

Isaiah 1:1-9; 24-28

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.

The Wickedness of Judah

²Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth;
for the LORD has spoken:

“Children have I reared and brought up,
but they have rebelled against me.

³The ox knows its owner,
and the donkey its master's crib,
but Israel does not know,
my people do not understand.”

⁴Ah, 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.

⁵Why will you still be struck down?
Why will you continue to rebel?

The whole head is sick,
and the whole heart faint.

⁶From 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.

⁷Your country lies desolate;
your cities are burned with fire;
in your very presence
foreigners devour your land;
it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners.

⁸And the daughter of Zion is left
like a booth in a vineyard,
like a lodge in a cucumber field,
like a besieged city.

⁹If the LORD of hosts
had not left us a few survivors,
we should have been like Sodom,
and become like Gomorrah.

²⁴Therefore the Lord declares,
the LORD of hosts,
the Mighty One of Israel:
“Ah, I will get relief from my enemies
and avenge myself on my foes.

²⁵I will turn my hand against you
and will smelt away your dross as with lye
and remove all your alloy.

²⁶And I will restore your judges as at the first,
and your counsellors as at the beginning.
Afterwards you shall be called the city of righteousness,
the faithful city.”

²⁷Zion shall be redeemed by justice,
and those in her who repent, by righteousness.

²⁸But rebels and sinners shall be broken together,
and those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

John 8:34,36

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house for ever; the son remains for ever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Romans 6:17-18

¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

GET ME OUT OF HERE

‘Fed up with rebellion’

Isaiah 1:1-9

- Aztec warriors and mobile phones

Rebellion is vertical

Rebellion is ingrained

Rebellion is futile

Rebellion is solvable