

Isaiah's Prologues

Isaiah 1

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth;
for Yahweh has spoken:
“Children have I reared and brought up,
but 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 understand.”
⁴ Ah, **sinful nation**,
a people laden with **iniquity**,
offspring of evildoers,
children who deal corruptly!
They have **forsaken the LORD**,
they have **despised the Holy One of Israel**,
they are utterly estranged.
⁵ Why will you still be struck down?
Why will you continue to rebel?
The whole head is sick,
and the whole heart faint.
⁶ From the sole of the foot even to the head,
there is no soundness in it,
but bruises and sores
and raw wounds;
they are not pressed out or bound up
or softened with oil.
Your country lies desolate;
your cities are burned with fire;
in your very presence
foreigners devour your land;
it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners.
⁸ And the daughter of Zion is left
like a booth in a vineyard,
like a lodge in a cucumber field,
like a besieged city.
⁹ If Yahweh of hosts
had not left us a few survivors,
we should have been like Sodom,
and become like Gomorrah.

Indictment -Judgment

Pre exile

ESV translation

Isaiah 40

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
² *Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her **warfare** (hard labor term) is ended,
that her **iniquity** is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her **sins**.*
³ A voice cries:
“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our
God.
⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”
⁶ A voice says, “Cry!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.
⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.
⁹ Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“**Behold your God!**”
¹⁰ **Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;**
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.
**the threefold theme of salvation—deliverance,
pardon, and blessing**

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