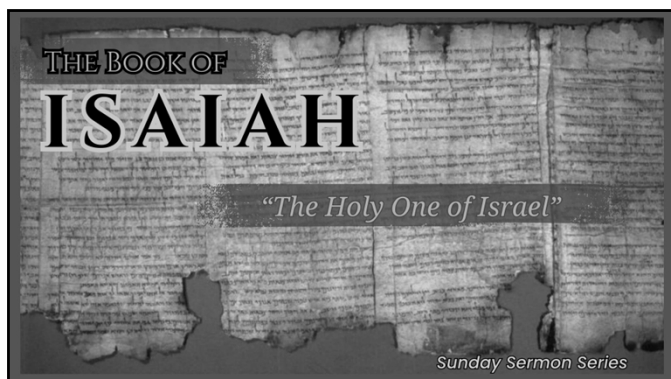




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Isaiah 1:1

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz concerning Judah and Jerusalem, which he saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

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Vision of Isaiah

- his ministry was from ~740B.C. to 690B.C. – during Israel's exile and 100 yrs. before Judah's
- the entire book is described as a single vision – a breathtaking vision, encompassing all the nations and reaching to the future, final kingdom
- chapters 1-5 function as a preface – an anatomy of the nation of Judah at the beginning of his ministry

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An Anatomy of Rebellion (1:2-31)

1. A Sinful Nation (v. 2-9)

- Judah's rebellion is astonishing! – an unthinkable, unnatural, ungrateful betrayal of Yahweh
- the painful consequences, resulting in a helpless and hopeless state, go unheeded
- a glimmer of hope – not total annihilation but, by God's merciful intervention, a remnant remains

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An Anatomy of Rebellion

2. A Useless Worship (v. 10-20)

- a) Call to true "worship"
 - in spite of correct forms, their sacrifices and assemblies are worthless and an abomination
 - theirs was an "unholy alliance" of religious duty and personal iniquity, devoid of justice
 - true "religion" involves repentance, moral reform, and ethical behavior (cf. Jam. 1:27)

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An Anatomy of Rebellion

2. A Useless Worship (v. 10-20)

- b) Call to a reasonable choice
 - the offer of a free, complete pardon and blessing, if they will trust and obey
 - the certainty of judgment if they refuse and rebel

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3. A Faithless City (to a Faithful City) (v. 21-26)

- the outcome of Jerusalem's infidelity ("harlot") to the Lord is infidelity (injustice) to the people
- unexpected outcome – God's judgment will bring purification and Davidic restoration of Zion

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An Anatomy of Rebellion

4. A Beginning Explanation (v. 27-31)

- when the Lord redeems Zion, He does not overlook but satisfies the claims of His holy precepts
- those who continue in false religion, forsaking the Lord, will ultimately be consumed

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