

The Eloquent Orator

Isaiah Chapter Three

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~ I am praying for everyone who is studying along in our Spiritual Safari; praying the Spirit of God will teach us wisdom, judgment, and discernment. I trust you will pray to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, as we contemplate Holy Writ sincerely, systematically, and in an educated format. Pray, and then read the text from in your own personal Bible for the designated report — in this case chapter three — then read this report; and then read the text from your Bible again afterwards. If you will take just a few minutes each day to study this way, then you will become the authority on Scripture God wants you to be.

There is no fast way to learn the Bible. There is no shortcut to understanding the Word of God. It takes time. It takes discipline. It takes a tremendous amount of effort. It requires MUCH reading. It demands continual prayer. It isn't easy and sometimes, frankly, it doesn't seem all that interesting. However, the sincere student of Scripture will moisten the dry areas of the Bible with a little sweat from their brow as they ask God to reveal to them what He is attempting to teach, and working hard to traverse the difficult deserts of the Bible; because the barren places connect to the lush gardens and tropical rainforests comprising spiritual discernment; and, in this expedition through the entire Word of God, we want to see all there is to see. We want to see Jesus; and we want to see Him on every page we read....

1 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.

~ As we learned in our previous report, the emphasis in chapters two through five of Isaiah's prophecy present the causes of Israel's undoing; specifically, the iniquity of Judah and Jerusalem – the southern kingdom. It is important to remember that Isaiah is writing to a specific nation and a specific people at a specific time in ancient history about a specific time in the future — at the end of an age — and pertaining to a specific subject. When we get away from that premise as a doctrine, truth and sincerity derail until nothing in our theology makes sense anymore. Here in the Bible, we have a weak and woman-ish government of a nation. She has beset them in low and loose morals.

When women enter government, they are not rising to a high level; they're coming down to man's level. You might call it a double-standard but, if we don't have it, the nation loses. It just doesn't happen to be in the heart of mankind to do the good and right thing. When womanhood becomes as blasé as manhood, womanhood becomes *TEN TIMES* more brutal. She will be all around worse than any man ever was. Those are the things that brought the nation Israel to destruction and they are among the first reasons given for why God delivered Israel into Babylonian captivity.

This is also a section of pronounced judgment yet to come — in the future — for the people who lived in Israel at the time in which we are studying. Naturally, there is a spiritual application to other nations at other times in history; but the interpretation must *first* be presented in context in order for the Spirit of God to make said spiritual application in our understanding. It doesn't work the other way around; never has – never will. That's true for

ALL prophecy as we move along, by the way. See, the prophets wrote to the nation Israel, with the exception of Jonah; and none of them wrote to the church, because none of them knew anything about the church. Israel is not a spiritual adumbration of the church in the Word of God. Frankly, any attempt to connect the two is a reckless, irresponsible — and just plain wrong — interpretation of Scripture. It reveals a woeful Biblical illiteracy and, unfortunately, many so-called preachers and teachers hold this error. Well, their congregations end up confused, misguided and misdirected — not to mention remaining totally and completely ignorant of the Word of God themselves. What a tragedy.

As a side note, Isaiah *DOES* present prophecies concerning the judgment of nations surrounding Israel later in this book; and they are remarkable prophecies, to be sure. But we're talking about God's chosen people here. No one could have imagined what would happen in the future from our day as I write this report and you read it; particularly when the judgment of one would be altogether different from the next. Tyre and Sidon, for example, are undeniable evidence of judgment working out *EXACTLY* as Isaiah said it would. Babylon is another example; and we'll see each of them thoroughly when we get to them — but that is not here — just keep all of that all in mind as we pursue a proper, correct and complete Bible study. This is a lot to learn and understand.

Alright, I say all of that to say that God's judgment is more severe against Israel, and more intense than it is against any surrounding nation; because Israel enjoyed a particular and peculiar relationship to God Almighty. Light creates responsibility. Israel was God's chosen people; and privilege brings accountability. I, personally, believe God is going to judge the United States *MUCH* more severely than India, Pakistan, North Africa, or China *COMBINED* because, next to the nation Israel, we are a nation of highly advanced privileges. We have been afforded an unprecedented potential to know the Word of God, quite literally as no other nation has ever known it before — with the exception of Israel, of course. Think that over very, very carefully, my American friends. Interestingly, I see that *VERY* few — *V-E-R-Y* few — Americans avail themselves of my reports; but let's move on.

Any nation given the light of Holy Writ that squanders their responsibility to it incurs the most severe punishment God can mete out. Isaiah illustrates that truth in terms that is almost unbearable to look upon. Our last few reports have been very harsh and difficult. Now, I know some people will tell me I am all wrong, my interpretation is false, and that I don't know what I am talking about — and they will push back and say they don't like my tone or mannerism — and all of that stuff — and I *KNOW* I can be wholly cynical and pessimistic — but what you believe or don't believe makes no difference to me whatsoever, friends. However, whether you believe it, accept it, understand it, agree with it, like it — or not — God is going to judge the sin of His Own people — and that is written right here in His Word. Not only is He going to — He *ALREADY* has. We're also going to see something terrifying: that when judgment breaks forth, God makes no apologies whatsoever — and if total destruction is warranted, then that's what that nation will receive.

The picture of the nation Israel that Isaiah presents has all been literally fulfilled. However, the meaning is not exhausted by that fulfillment, because its application will prevail to the end times — as it ushers in the wrath of God upon all nations around the world. Weak government and women's attire are the main topics in this subsection of Isaiah — and those problems are festering like cancer in every nation of the world today. I find that interesting — and terrifying, too. I know I sound old-fashioned to many people — because that's exactly what I am; but, I'm just teaching sound doctrine, and if you want to know what's true: God hasn't changed since Isaiah wrote his prophecy — so, if God is old-fashioned — I don't mind you calling me that. The "*sophistication*" of this present generation is nothing in the world but foolishness — to me *AND* to the Lord, by the way.

Weak government and women's dress seem totally unrelated at first glance. Well, they aren't as far removed from each other as we might like to think they are. Weak government is caused by a lack of clear, experienced leadership — and that problem is compounded by women rulers. Well, the result of those two combined problems is found in verse one of this third chapter: God takes away bread and water. Man doesn't live by bread alone — but man sure needs it. Famine is always a judgment of God. There are thirteen famines mentioned in the Bible; and every one of

them is sent Personally by God *in judgment*. Verse two means that everyone from the warrior to the honorable to the elderly to the upright to the workman to the priest had all utterly failed in providing leadership. There were no qualified men in high positions of secular society or government in the day in which we are studying. That just happens to also be a severe judgment from God. So, let's bring this precept up-to-date, shall we?

I am not impressed with global leadership from any nation of the world; from North Korea to Iran to Syria to Saudi Arabia to China to Japan to America to Pakistan to India to the myriad nations of the African continent to you-name-it, friends, those nations are governed by the worst of the worst. A few maintain an impressive façade of greatness but, when their personal lives are examined closely, they are conflicted and hypocritical, which is reflected in corrupt political philosophies. Our leaders today are overly ambitious, proud, pious pygmies, with no qualifications as statesmen. Just fifty years ago, these men would have been laughed at in ambassadorial circles; written off as cheap politicians not worthy of thoughtful consideration. Today, they hold the highest offices.

We have no great generals or admirals in our armed forces of America anymore. What we have as a military are homosexual perverts whose leadership is non-existent. Our present lawless world is the result of unqualified and corrupt judges legislating their personal perverted world-views. Our so-called pastors and Bible teachers know nothing about the Word of God. Compromise and pandering to special interest groups — inside and outside of the church — are the status quo! These are the marks of judgment; and of a soon impending doom and destruction. That which we call "*a great artist*" is typically an irregularly short, small-minded peanut-kid playing three chords on a guitar, screaming out of tune at the top of his voice. That's who the emcee introduces as a genius. What we call great literary minds are nothing in the world but pornographically saturated or Satanically steeped "authors." We all know this, but the world is not willing to admit it — because the lost are a bunch of dishonest scabs with no moral compass. It was said, "*.... we once had wooden ships and iron men; we now have iron ships and paper dolls.*" That's our leadership, friends — and it is true in every field of life you can name.

University demands that science and education are going to solve all the problems of mankind. I don't know how they can say that with a straight face – but they do. Actually, I do know how they say it – because education has lost its way. If education were the answer, then we wouldn't have any problems, because colleges mill out graduates with doctorate degrees by the theater full every year. Unfortunately, educators can't even control their own campuses anymore. Similarly, each new scientific advance man makes only compounds the myriad problems we already have; from space junk to radioactive landfills to contaminated oceans to nuclear power plant disasters to the way technological gadgetry is literally tearing apart and destroying the family fabric, my statements hold true.

Moreover, today, we idolize the young person. Our college students are clamoring for someone to listen to them, but all they have to say is nonsense. Everyone wants to sell a lie. Verse four in this chapter tells us that is another aspect that took Israel right down the drain! Our society today has the mental acumen and rational judgment of a high school adolescent, at best. This is another direct and undeniable judgment from God. Verse five makes me think Isaiah could have written this yesterday. This prophecy was true in his day, and it is as up-to-date as tomorrow mornings headlines, friends. In the time between Isaiah's day and today, Israel experienced a judgment that was bitterly punishing and sorely severe; and we're going to see exactly what that entailed as we move along with Isaiah in our safari.

Isaiah says every person shall be oppressed by another. Well, today we have the smallest minorities inflicting extreme hate and vitriol on masses. Our banking and other financial institutions, those institutions that the general public is totally dependant upon, are a system of greed, fraud, and theft. Period. The only minority that will never be recognized are Bible-believing, Christ-centered Christians. Of course, I am not promoting protesting or organization as a believer, because that's not our message – but the truth of what I am saying remains irrefutable and undeniable. In verse eight, Isaiah is saying the cities were ruined. Today, we're on the verge of a repeat of history. Our inner cities are war zones of violence; our infrastructure is aged and crumbling; our buildings are outdated and many

are not structurally sound or safe anymore – and we could go on and on and on.

Verse eight is actually the key to this chapter. Isaiah says, “... *their tongue and their doings are against the Lord...*” – and that means **BY GOD’S OWN PEOPLE**. Jesus couldn’t get elected to a public office today if He ran in a conventional election. In fact, God couldn’t get elected as the county dog catcher. He couldn’t even get a hired as a garbage collector today, my friends. That’s what’s real. This society of little men who call themselves believers just doesn’t want Him in any way, shape or form; although they claim His healing power and demand His blessing on everything they dream up. Honestly, because I always am honest with you dear readers, we live in a world that has literally gone insane. The world is humiliating and shaming believers; but believers continue to act so embarrassingly pious and proud. I **NEVER** see Christians humbling themselves before the Lord, esteeming others better than themselves, or placing the welfare of others above their own – those are things we are told to do, but they are not done – period – full stop.

The sins of the people of the world used to be done in private – but not anymore. No, sin is marched down Main Street in a childishly colorful pride rally for perverts. These people like to say they’re just being honest; but they’re not honest – they’re still the same old hypocrites they were in the closet. They’re hypocrites because they now practice lawlessness and sin in the openness of daylight and assign it a label of being right and good. Well, God promises to deliver His people in wellness and safety **IF – IF – IF** they will repent and turn to Him - but He promises to reward the wicked with illness and destruction. It says so right there in verses ten and eleven. You can deny that this is the Word of God until you turn blue and fall over dead, and you will still be just as wrong as you ever were.

Alright, I could go on all day as Isaiah did – but that’s enough for this report. Our next few reports will be simply awful. I **K-N-O-W** this is not a popular message; but, friends, I am not teaching the Bible on this forum of a garbage dump landfill of human thought and emotion to make friends and influence people. I’m certainly not giving you doctorate level theological courses for my health or to get rich; because, if I were trying to do those

things, I would be a complete failure - and most of you consider me that anyways. Well, I'm not interested in your approval. I am not interested in you reading my reports. I do not care what you do. My responsibility ends when I publish these reports of sound doctrine, and your responsibility to learn something begins. You can ignore me and you can ignore God Himself – for now; but I *PROMISE* you that you will not ignore your judgment in eternity. I sure hope you have read all of this extremely carefully, friends, because....

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 ~

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