

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

ISAIAH CHAPTERS 1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE ARGUMENT OF GOD

Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Through The Grace of God

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Introduction to the Text;

Isaiah 1-2

The Beginning of the Ministry of Isaiah

Isaiah 6:1-9

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. **2** Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3** And one cried to another and said: *“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”* **4** And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. **5** So I said: *“Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”* **6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. **7** And he touched my mouth with it, and said: *“Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.”* **8** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: *“Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?”* Then I said, *“Here am I! Send me.”* **9** And He said, *“Go, and tell this people:*

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1.) Look what’s happened to your life

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LOOK WHAT’S HAPPENED IN YOUR LIFE

1a.) You haven’t taken anything to heart

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Isaiah 1:2-3

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: *“I have nourished and brought up children, And 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 consider.”*

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Application:

Israel & Us = Is anyone listening for truth?

The **Heavens** (and all those in it)
and the **Earth** (and all those upon it)

I am calling these to be my witnesses against you - **“I will not be blamed for your disasters”**

Isaiah 1:2

“I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against Me;

2b “I have nourished and brought up children

Application:

Israel & Us = The Goodness of God towards us

Why is God generous to the wicked ?

Isaiah 1:3

**3 The OX knows its owner And the DONKEY its master's crib;
But Israel does not know, My people do not consider.”**

Voice Command:

An Ox is viewed as a dumb animal. A very simple, ignorant animal.
(*how we know this – I do not know*)

an ox does what it's told to do – we can learn from an ox.

Homing Instinct:

A Donkey knows how to get back to his master's house
(*that's better than what some of us can do*)

Romans 2:4c

...knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

**God's Goodness to You in Life
Should Cause You To Be Repentant and Return to Him.**

Isaiah 1:4

4 Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters!

Application:

Israel & Us = Our Nature is Bent on Sinning

Isaiah 1:4b-5a

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Application:

Israel & Us = We slowly let-up, coldness = run away

There's a Grave Danger in Being **OFTEN REBUKED BY THE LORD**.

Isaiah 1:5b-6

5b **You** will revolt more and more. The whole **head** is sick, And the whole **heart** faints. 6 From the **sole of the foot** even to the **head**, There is no soundness in it, But **wounds** and **bruises** and **putrefying sores**; They have not been closed or bound up, Or soothed with ointment

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Application:

Israel & Us = self justification, defensive, S.I.N. pos.

Isaiah 1:7-8

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Application:

Israel & Us = they failed to pass on their heritage, they avoided the stranger rather than teach them.

phil-is-tine = 'filə, stēn/ noun: **philistine**; plural noun: **philistines** (1.) a person who is hostile or indifferent to culture and or a history, one who has no understanding or care for another culture. an invader.

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LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED IN YOUR LIFE

1b.) You're not really into the worship of me

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Isaiah 1:9-10

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Human History has Recorded the rise and fall of nations since the beginning. Nations have an expiration date on them set only by its population.

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Application:

Israel & Us = Nations on the average exist 200 years before they collapse.
(the only exception is Israel)

The Cycle of a Nation

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| 1. The age of pioneer. | (vision, passion, simplicity, self-rule) |
| 2. The age of conquests. | (expansion, development, growth) |
| 3. The age of commerce. | (wealth and influence) |
| 4. The age of affluence. | (leisure and pleasure) |
| 5. The age of intellect. | (self reliance and arrogance) |
| 6. The age of decadence. | (tolerance and acceptance) |
| 7. The age of decline and collapse. | (greatest amount of rule and law) |

Each stage helps the progression to the next as the values of a people change over time. Military, politics, economics and religious developments – these all shape an empire's citizens to act and believe differently over time.

Why Should We Care About These Things ?

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

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