earth tremble**.

²⁰ In **that day** men will **cast away** to the **moles** and the **bats**
Their **idols of silver** and their **idols of gold**,
Which **they made** for themselves to **worship**,

²¹ In order to **go** into the **caverns** of the **rocks** and the **clefts** of the **cliffs**
Before the **terror of the LORD** and the **splendor of His majesty**,
When **He arises** to make the **earth tremble**.

Message Summary

Judah's Corruption and "Day of Reckoning"

1. The **Corruption** of the **People** (2:5-11)

- a. An **appeal** for **repentance** (2:5)
- b. A **people** abandoned by **God** (2:6)
 - 1) **having** been “**filled**” **eastern influence** (2:6a)
 - 2) **having** become **soothsayers** (2:6b)
 - 3) **having bargained** with the **children of foreigners** (2:6c)
- c. A **people** led astray **wealth** and **power** (2:7)
- d. A **people** corrupted by **idolatry** (2:8)
- e. A **people** humbled by **their sin** (2:9)
- f. A **people** facing a **terrible future judgment** (2:10-11)
 - 1) facing the **terror** and **splendor of the Lord** (2:10)
 - 2) their **pride humbled** before **the Lord** (2:11)

2. The **Coming Day** of **Judgment** (2:12-21)

- a. **Judgment** against **all** who are **proud** and **lifted up** (2:12)
- b. **Judgment** against **all** that is **lofty** and **lifted up** (2:13-17)
- c. **Judgment** against the **idolatry** of **men** (2:18-21)
 - 1) **causing** their **idols** to completely **vanish** (2:18)
 - 2) **causing men** to **hide** from the **terror** and **splendor of the Lord** (2:19-21)

Personal Application

As **Believers** we need to be *on guard* against that which brought **Judgment** against **Judah**

1. We need to be *on guard* against **eastern philosophies**, **false prognosticators**, and becoming “**partners**” with **this world**.

You **adulteresses**, do you not know that **friendship with the world** is **hostility toward God**?

Therefore whoever wishes to be a **friend** of the **world** makes himself an **enemy of God**. (James 4:4)

“As for the **person** who turns to **mediums** and to **spiritists**, to play the **harlot** after them, I will also set My face **against** that **person** and will **cut him off** from among **his people**.”
(Leviticus 20:6)

2. **We need** to be *on guard* against the **corrupting influences** of **wealth** and **power**.

„you shall surely **set a king** over you whom the **LORD your God chooses**,..

Moreover, he shall **not multiply horses** for himself,..
He shall **not multiply wives** for himself, or else **his heart** will **turn away**;
nor shall he greatly increase silver and **gold** for himself.
(Deuteronomy 17:15-17)

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help *and rely on horses*,
And **trust in chariots** because they are **many**

And in **horsemen** because they are **very strong**,
But they **do not look** to the **Holy One of Israel**,
nor **seek the LORD!** (Isaiah 31:1)

3. **We need** to be *on guard* against **idolatry** and the *worship* of the **works of our hands** and **minds**.

Therefore consider the **members** of your **earthly body**
as **dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire**, and **greed**,
which amounts to **idolatry**.

For it is because of **these things** that the **wrath of God**
will come upon the **sons of disobedience**, (Colossians 3:5-6)

The rest of **mankind**, who were **not killed** by these **plagues**,
did **not repent** of the **works of their hands**, so as not to **worship demons**,
and the **idols of gold** and of **silver** and of **brass** and of **stone** and of **wood**,
which can **neither see** nor **hear** nor **walk**; (Revelation 9:20)

4. **We need** to be *on guard* against **pride** and **loftiness**

Pride goes before destruction,
And a **haughty spirit before stumbling**. (Proverbs 16:18)

Thus I will **punish** the world for its **evil**
And the **wicked** for their **iniquity**;

I will also put **an end** to the **arrogance** of the **proud**
And abase the **haughtiness** of the **ruthless**. (Isaiah 13:11)

For all that is in the world, the **lust** of the **flesh** and the **lust** of the **eyes**
and the **boastful pride of life**, is **not** from the **Father**, but is from the **world**.

The **world** is **passing away**, and *also* its **lusts**;
but the **one** who **does the will of God lives forever**. (I John 2:16-17)