

CHAPTER 1

THE 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.

2. Hear, 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.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

5 ¶ Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From 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.

7 Your 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.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

9 Except 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.

10 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

11 To 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 for-

sake 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*.

CHAPTER 2

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.

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.

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.

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:

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.

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:

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

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

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

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

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.

18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

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.

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.

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

CHAPTER 3

FOR, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,

2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,

3 The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.

4 And I will give children *to be* their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast clothing,

be thou our ruler, and *let* this ruin be under thy hand:

7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house *is* neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings *are* against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

9 ¶ The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide *it* not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

10 Say ye to the righteous, that *it shall be well with him*: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

11 Woe unto the wicked! *it shall be ill with him*: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

12 ¶ *As for* my people, children *are* their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause *thee* to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his

people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor *is* in your houses.

15 What mean ye *that* ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

16 ¶ Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing *as* they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.

18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of *their* tinkling ornaments *about their feet*, and *their* cauls, and *their* round tires like the moon,

19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,

20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings,

21 The rings, and nose jewels,

22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins,

23 The glasses, and the fine

linen, and the hoods, and the veils.

24 And it shall come to pass, *that* instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; *and* burning instead of beauty.

25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.

26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she *being* desolate shall sit upon the ground.

CHAPTER 4

AND in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

2. In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

3 And it shall come to pass, *that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:*

4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory *shall be* a defence.

6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

The Book of Isaiah is classified as one of the major books on prophecy in the entire Old Testament. The prophet's main purpose in writing was to expose the root cause of the sins of God's people—which was selfishness, idolatry, and moral impurity.

The book is divided into two sections. Chapters 1—39 cover the period before the Babylonian captivity, when the remnant was delivered from Babylon, and the main theme is consolation after trial. Isaiah actually experienced the events in the first 39 chapters, but he prophesied the events of chapters 40—46. He wrote those chapters to comfort and encour-

age the Jews who would be returning to the land after their exile in Babylon.

Some modern critics teach that there was more than one Isaiah. Nowhere in the Book of Isaiah, or in the Bible, or even in Jewish or Christian tradition, is there any mention, or even a hint, of more than one Isaiah. A “second Isaiah” is a figment of modern criticism. The Book of Isaiah, in our Bible, as well as in Jesus' day, was one book, not two. It is not a patchwork but, from beginning to end, it is characterized by a unity of thought, set forth in the sublimest of language, that makes it one of the grandest things ever written.

It has been suggested that the Book of Isaiah is a Bible in miniature. Its 66 chapters are divided into two parts: 39 chapters in the first and 27 chapters in the second. Like the Old Testament, the first 39 chapters emphasize judgment, while the last 27 chapters emphasize mercy and comfort.

The name "Isaiah" means "the salvation of Jehovah" and the word salvation is repeated many times in the book. Isaiah was apparently from a good family since he had access to the palaces of several kings. He was married and the father of at least two sons, and he began his ministry near the close of the reign of King Uzziah around 758 B.C.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth" (Proverbs 26:20).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 26: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 9.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1775

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE BEGAN.

Thank God today for the Post Office and for mail service. Take advantage of this day and write a letter of love and appreciation to someone dear to you.

1788

NEW YORK WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNION.

Pray for God's people in this beautiful state. Pray for preachers who labor there. In many respects New York is the heartbeat of the nation. Think what revival there could mean to America.

1856

THE BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.

Today is the birthday of George Bernard Shaw, the famous English author. Thank God today for authors and take advantage of the privilege of reading good books. One with little formal education could become well educated by reading. Let us thank God today for the blessing of reading. There are people today who are blind and thus never see the sunrise or sunset, the beauty of the trees budding in the springtime, the flowers, the meadows, the beauty of nature. As I think of them, I thank God for my vision. Sometimes I enjoy a walk along the beach. What a scene! What a blessing it is to be able to see and enjoy the blessings of God's handiwork! What a bless-

ing it is to be able to read! Take advantage of this blessing today.

MEDITATE TODAY ON PSALM 8.

I was thinking today about Psalm 8, which is one of my favorites. Read the 8th Psalm and realize that all of God's creation was made for man. In spite of the fact that God has a huge universe and there are millions of people on the earth, God is conscious of each of us. Bask in the sunlight of His love for you personally today. Thank Him for a personal relationship with Him. He tells us to call Him "Abba, Father," which is much like our word "Papa." In fact, while ministering to Koreans, I learned that the word "abba" in the Korean language really means "daddy." He wants us to call Him by a personal name. He leads us personally, feeds us personally, and loves us individually. Praise His name for this blessed truth today.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1847

PRESIDENT JOSEPH JENKINS ROBERTS, a native of Virginia, declared Liberia an independent republic.

1848

FREDRICK DOUGLASS WAS THE ONLY MALE TO PLAY A PROMINENT ROLE at the first Woman's Rights Convention at Seneca Falls, New York. He seconded the woman's suffrage motion introduced by Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

1865

PATRICK FRANCIS HEALY, FIRST BLACK AWARDED PH.D. DEGREE, passed final examination at Louvain in Belgium.

1918

RACE RIOT, PHILADELPHIA. Three whites and one black were killed.

1926

NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED.

SPINGARN MEDAL AWARDED TO CARTER G. WOODSON for "ten years devoted service in collecting and publishing the records of the Negro in America."

1948

PRESIDENT TRUMAN ISSUED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9981 directing "equality of treatment and opportunity" in the armed forces.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 63

AUTHOR: David

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

Once again this Psalm deals with David leaving the city upon Absalom's rebellion. This particular Psalm deals with David saying good-bye to the temple. Perhaps he went to the temple before he left; perhaps he left by way of the temple, or maybe his mind was just dwelling on God's sacred house. At any rate, though the temple of Solomon had not been finished, there nevertheless was a house of God, and David hated to leave. This Psalm deals with his heartbreak because he had to leave the house of God. Notice especially verses 1 and 2 and picture David leaving the house of God on his journey away from the city to avoid a confrontation with his son.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:

Any time a Jew was away from the temple, he would read, among other Psalms, the 63rd. This Psalm was especially used while the Israelites were in captivity, over 500 miles from home with no temple. For their 70 years of captivity, they longed for a house of God and as they did they turned to the 63rd Psalm. There are many who cannot go to God's house because of illness, because of being shut-in, etc. Perhaps they with David can explore the strength received in Psalm 63.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

QUALIFICATION FOR ANSWERED PRAYER

(Assignment 26)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

Delight

() Psalm 37:4

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Abide

() John 15:7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Receive

() 1 John 3:22

And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

Succeed

() 1 John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.