

A Study of the Prophets

OT Survey Lesson 114--Isaiah 1:1-2:22

Introduction: Isaiah, a great prophet and political statesmen, lived and prophesied God's message to Judah during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. He is often called the "Messianic prophet" since he speaks so much of the coming of Jesus Christ and His kingdom. In this section Isaiah addresses the sins of the southern kingdom in his day and gives the people a glimpse of the glory of Jerusalem in the future as the center of the kingdom of Christ.

Lesson aim: To understand the basis for God's judgments of Judah, applying the principles to our times.

God's indictment of sinful Judah--Isaiah 1:1-23

1. In the reign of what kings did Isaiah prophesy?
2. How did God say His people were unlike animals? (v. 2-3)
3. Israel was like a man who had been flogged. What had they done to deserve such punishment? (v. 4-6)
4. Israel had been invaded by various nations around them leaving them destitute. Unless the Lord had left survivors they would be as _____ and _____ (v. 7-9)
5. What was God's attitude toward the worship of the people of Judah? (v. 10-14) Why? (v. 15)
6. Make a list of the things God told the Israelites to do to show their penitence? (v. 16)
7. What did God urge the people of Israel to do? (v. 18) What did He say He would do with their sins?
8. What two options did God people have? (v. 19-20)

God promises restoration after judgment—Isaiah 1:21-31

1. God said the faithful city of Jerusalem had become what? (v. 21-23) Why?
2. What did God warn He would do with the wicked rulers? (v. 24-26) Who would He put in their place? What would Jerusalem then be called?
3. What is God's message in v. 27-31?

Jerusalem's future glory--Isaiah 2:1-4

1. In this section Isaiah describes the kingdom to be established by Jesus. When would this kingdom be established?
2. From where would people stream to Jerusalem? Why would they go there?
3. What would those who listened to the teaching of God do with their swords and spears?
4. Read Lk. 24:45-47. Jesus said repentance and remission of sins would be preached in His name beginning where?

Exhortations to repentance--Isaiah 2:5-22

1. What does Isaiah urge the people to do? (v. 5)
2. Read v. 6-10. What thing had filled the land of Judah?
3. From what are God's people warned to hide? (v. 10)
4. What sin in particular was going to cause the people of Judah to be judged by God? (v. 11).
5. After judgment, what did God say the people would do with their idols? (v. 20).