

Isaiah 1

¹The 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.²Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.³The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.⁴Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.⁵Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.⁶From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.⁷Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.⁸And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.⁹Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.¹¹To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed

beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.¹² When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?¹³ Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.¹⁵ And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.¹⁶ Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;¹⁷ Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.¹⁸ Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.¹⁹ If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:²⁰ But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.²¹ How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.²² Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:²³ Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.²⁴ Therefore saith the Lord, the

LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel,
Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and
avenge me of mine enemies:²⁵ And I will
turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge
away thy dross, and take away all thy
tin:²⁶ And I will restore thy judges as at the
first, and thy counsellors as at the
beginning: afterward thou shalt be called,
The city of righteousness, the faithful
city.²⁷ Zion shall be redeemed with
judgment, and her converts with
righteousness.²⁸ And the destruction of the
transgressors and of the sinners shall be
together, and they that forsake the LORD
shall be consumed.²⁹ For they shall be
ashamed of the oaks which ye have
desired, and ye shall be confounded for
the gardens that ye have chosen.³⁰ For ye
shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and
as a garden that hath no water.³¹ And the
strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it
as a spark, and they shall both burn
together, and none shall quench them .