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ISAIAH 1:2-6

America is in a very sad state right now. Coronavirus rules and restrictions have made people stir crazy. The nation is torn by those who spew hatred, and cause riots with its looting and violence. Historical monuments of all types are being defaced and broken down by mobs. Government officials are even removing monuments because of their vitriol. These people are literally trying to destroy our economy, our civil order, and our entire government.

The church in general (remnant excluded) has become apostate. They either remain indifferent or they contribute directly to the trouble. They no longer follow biblical principles because they do not believe God's word to be true.

The prophet Isaiah wrote about this same kind of trouble happening in Israel, and it applies to us today. I will write my paraphrase of Isaiah 1:2-6 (a) as follows:

“Listen up, oh heavens, and lend me your ear, oh earth, for the LORD has spoken, I have nourished and brought up my church (my children) and they along with the nation have rebelled against me. Even the ox and horse know his owner. The donkey and the bull know who it is that feeds him; but you don't even know that much. You do not even consider Me at all. Ah, you sinful country, you people full of lawlessness, the offspring of the evil ones, you corrupt everything you touch. You have forsaken me, the Lord, your former God. You have provoked me to anger. The nation, even my church, has backslidden. Why should I continue to bring judgement upon you? It will only cause you to revolt even more as you will blame me for the chaos you have brought upon yourselves. Your whole head is sick and diseased, and your heart, your spirit, is too weak to bear truth. From the sole of your foot to the crown of your head there is nothing but emptiness.”

Isaiah delivered these words to Israel, but they did not change. Greater judgement came; less than 40 years later they were taken captive by Assyria (Nineveh) and the Jews of the northern kingdom of Israel were removed from their land and foreigners were sent to live there in their place.

What will be the end result here in America? Could it be any less harsh? Is our national sin any less egregious? Aren't there already other foreign powers waiting to take us down? Will our judgement parallel that of Israel?

Let us repent for the sins of our nation. Let us come against the spirit of iniquity (lawlessness). Most of all, let each of us individually “dwell in the secret place of the Most High.” Even if our nation goes down, our refuge is in the Lord. Be encouraged in Him.