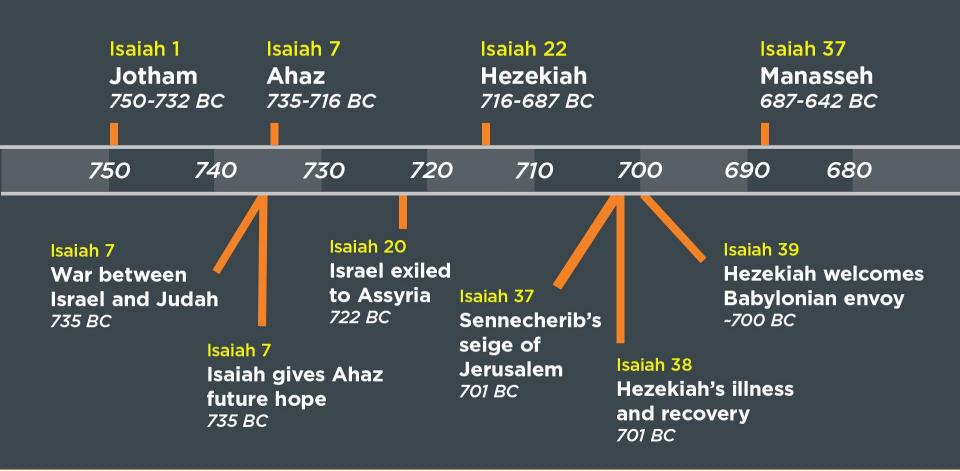
# Isaiah (760-673 BC)

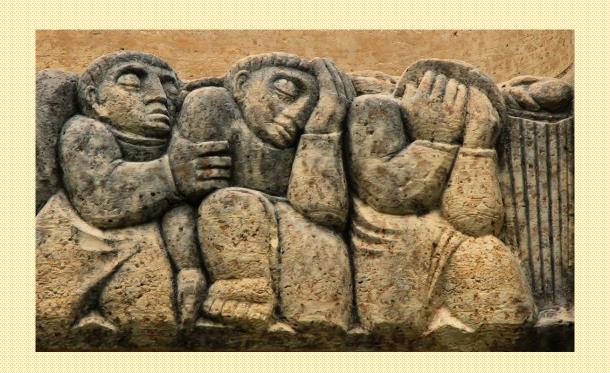


# Woes of Isaiah



### Defined

- Woe (Hebrew): Crying out after; lamentation
- Woe (Greek): a primary exclamation of grief



# Israelites Cycle of Wickedness

Israel forgets God by "learning the works" of the ungodly Israel does "evil in the sight of the Lord"

Lord's anger is "hot" and He gives them over to their enemies

Israel is given freedom and is at peace

The enemies "harassed and oppressed" Israel

God raises up a deliverer and conquers enemy

Israel repents and cries out to the Lord for delivery

### Wickedness of Judah

#### **Isaiah 1:1-4**

- <sup>2</sup> 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;
- <sup>3</sup> The ox knows its owner And the donkey its master's crib; *But* Israel does not know, My people do not consider."
- <sup>4</sup> Alas, sinful nation, <u>A people laden with iniquity</u>, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! <u>They have forsaken the LORD</u>, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, <u>They have turned away backward</u>.

**Isaiah 10-15** Their worship had become an abomination to the Lord and were like Sodom and Gomorrah

### Wickedness of Judah

### Isaiah 3:1-5, 8

- 9 They declare their sin as Sodom; <u>They do not hide</u>
   <u>it</u>. Woe to their soul! For they have brought evil upon themselves.
- 11 Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, For the reward of his hands shall be given him.
- 16 ...the daughters of Zion are <u>haughty</u>, And <u>walk with</u> <u>outstretched necks And wanton eyes</u>
- 18-24 They adorned themselves with jingling anklets, scarves, pendants, bracelets, headbands, perfume, charms, rings, nose jewels, costly apparel, purses, mirrors, etc.

### Vineyard of the Lord-Wild Grapes

### **Isaiah 5:1-7**

#### 8-10

- <sup>8</sup> Woe to those who join house to house; They add field to field, Till *there is* no place Where they may dwell alone in the midst of the land!
- <sup>9</sup> In my hearing the LORD of hosts *said*, "Truly, many houses shall be desolate, Great and beautiful ones, without inhabitant.
- <sup>10</sup> For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, And a homer of seed shall yield one ephah."
- They were forbidden to accumulate land to the detriment of their brethren
- Land was to be passed from generation to generation
- These laws were understood and were valued

# Vineyard of the Lord-Wild Grapes

Lev 25:23 The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me.

#### Micah 2:1-2

- <sup>1</sup> Woe to those who devise iniquity, And work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it, Because it is in the power of their hand.
- <sup>2</sup> They covet fields and take *them* by violence, Also houses, and seize *them*. So they oppress a man and his house, A man and his inheritance.

### 1 Kings 21:2-3

<sup>2</sup> So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden...<sup>3</sup> But Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!

# **Important Truths**

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

#### **Romans 11:22**

<sup>22</sup> Therefore <u>consider the goodness and severity of God</u>: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise <u>you also will be cut off</u>.

### 1 Timothy 2:9-10

<sup>9</sup> in like manner also, that the women <u>adorn themselves</u> <u>in modest apparel</u>, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, <sup>10</sup> but, which is proper for women <u>professing godliness</u>, with good works.

# **Important Truths**

**Luke 18:7** And <u>shall God not avenge His own elect</u> who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

#### Hebrews 10:35-39

- <sup>35</sup> Therefore <u>do not cast away your confidence</u>, which has great reward.
- <sup>36</sup> For <u>you have need of endurance</u>, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:
- <sup>37</sup> "For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.
- <sup>38</sup> Now <u>the just shall live by faith</u>; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."
- <sup>39</sup> But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

### Ignorance Leads to Sin

### Isaiah 5:11-16

- <sup>11</sup> Woe to those who rise early in the morning, That they may follow intoxicating drink; Who continue until night, till wine inflames them!
  - 12 ...they do not regard the work of the LORD, Nor consider the operation of His hands.
  - Therefore my people have gone into captivity, Because they have no knowledge...
- 15 People shall be brought down, Each man shall be humbled, And the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled.
  - <sup>16</sup> But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, And God who is holy shall be hallowed in righteousness.

### **Important Truths**

**Ephesians 6:4** And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

#### 2 Timothy 2:15-16

- <sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- <sup>16</sup> But shun profane *and* idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.
- Matthew 23:12 ...whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.
- **Isaiah 45:23** I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, <u>That to Me every knee shall bow</u>, Every tongue shall take an oath.

# Twisting the Truth

- Isaiah 5:20-21, 23-24
  - Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;
    Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
    We to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!
- <sup>23</sup> Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away justice from the righteous man!
  - Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, And the flame consumes the chaff, *So* their root will be as rottenness, And their blossom will ascend like dust; Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

# Results in Wickedness that Destroys a Nation

### 2 Timothy 3:1-5

- <sup>1</sup> But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
- <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- <sup>3</sup> unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,
- <sup>4</sup> traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
- <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

# Refusing the Lord's Counsel

### Isaiah 30:1-3

- <sup>1</sup> Woe to the rebellious children, says the LORD, Who take counsel, but not of Me, And who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, That they may add sin to sin;
- <sup>2</sup> Who walk to go down to Egypt, And <u>have not asked My advice</u>, To <u>strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh</u>, And to trust in the shadow of Egypt!
- <sup>3</sup> Therefore the strength of Pharaoh Shall be your shame, And trust in the shadow of Egypt Shall be *your* humiliation.

**Isaiah 19:11:** Surely the princes of Zoan *are* fools; Pharaoh's wise counselors give foolish counsel. How do you say to Pharaoh, "I *am* the son of the wise, The son of ancient kings?"

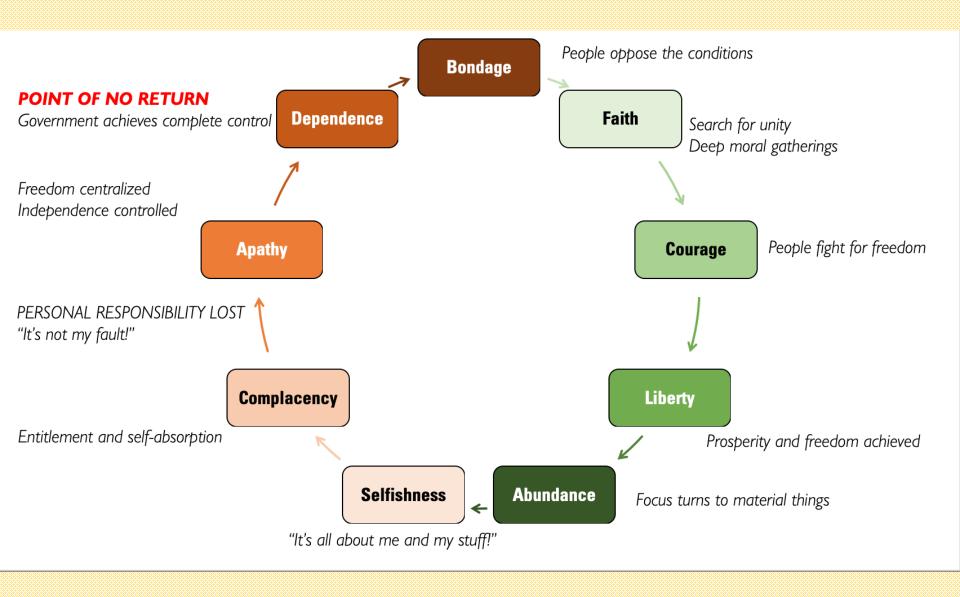
# Reject the Wisdom of Man

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

### **Ephesians 5:5-7**

- <sup>5</sup> For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
- <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
- <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partakers with them.

### Tytler's Cycle for Democratic Forms of Government



# God's Remedy

#### Isaiah 1:16-20

- "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil,
   Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor;
   Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.
- "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.
- <sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;
- <sup>20</sup> But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.