

Isaiah 1

Throughout Isaiah God is going to warn Judah of coming judgment so He begins the book with a plea for them to repent and return to Him.

1-Introduction; background 2 Kings 15-20, 2 Chronicles 26-32.

2-4 *Ah sinful nation* v3.

- Described as a courtroom scene.
- The witnesses are the Heavens and earth v2 (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).
- The plaintiff is the *Holy One of Israel* is. This phrase is mentioned 31 times in the Bible with 25 of them in Isaiah.
- The charge is rebellion v2.

5-8 *Why should ye be stricken any more?*

These verses describe the toll that their sinful rebellion had taken upon them (compare Psalms 38:3-7).

9 *a very small remnant.*

If God had not Himself saved a remnant of Israel for His own, Israel would be nonexistent today because of their sin, just like Sodom and Gomorrah (see Romans 9:29, *seed* is Christ, see Galatians 3:16).

10-20

God shows them the steps to salvation.

- *Hear* v10, you must be willing to *hear the word of the LORD* concerning your sin. Hearing leads to faith (Romans 10:17).
- *Wash* v16, you must turn away from sin, repent. I have heard some say that Paul's gospel didn't include repentance, but it certainly did (Acts 17:30, 26:20).
- *Learn* v17 Our life long pursuit is to learn:
 - the things of God, (Deuteronomy 4:10, 5:1).
 - learn of Jesus Christ, (Matthew 11:29).
 - that we might be fruitful, (Titus 3:14).
- *Come* v18, God invites us to come to Him through Jesus Christ the Lord (Matthew 11:28, John 6:65, 7:37, Revelation 22:17).
- *Be willing and obedient.*
 - You must obey the gospel in order to be saved (2 Thessalonians 1:8, 1 Peter 1:2, 4:17, Acts 6:7).
 - Believers are expected to live in obedience to God's Word (Romans 6:12, 1 Peter 1:13-16).
 - Obedience to God's Word is proof of salvation (2 Corinthians 2:9, James 1:3, 12, 2:17-20).

The choice is yours to make v20.

21-23

Jerusalem continues in her sin. *Harlot, murderers, dross, wine mixed with water, rebellious, companions of thieves,* are used to describe her condition.

24-31

Therefore *Zion shall be redeemed with judgment* v27.

- *Oaks* and *gardens* speak of their idolatry (Hosea 4:13, Isaiah 65:3, 66:17) v29-30.
- Their idols will not be able to save them v30.

God is sending this same plea to all people and nations today. Why don't you follow His steps to salvation so that you miss the coming judgment?