

A Sinful Nation

Isaiah 1

Mercy ignored will find judgment invoked

A. The Call to Order (1:1)

1. Uzziah (Azariah) - 2 Kings 15:1-7

2. Jotham - 2 Kings 15:32-38

3. Ahaz - 2 Kings 16

4. Hezekiah - 2 Kings 18-20, 2 Chronicles 32

B. The Court (1:2)

**1. Not what we think - God takes no public opinion
polls**

**2. Not what we want to hear - God is truth – not
political correctness**

Ecclesiastes 5:1

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C. The Charges (1:3-6, 21-23)

1. The cause (1:3)

2. The condemnation (vv 4-6, 21-23)

a. Forsaken God (4, 21)

b. Committed sin (4, 21)

c. Backslidden (4, 22)

d. Despised correction (5, 23)

e. Diseased by sin (6)

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D. The Consequences Of Sin (1:7-15, 24, 29-31)

1. A desolate country (1:7-8)

2. A lack of righteousness (1:9-10)

3. A broken relationship with God (1:11-15)

a. Vain worship (vv 11-14)

1). Is a waste of time

2). Sickens God

b. Unanswered prayers (v 15)

4. Oppression (1:24)

5. Judgment (1:29-31)

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E. The Conditions For Mercy (1:16-17)

1. Repentance (1:16)

2. Righteousness (1:17)

F. The Chance For Mercy (1:18)

See things God's way

G. The Choice For Mercy (1:19-20)

1. To accept (1:19)

2. To reject (1:20)

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H. The Consequences of Obedience (1:25-28)

1. Purging of sin (1:25)

2. Restoration of righteousness (1:26-27)

3. Elimination of evil influence (1:28)

Israel's Future End

Isaiah 2

Prepare for the future

I. The Millennium Kingdom Established (2:1-5)

Isaiah 2:1-5

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

I. The Millennium Kingdom Established (2:1-5)

Isaiah 2:1-5 - continued

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

I. The Millennium Kingdom Established (2:1-5)

A. The location (2:1)

B. The timing (2:2a)

Micah 4:1

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

C. The preeminence (2:2b)

I. The Millennium Kingdom Established (2:1-5)

D. The righteousness (2:3)

Micah 4:2

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house

E. The peace (2:4)

1. Sin judged

2. Warfare abolished

Micah 4:3

And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

I. The Millennium Kingdom Established (2:1-5)

F. The plea for now (2:5)

John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Ephesians 5:8

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

II. The Present Problem Revealed (Isaiah 2:6-9)

A. Wrong relationships (2:6)

Isaiah 2:6

Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

2 Corinthians 6:14

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

II. The Present Problem Revealed (Isaiah 2:6-9)

B. Wrong focus (2:7)

Isaiah 2:7

Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots:

Colossians 3:1-2

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

II. The Present Problem Revealed (Isaiah 2:6-9)

C. Wrong worship (2:8-9)

Isaiah 2:8-9

8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:

9 And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

1 Kings 11:2

Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

III. The Day of the Lord - The Great Tribulation

(2:10-21)

A. God only exalted eventually (2:10-12)

Isaiah 2:10-12

10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

III. The Day of the Lord - The Great Tribulation

(2:10-21)

B. God's judgment executed on ... (2:13-18)

1. Natural symbols of pride (v 13)

Isaiah 2:13

And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

2. Government and society (v 14)

Isaiah 2:14

And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up,

III. The Day of the Lord - The Great Tribulation

(2:10-21)

B. God's judgment executed on ... (2:13-18) - continued

3. Military might (v 15)

Isaiah 2:15

And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,

4. Commerce and art (v 16)

Isaiah 2:16

And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.

III. The Day of the Lord - The Great Tribulation

(2:10-21)

B. God's judgment executed on ... (2:13-18) - continued

5. Man's pride itself (v 17)

Isaiah 2:17

And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

6. False religion (18)

Isaiah 2:18

And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

III. The Day of the Lord - The Great Tribulation

(2:10-21)

C. No place to escape judgment (2:19)

Isaiah 2:19

And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

III. The Day of the Lord - The Great Tribulation

(2:10-21)

D. No choice but to acknowledge God (2:20-21)

Isaiah 2:20-21

20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

IV. God's Warning: Don't Trust In Man (2:22)

Isaiah 2:22

Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of ?

A. Man provides no help

Psalm 146:3

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

B. God's help is always better

Psalm 118:8

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

2 Peter 3:11

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

Are You Ready?