

Studies in Isaiah

Isaiah Chapters 3-5

Judgment on a Backward People

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INTRO: Isaiah 2-5 is largely a prophecy of the future of Judah and Jerusalem. While God promises judgment, He also promises to preserve a remnant of those who seek Him and live righteously

I. In Judgment God Will Remove (3:1-7)

- A. Essential supplies
- B. Wise and capable leaders
- C. Spiritual leaders
- D. Leaders of integrity and honor
- E. And in their place, children will rule and the people will be oppressed

II. They have sinned openly and without shame (3:8-11)

- A. Those who guide you will lead you astray and confuse the direction of your paths
- B. Judgment will come to the leaders because they have devoured the vineyards, plundered the poor, and you have caused the face of those who have need to be crushed with despair
- C. The Lord will bring judgment to immodest and beguiling women, who will beg the Lord to take away their reproach (4:1-6), but in the Day of the Lord He will restore beauty

III. Woe to Those Who Call Evil Good and Good Evil (5:20-30)

- A. The parable of the Lord's Vineyard (5:1-7)
- B. The Lord Himself will destroy His vineyard (5:5-7)
- C. The judgment of Judah and Jerusalem (5:8-19)
- D. The problem of those who deny God and His righteousness (5:20-30)

CONC: God's judgment always come with hope. Despite His anger with His people, He promises to restore them and preserve and reserve a remnant who hold to His righteousness. There is an application to our own times:

Despite the materialism and sexual pursuits of our culture God promises to preserve a righteous remnant and restore the beauty of holiness in the midst of the church. On what side do you stand? Are you in pursuit of worldly things, or are you in pursuit of the Lord? Have you set your affection upon the Lord Jesus and is knowing Him the goal of your life? Can you see through the smoke and mirrors of our leaders and recognize truth from error?