

“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)

- A. What significance does a prophetic book written 2700 years ago have for you and your family?
- B. 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)

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

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

- A. 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.”
- B. The people were a _____, _____ people. (1:4a)

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

- C. 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)

- A. _____ were destroyed. – “Your country is desolate” (1:7a)
- B. _____ were burned. – “...your cities are burned with fire...” (1:7b)
- C. _____ 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.