**“A Prophetic Portrait of a Rebellious Nation”**

Topic – Standing at the Precipice of God’s Judgment

Text – Isaiah 1

Series – Isaiah: The Voice of One Crying in the Wilderness (Isaiah 40:3)

1. What significance does a prophetic book written 2700 years ago have for you and your family?
2. The moral, spiritual, and political decline of our nation is not unprecedented. (Isaiah 5:20-23; 6:5)

**The Setting – A Heavenly :**

**God is and His people are the .** (1:2-10)

**I. The of Judah vs. The Love and Grace of God** (1:2)

1. Two jurors are called to witness Judah’s ingratitude: and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. The charge against Judah: “They have against me.” (1:2c)

**II. The against Judah - Three charges were brought against Judah** (1:3-4)

1. The people had no : “My people doth not consider.” (1:3)

Jeremiah 4:22 – “… they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.”

1. The people were a , people. (1:4a)

**Lamentations 5:7** - Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne their iniquities.

1. The people had the LORD. (1:4b)

**III. The** (1:5)

**IV. The** (1:6) – Judah was: by wickedness. (1:6a)

under the stench and weight of her . (1:6b)

**V. The of Judah’s Sin** (1:7-9)

1. were destroyed. – “Your country is desolate” (1:7a)
2. were burned. – “…your cities are burned with fire…” (1:7b)
3. were plundered by foreigners. (1:7c)

**What hope is there for a nation that is morally corrupt and spiritually dying?**

**Isaiah 1:10** - *[Listen and Obey]* the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

**Psalm 119:33-34 - Teach** me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes *[Law and Commandments]*; and I shall keep *[guard; obey]* it unto the end. *[i.e. until my eternal reward]*

34 **Give me understanding** *[discernment]*, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe *[keep; guard]* it with my whole heart. *[understanding; will; soul]*

**Psalm 119:73 -** Thy hands have made *[wrought; created]* me and fashioned *[prepared; established]* me: **give me understanding** *[discernment; instruction]*, that I may learn thy commandments. *[be skilfull; teach]*

**Proverbs 14:32-34** - The wicked is driven away *[thrust out; outcast; chased out]* in his wickedness *[sin]*: but **the righteous hath hope** *[refuge; trust; shelter]* **in his death**. *[dies in hope]*

**33**  Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but that which is in the midst *[among]* of fools is made known. *[a fool will be recognized by his actions and attitudes]*

**34**  **Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people**.

**Deuteronomy 4:5-6** - Behold, I *[Moses]* have taught you statutes *[Law and Commandments]* and judgments *[ordinances; i.e. God’s verdict on right and wrong]*, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

**6**  **Keep** *[observe; heed]* **therefore and do them**; for this is **your wisdom** *[skillful use of knowledge]* **and your understanding** *[knowledge; insight]* in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes *[Law and Commandments]*, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.