

Isaiah 1:1-31 **Isaiah prophesied during the kings of Judah;
Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah**

Judah Called to Repentance

¹ The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

The Wickedness of Judah

² Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the Lord has spoken: "I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against Me;

³ The ox knows its owner And the donkey its master's crib; But Israel does not know, My people do not consider."

⁴ Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the Lord, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward.

⁵ Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, And the whole heart faints. ⁶ From the sole of the foot even to the head, There is no soundness in it, But wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; They have not been closed or bound up, Or soothed with ointment.

⁷ Your country is desolate, Your cities are burned with fire; Strangers devour your land in your presence; And it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. ⁸ So the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, As a hut in a garden of cucumbers, As a besieged city. ⁹ Unless the Lord of hosts Had left to us a very small remnant, We would have become like Sodom, We would have been made like Gomorrah.

God rejects their form of religion

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, You rulers of Sodom; Give ear to the law of our God, You people of Gomorrah: ¹¹ "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?" Says the Lord." I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats.

¹² "When you come to appear before Me, Who has required this from your hand, To trample My courts? ¹³ Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies — I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. ¹⁴ Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.

Call to repentance and reconsideration – God's counsel to prepare for the Kingdom

¹⁶ "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, ¹⁷ Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.

¹⁸ "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord," Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. ¹⁹ If you are

willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;

20 But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Degenerate City judged

21 How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of justice; Righteousness lodged in it, But now murderers. 22 Your silver has become dross, Your wine mixed with water. 23 Your princes are rebellious, And companions of thieves; Everyone loves bribes, And follows after rewards. They do not defend the fatherless, Nor does the cause of the widow come before them.

24 Therefore the Lord says, The Lord of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, "Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries, And take vengeance on My enemies. 25 I will turn My hand against you, And thoroughly purge away your dross, And take away all your alloy.

The city of the Kingdom age

26 I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city."

27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice, And her penitents with righteousness.

Purge before the Kingdom is set up

28 The destruction of transgressors and of sinners shall be together, And those who forsake the Lord shall be consumed. 29 For they shall be ashamed of the terebinth trees Which you have desired; And you shall be embarrassed because of the gardens Which you have chosen. 30 For you shall be as a terebinth whose leaf fades, And as a garden that has no water. 31 The strong shall be as tinder, And the work of it as a spark; Both will burn together, And no one shall quench them.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The time of Isaiah was in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
- ✧ This places the beginning of the messages of Isaiah more than 40 years before the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel to the Assyrians as he warns the kingdom of Judah of the danger of following the ways of the kingdom of Israel.
- ✧ Before Uzziah the people of the southern kingdom of Judah had been corrupted by the last days of Solomon when he caved in to the pressure of his pagan wives and began to appease them by turning to their idolatry and building them places of worship to their pagan gods and worshipping them in the city of Jerusalem. [1 Kings 11:1-8]
- ✧ Following Solomon in the southern kingdom of Judah were two ungodly kings Rehoboam and Abijah (Abijah).
- ✧ They were followed by two godly kings of Judah for 66 years Asa and Jehoshaphat.
- ✧ They were followed by ungodly kings Jehoram (Joram), Ahaziah, queen Athaliah, and after the death of Jehoiada the priest, the good king Jehoash (Joash) turned away from Yahweh.
- ✧ He was followed by the godly kings Amaziah, Uzziah and Jotham.
- ✧ Uzziah and Jotham were both good kings of Judah followed by the wicked king Ahaz, then the good king Hezekiah.
- ✧ Hezekiah became king of Judah after Israel had been carried away by the Assyrians.

The Wickedness of Judah

- ✧ Yahweh began His message through Isaiah by calling both the Heavens and earth as witnesses of His case against His people Israel, both the Northern kingdom and the Southern kingdom. The people are seen as more lacking of good judgment than the domestic animals of ox and donkey, both of which knows where their provision comes from, while the people do not know or even consider their source of provision. [\[Isaiah 1:2-3\]](#)
- ✧ The nation is sinful because the people are laden with iniquity, making them a brood of evildoers. Themselves being corrupt, they in turn corrupt others, being deceived, they deceive others and teach them their evil ways. They have turned away backward and forsaken Yahweh, provoking Him to anger. [\[Isaiah 1:4\]](#)
- ✧ Though they as a nation have been punished for their sins in the past, they continue to rebel against Yahweh more and more. They are diseased with sin that has affected the mind and heart causing the entire body to be sick from head to foot. In the sight of the Lord, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; with no one to render aid for healing. [\[Isaiah 1:5-6\]](#)
- ✧ The predicted level of punishment will result in desolation. Your cities are burned with fire; Strangers devour your land in your presence; And it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. So the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, As a hut in a garden of cucumbers, As a besieged city. Unless the Lord of hosts Had left to us a very small remnant, We would have become like Sodom, We would have been made like Gomorrah. [\[Isaiah 1:7-9\]](#)

God rejects their form of religion

- ✧ Because of the wickedness of their doings, God finds all aspects of their form of religion to be odious and repulsive. Because of the wickedness of their doings, God will not see their religious practices nor hear their prayers. Their hands are full of blood. [\[Isaiah 1:10-15\]](#)

Call to repentance and reconsideration – God's counsel to prepare for the Kingdom

- ✧ "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, ¹⁷ Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. [\[Isaiah 1:16-17\]](#)
- ✧ Full repentance is the only hope to restore God's favor.
- ✧ Yahweh promised to cleanse away all their sins and iniquities if they repent and obey the Law He had given them through Moses. Thus enabling them to continue to enjoy the good of the land. [\[Isaiah 1:18-19\]](#)
- ✧ However, the warning of destruction hangs over them if they refuse to obey and continue in their rebellion. [\[Isaiah 1:20\]](#)

The Degenerate City

- ✧ Yahweh described their falling from righteousness to depravity. [\[Isaiah 1:21-23\]](#)
- ✧ Judgment is certain and Yahweh will surely rid Himself of the evil doers and purge all evil from the land before He sets up His Kingdom. [\[Isaiah 1:24-25\]](#)

The city of the Kingdom age

- ✧ After the purge, Yahweh will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city." Zion shall be redeemed with justice, And her penitents with righteousness. [\[Isaiah 1:26-27\]](#)

Purge before the Kingdom is set up

- ✧ Transgressors, sinners, and those who forsake Yahweh will be consumed together with their passions. The strong will be like tinder and their works as a spark, both will burn together and no one shall quench the fire.
- ✧ This speaks of Hell the expectancy of all evil doers in torment. [\[Luke 12:22-24\]](#)