

Isaiah 1:1-20  
Come Let Us Reason Together

Position (1) – Isaiah was a prophet to 4 kings

Warning given through visions to the prophets.

Waiting over long periods of time (II Peter 3:9-10)

Problem (2-3) – Israel did not know their God (Exodus 34:6-7 / I John 4:8)

Raised by God, yet still chose to rebel (Romans 1:20 / Psalm 19)

Recognizing less than the animals (II Peter 2:12)

Punishment (4-6) – Ignoring God’s hand of discipline (Proverbs 3:11-12)

Spurned the Holy One of Israel – He is slow to anger (II Chronicles 36:16)

Setting their hearts on rebellion – no matter what it cost them (I Timothy 4:1-2)

Soundness is gone – physically and mentally (I Timothy 6:3-5; 20-21)

Persistent (7-9) – In spite of the nation’s downfall, continuing in unbelief

Stripped by foreigners – invading and overtaking the land (Leviticus 26:3-9)

Sieged city – a tiny refuge is all that remains

Surviving only because of God – His promise is kept (Malachi 3:6/Jeremiah 31:35-37)

Practice (10-14) – Invoking the name of God through empty religious ceremony

Sacrifices that have become meaningless to God (Genesis 4:3-7)

Sabbath assemblies that are evil

Soul of God is burdened by their feasts

Prayer (15) – Is not heard when sin remains (Psalm 66:18 / Psalm 24:3-6)

Plea (16-17) – Instead of continuing in sin, seek what is good

Stop doing wrong (Ephesians 4:22-28)

Seek justice for the oppressed (James 1:27)

Ponder (18-20) – Inviting to reason with God to make a right choice

Stain of sin can be removed (II Corinthians 5:21)

Setting before His people an offer of the best – if they obey (Romans 8:32)

Sword will devour those who resist and rebel (II Thessalonians 1:8-9; 2:9-12)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 1:1-20

In what way did the Israelites not know God? What does it mean to truly know Him? How can we come to know Him? (John 1:12; 5:39-40; 7:16-17; 14:6-7, 23)

What should we consider when we face many trials and hardships? (James 1:2-5 / I Peter 1:6-7 / Hebrews 12:3-11)

What happens when we persistently ignore and resist God? (II Corinthians 4:4 / I Timothy 4:1-2 / Hebrews 10:26-31)

What is meant by the phrase, "God hates religion?" (Mark 7:6-13)

What steps can we take to break habitual sin in our lives? (I John 1:9 / Romans 12:1 / Ephesians 4:20-24 / James 5:16)

Why is true reasoning impossible without God? (Psalm 119:130 / II Timothy 4:3-4)