

# **THE MAJOR PROPHETS**

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# JERUSALEM WILL BE DESTROYED AND REBUILT

## Isaiah 1

**1** This is the vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, all kings of Judah. [These days reference II Kings 15-20 and II Chronicles 26-32].

**2** Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD has spoken, saying, I have nourished, and brought up children; and they have rebelled against me. **3** The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but the people of Israel do not know their God; my people do not consider me. **4** O sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children of corruption; they have forsaken the LORD, provoking the Holy One of Israel to anger; they have again turned their back away from him. **5** But why should God stricken your nation again? You will just continue to revolt anyway; the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. **6** From the sole of the foot all the way to the head there is no soundness in your nation, only wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores that have not been closed; neither are they bound up, nor soothed with ointment. **7** Your country is desolate, and your cities are burned with fire: strangers devoured your land in your presence; it is desolate, as if 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** But the LORD of hosts is going to leave us a very small remnant out of the captivity; otherwise we would be as Sodom and Gomorrah.

**10** Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Judah; give ear to the law of our God, ye people who are like Sodom and Gomorrah! **11** To what purpose is the multitude of your abominable sacrifices unto me, saith the LORD: for I am full enough of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of well-fed beasts; and I no longer delight in the blood of bullocks, or lambs, or he goats! **12** Who required this from your hand in the first place, to trample my courts with all this sacrificing that means nothing to you? **13** Bring therefore no more meaningless oblations: for the incense of it is an abomination to me; and I can no longer endure the New Moons, and the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies: it is iniquity, even if they are solemn meetings. **14** My soul hates them: they are a trouble to me: I'm too weary to bear them any longer. **15** And so when you spread forth your hands to pray in the house, I will hide mine eyes when you make your many prayers: I will not hear them, for your hands are full of blood. **16** Wash, and make thyself clean, and put away your evil doings from before my sight, and cease to do evil. **17** Learn to do well; and seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, defend the fatherless, and 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 you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land. **20** But if you refuse to be obedient and rebel against me, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken. **21** How the faithful city of Jerusalem has become a harlot: a city once full of justice, with righteousness lodged therein; but now murderers abide there. **22** Thy silver is become as leftover refuse: it is worthless; and your oblation of wine is mixed with water. **23** Thy princes are also rebellious, and a companion of thieves; they all love the gifts of bribery and follow after rewards instead of righteousness; neither do they defend the cause of the fatherless or the widow. **24** Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel; Alas, I will release me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies.

**25** For I will turn my hand upon thee, and purge away your refuse, purely and thoroughly; and in so doing take away all your worthlessness. **26** And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning; and afterward thou shalt be called, The City of Righteousness, The Faithful City. **27** Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her converts with righteousness. **28** Then the destruction of the transgressors and the sinners shall be together; and they who forsake the LORD shall be consumed. **29** For they shall all be ashamed of the oaks that they have paid the craftsmen to make into idols; and they shall be confused and disgraced because of the gardens of carved tree trunks that they have chosen to sacrifice to, instead of me. **30** Because before your people repent in their captivity and are brought back to Jerusalem and Judah; you, O Jerusalem, shall become as an oak tree whose leaf is faded, and as a garden that has no water. **31** And your strength shall be as leftover yarn, and the idol maker shall be as a spark; and they shall both burn together, the idol worshipper and the idol maker; and no one shall be able to quench the fire.