

Studies in the Book of  
**ISAIA**

**3:1 - 6:13**

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    - b. Jerusalem, the real – her present idolatry, "today." **(2:5-4:1)**.
      - i. Wealth and its corruptions, **(2:5-11)**.
      - ii. Pride and idols – these must go, **(2:12-22)**.
      - iii. Ruling classes denounced, **(3:1-12)**.
      - iv. Jehovah's judgment against them, **(3:13-15)**.
      - v. Wanton women rebuked for their wickedness, **(3:16- 4:1)**.
    - c. Jerusalem the redeemed – her eventual purification through travail and judgment, **(4:2-6)**. Not great but holy. (The prophet returns to the idea of **2:1-4**. Delitzsch)

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      - a. Parable of Jehovah's vineyard, **(vv. 1-7)**.
      - b. A series of six woes pronounced against:
        - i. Insatiable greed, **(vv. 8-10)**.
        - ii. Dissipation and carnal carousing, **(vv. 11-17)**.
        - iii. Contempt and defiance against Jehovah, **(vv. 18-19)**.
        - iv. Confusion of moral distinctions, **(v. 20)**.
        - v. Political self-conceit, **(v. 21)**.
        - vi. Violence – strong, yet weak, **(v. 22-23)**.
      - c. The threat of judgment by nations from afar, **(vv. 24-30)**.

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    - 1. The vision – Jehovah's majesty and the prophet's woe, **(vv. 1-4)**.
    - 2. The call – the prophet's sanctification, **(vv. 5-8)**.
    - 3. The commission and message, **(vv. 9-13)**.

# Questions

1. What dramatic change in leadership would take place as described in 3:1-12?
2. What divine principle is described in 3:10-11? Is the same true today? Where in the New Testament do we read of this principle?
3. Describe the sins of “the daughters of Zion” as well as their punishment (3:16-4:1).
4. What is “the Branch of the Lord” (4:2), and where else in Isaiah do we read of it?
5. What does the figure of the vineyard represent?

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6. What “wild grapes” did the vineyard bear as represented by six woes (5:8-23)?
7. How would God judge His people for their conduct discussed in chapter 5?
8. Describe Isaiah’s call to the prophetic office.
9. Why would Isaiah continue preaching though the majority would not hear?

## **Thought Question:**

Where in the New Testament is Isaiah 6:9-10 quoted? In each of these contexts, what is the common problem? Is God’s word intended to be understood?

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