

Study of Isaiah 1
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We have to begin the book of Isaiah by describing who Isaiah was and the era that he prophesied in on this earth. Isaiah is the son of Amoz, and he was a prophet to the southern kingdom of Judah from 739 BC to 681 BC, which is 58 years. He prophesied during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. Those eras were the time of the fall of Samaria which is the northern kingdom of Israel, Sennacherib's invasions of Judah, the Syro-Ephramite war, the situation in Egypt and the war against Babylon.

Verse 1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Isaiah himself tells us the years of his ministry by telling us who were the kings of Judah during the time that he was a prophet in Israel.

*Verse 2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for Yahweh has spoken, I have nourished and brought up children (Israel), and they have **REBELLED** against Me.*

Here it is quite clear that Yahweh talking about Yisrael, for the Scriptures tell us that Israel is Yahweh's firstborn, *Exodus 4:22 And you shall say unto Pharaoh, Thus says Yahweh, Yisrael is My son, even My **firstborn***. It is also very obvious that he cared for, protected and provided for Israel when He says I have nourished and brought up children, because part of nourishing is keeping the person or persons that you are nourishing safe and comfortable. Therefore it is quite clear that it is Israel that is rebelling against Yahweh; His own people, whom Yahweh took out of bondage to the Egyptians, have turned and rebelled against Him.

In *verse 3* Yahweh tells us through Isaiah, the state that Israel was in at the beginning of Isaiah's ministry. *Verse 3 The ox knows his owner and the ass his master's crib: **BUT** Yisrael does **NOT KNOW**, My people **DO NOT** consider.* Can you hear the sadness and disappointment in YHVH's heart? He uses the metaphor of an ox and an ass and tells us that even these animals recognize who their master is and where they belong, **BUT** His people Israel, do **NOT KNOW** Him, they **DO NOT** have an intimate relationship with Him, which is what Yahweh has desired from the beginning of time. Yahweh wants our hearts, that is why He created us, so that he could have an **INTIMATE** relationship with each and every one of us, and here we see that Israel does **NOT KNOW YHVH** and that they do **NOT** understand who He is; they have **NO** discernment, they have **NO** wisdom, **BECAUSE** they have willingly turned away from His Words of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

As a matter of fact Yahweh says that Israel is, *verse 4 A **SINFUL nation**, a people **LADEN WITH INIQUITY**, a **SEED OF EVILDOERS**, children that are **CORRUPTERS***: Now does that sound like people that are holy as Yahweh is Holy? We know that Scripture tells us that **SIN IS** transgression of the Torah, transgression the Law, *1John 3:4*, and here in *Isaiah 1* we are told that Israel **IS** a **SINFUL** nation, a nation **LADEN with INIQUITY**, a **SEED OF EVIL DOERS** and they **CORRUPT** themselves and their children, which tells us that Israel **IS TORAHLESS**, they are **LAWLESS**, they are either ignorant of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life or else they

have willingly chosen **NOT** to obey it. Since the Word of Yahweh, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions are described **AS RIGHTEOUSNESS** in Scripture, *Deuteronomy 4:5-8 and 6:25*, this means that at this point in time Israel **HAS NO RIGHTEOUSNESS** whatsoever and therefore they are *laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters*.

Why are they described as *laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters*? It is because *they have forsaken Yahweh, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward*.

In Scripture we see that Yahweh brings Israel out of bondage and brings them to Mount Sinai to receive His directives for life, and then He guides them through the wilderness even though they had disobeyed Him and broken the Covenant they had made with Him. When we willingly choose to surrender our wills to Yahweh and obey Him with loving surrendered contrite hearts, our fellowship with Yahweh is a constant march forward which will eventually lead us to eternal salvation, which is Yahweh's **GIFT** to us, and all we have to do to appropriate that **GIFT** is follow His instructions for life, which is a picture of always moving forward. However we are told here in Isaiah that Israel was **NOW GOING BACKWARDS**. That my friends is an allusion to Israel becoming Torahless and going towards the enemy's camp, into the realm of satan.

Next Yahweh poses them a question and says *5 Why should you be stricken any more?* In other words why should you continue to heap punishment upon yourself? Then Yahweh answers the question: You need to be punished because *You have revolted and will revolt more and more*: even though Israel was sent many prophets, they did **NOT** shemah the Word of Yahweh, they did **NOT** *hear, listen, understand, believe, obey and DO*, they chose **NOT** to follow Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting **WORD**, His Torah of Life.

We have to understand that **IF** and when a person or a corporate body is being disobedient, Yahweh describes it as *the whole HEAD is sick, and the whole HEART faint*. In other words there is **NO** strength, **NO** desire, **NO** stamina, **NO** determination, and **NO** willingness in the heart of Israel's leadership or the Israelites to **OBEY** Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions.

Yahweh describes their condition in *verse 6* when He says: *From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is NO soundness in it*; many people when they read these words sense **DISDAIN** for the people of Israel from our heavenly Father, however when I read it, all I see is sorrow, pain and disappointment, pain that we have caused our heavenly Father because of our disobedience and rebellion, because of our Torahlessness, our sinfulness. When I was a young boy I sometimes got into trouble as most young boys do, and my father's remedy for that mischief was a spanking with his belt. One time I remember him saying to me when he was about to punish me; he said, this is going to hurt me more than it will hurt you. At that time I did not understand what he meant, because I was the one that was being punished physically and it hurt. However when I had a son of my own and I had to punish him for something that he had done wrong, I understood perfectly what my Dad said, when he said that this will hurt me more than it will hurt you. When our heavenly Father punishes us for our iniquity and or our transgressions, we have to understand that **IT HURTS HIM MORE** than it hurts us, and that is because **HE LOVES** us and doesn't want **ANYONE** to perish, that is why He punishes us for our transgressions and our sins, He knows that **SIN IS DEATH** to us, and since Yahweh loves us and **DOES NOT** want us to die, He punishes us so that we will see for ourselves that we are **KILLING**

ourselves by our actions and our attitude, our disobedience towards His inerrant and everlasting words of Life.

Here in Isaiah it appears that Israel did **NOT** recognize their condition, therefore Yahweh tells them what condition they are in; He says *From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores*: In other words your whole way of life has filled you from your foot to your head, with bruises. The word *bruises* is the Hebrew word, VeChaburah, וְחַבְרָה, which is from the root word Chaver, חָבַר, which means *to join, to have fellowship with, to be in league with, companion*. The word *putrefying*, is the Hebrew word Teriyah, טִרְיָה, which means *fresh, moist, new* and finally the word sores, UMachah, וּמַכָּה, which is from the root word, Machah, מָכָה, which means *a blow, plague or wound*.

When we look at the deeper meaning of what is being said here we see a picture forming and it shows us that Israel whether they knew it or not **WERE** in league with, or a companion to the enemy of Yahweh, and that as long as they remained in that state of rebellion against the Word of Yahweh, they would be in a continual state of having *fresh or new blows, plagues and or wounds* because of their constant state of disobedience and rebellion. Scripture tells us that there is **ONLY ONE** who is our Healer, and therefore **IF** we want to be healed by Him we need to surrender our wills to His in complete surrendered loving obedience:

Jeremiah 30:17 *For I will restore health unto you, and I will HEAL YOU of your wounds, says Yahweh; because they called you an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeks after.*

Hosea 6:1 *Come, and let us return unto Yahweh: for He has torn, and He will HEAL us; He has smitten, and He will bind us up.*

Hosea 14:4 *I will HEAL their backsliding, I will love them freely: for My anger is turned away from him.*

Verse 6 continued: your sores have NOT been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. The sores that are talked about here in verse 6 are the sinful ways and or the iniquity of Israel and Yahweh says that they were **NOT** covered, there was **NO** healing **ointment** applied to the sores, and they were constantly exposed. The *healing ointment* my friends **IS** Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, which constantly points **OUT** the evil ways of people. Paul said in *Romans 7:7* *What shall we say then? Is the Torah (Law) SIN? ELOHIM FORBID. Nay, I had NOT KNOWN SIN, EXCEPT by the Torah (Law): for I had NOT known LUST, except the Torah (Law) had said, you shall NOT covet.*

In *Deuteronomy 28* and *Leviticus 26* Yahweh tells us how His blessing will hunt us down and overtake us; but there is a proviso, we must learn to **WILLINGLY KEEP** and or guard His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, and here in *Isaiah 1:7* Yahweh says,

- *Your country is desolate*, this means that instead of producing blessing it produces curses.
- *Your cities are burned with fire*: Fire in Scripture points to judgement and punishment.
- *Your land, strangers devour it in your presence*, this means that Israel does **NOT** own the

land that Yahweh gave to their forefathers as a heritage forever, and they will **NOT** fully own it until they learn to fully submit their wills to His, submit in total loving obedience to His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

- *Your land is desolate, as overthrown by strangers*; Strangers will **NOW OWN** the land and **NOT** the Israelites, we can see that happening in Israel today, where they give land away because they want peace, therefore much of the land that YHVH gave them as an eternal inheritance is in enemy hands..
- *The daughter of Zion (Jerusalem) is left as a cottage in a vineyard*, Jerusalem is supposed to be the Holy City, the place where Yahweh has chosen to place His Name, the Home of His sanctuary, His Temple, and here we are told it is like a cottage in a vineyard; that is a very far cry from what it was meant to be, and it is in that state **BECAUSE** of the rebellion and disobedience of Israel.
- *As a lodge in a garden of cucumbers*, the Hebrew word for *of cucumbers* is BeMiqshah, **בְּמִקְשָׁה** from the root word Maqsheh, **מִקְשָׁה**, which means *to harden*. A lodge is not a house or a home; it is just a small room you lodge in and pay rent, it is the opposite of inheriting the land because when you lodge you are only renting and since the root word for the word *cucumber* means *harden*, it is telling us that since we, the so called houses of Elohim have decided to harden our hearts against the voice of Yahweh and since we disobey Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, then our lives will be **HARD**, and **NOT** filled with Yahweh's Blessings.
- *As a besieged city*. A besieged city **IS NOT** a free city, and unless someone comes to its rescue the city will fall and be destroyed, yet Yahweh designed Jerusalem to be a Holy and Blessed City, and to be that City and take advantage of **ALL** of Yahweh's blessing the people that live in the city **WERE** to be Holy as Yahweh is Holy, but unfortunately for them, they fell far short of Yahweh's holiness, for there were **NONE** according to Yahweh that were **GOOD**, **NO NOT ONE**.

Now what we see next is the grace, love, mercy and compassion of our heavenly Father. Yahweh says in *verse 9 Except Yahweh of hosts had LEFT unto us a very small REMNANT, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah*. In Scripture, Sodom and Gomorrah were totally destroyed, and here Israel is doing exactly what the people of Sodom and Gomorrah did, they are rebelling against the Word of Yahweh, and yet, unlike the people of those cities, Yahweh had a remnant of people, righteous people, that had **NOT** bowed the knee to Baal and He therefore pitied Israel and did **NOT** totally destroy it as they deserved.

Verse 10 Hear, (Shemah, hear, listen, understand, believe, obey and do) the Word of Yahweh, you rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the Torah (Law) of our Elohim, you people of Gomorrah. As you can see by the names that Yahweh is calling them, the sinful ways of Yisrael were compared to the sinful ways of both Sodom and Gomorrah and Israel was found to be as bad as them before they were totally destroyed, therefore it is **ONLY** by the grace of Yahweh and for the sake of their righteous remnant that Jerusalem and Israel escaped total destruction. Therefore please realize that **IF** we as believers in the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob can continue in total loving surrendered obedience to Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, then it means that we are now the

righteous remnant, for Yahweh tells us in *Deuteronomy 6:25* *And it shall be our righteousness, IF we observe to do ALL these Commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has Commanded us; and IF we are the righteous remnant THEN it means that we are taking part in the salvation plan of Yahweh to save the whole world or as many as will willingly choose to surrender their wills to Yahweh in total loving surrendered obedience.*

Verse 11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me? Saith Yahweh:

Yahweh asks them why are you bringing Me sacrifices since your heart is obviously **NOT** in it. Then, Yahweh says words that really hit home for me, because part of what my life was like before I got to know Yahweh on an intimate basis, was exactly as the people that are spoken of here in Isaiah. Yahweh says from a disgusted and disappointed heart:

I am full of (sick and tired of) the burnt offerings of rams, (here I sense disgust in Yahweh's voice)

I am full of the fat of fed beasts, (again I sense disgust)

I do NOT delight in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats (here, I sense, disappointment and sadness)

When you come to appear before Me, the One who has required this at your hand, to tread My courts?

The words *to tread* in Hebrew is, Remos, טָמַא, and it means *to trample under foot*, it also has the meaning of *coming before Yahweh in a hypocritical way, in a lying manner, pretending to be repentant for ones sins, when truly, they do NOT have repentant hearts, at all.*

The church fathers have used verses like this to try and convince us that Yahweh has abolished the sacrificial system and that sacrifices are **NOW** no longer necessary, they believe and teach that under their interpretation of their Gospel of **DISPENSATION**, that the sacrificial system has somehow been abolished by the sacrifice of Messiah. In other words, they actually claim that what Yahweh has ordained as an **ETERNAL AND EVERLASTING COMMANDMENT, IS NOT REALLY ETERNAL**, because, they believe and teach, that either Messiah changed the Father's mind, or He simply did what He wanted to do, and abolished what His Father had said was **FOREVER**. That, my friends, **IS NOT** speaking of the Messiah of the Scriptures, for Messiah was fully surrendered to the Father and did not **SAY** or **DO** anything unless the Father had told Him to say it or do it.

Yahweh says to these people, **you are hypocrites**, you are liars, a people that feign submission and repentance with your lips, **BUT** your hearts are **FAR** from **ME**.

Verse 13 Bring no more VAIN oblations; INCENSE is an ABOMINATION unto Me;

Please notice that Yahweh **does not say to stop bringing SACRIFICES** in the manner that He has ordained and prescribed, which is bringing sacrifices to Him with surrendered contrite and repentant hearts, He **SAYS**, **bring NO MORE VAIN oblations**. In other words **IF** your heart is **NOT** fully surrendered to Me, then **DON'T** bother bringing Me any sacrifices at all, **BECAUSE, I WILL NOT ACCEPT THEM**. Furthermore in Scripture **INCENSE** is compared to the prayers of the saints, and in *Proverbs 28:9* we read, *He that turns away his ear and will NOT hear, will NOT Shemah, WILL NOT*

hear, listen, understand, believe, obey and **DO** the Torah (Law), even his **PRAYER** shall be **ABOMINATION**.

Just imagine how disappointed and disgusted our heavenly Father was with the people of Yisrael, in Isaiah's time, He even says that their prayers are an abomination to Him. What we have to understand is that at the time of the beginning of Isaiah's ministry, Israel had already been walking contrary to the Word, the Torah of Yahweh for centuries, and they were now going to get their just deserts, and yet, I still see the grace and compassion of our heavenly Father for Israel throughout the book of Isaiah.

When Yahweh established Yisrael as the nation of Yisrael, He wanted them to be Holy as He is Holy. And therefore, He gave them a set of Commandments, or better Yet, a list of instructions on how to sustain and maintain a good and wholesome physical and spiritual life, and He emphatically stated that His instructions, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Lifer, **WERE ACTUALLY FOREVER**. He also established, His weekly Day of rest, His Shabat, His Feasts, His New moons as ordinances that were **FOREVER**. Yet, in these next verses, Yahweh says, **YOUR new moons and YOUR Shabat, the calling of YOUR assemblies, they are done with hypocrisy, without repentance; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting, I don't want ANY OF IT.**

I hope you can see this for yourself, **THAT YAHWEH IS NOT** speaking of His New Moon, His Feasts, His Shabat or any of His solemn assemblies, which Yahweh has ordained as **FOREVER Statutes, they are NOT WANT He DOES NOT WANT ANY PART OF, IT IS THE HYPOCRISY** that the people of Yisrael were displaying when they **FEIGNED OBEDIENCE** to His Commandments, that **HE DID NOT WANT**, He did **NOT WANT THEIR HYPOCRITICAL** feigned obedience with which **THEY** celebrated **THEIR** New Moons, **THEIR FEASTS AND SOLEMN ASSEMBLIES**.

From the very beginning of time Yahweh has wanted our **HEARTS**, and if we are **NOT** willing to give our hearts over to Him, **THEN** no amount of **feigned obedience or legalism** will satisfy Yahweh, and **His blessing will be removed from our lives** as they were removed from the lives of the Yisraelites.

I want you to truly understand what Yahweh is saying here, through Isaiah, **IT IS NOT YAHWEH'S FEASTS, NOR His appointed NEW MOONS** that Yahweh hates, the Ones that He has ordained, and quite clearly declared as being eternal ordinances, **IT IS THEIR NEW MOONS**, the people of Yisrael's **NEW MOONS** and **THEIR APPOINTED FEASTS**, it is their feigned obedience that Yahweh **HATED**.

Yahweh says: **YOUR New Moons and YOUR appointed feasts, MY SOUL HATES: they are a trouble unto Me; I am WEARY to bear them.**

I truly hope that you can see that this is **NOT** a one time event, Yisrael had been polluting Yahweh's ways for centuries, and Yahweh had warned them over and over again to turn from their wicked ways, but the people of Yisrael would have **NONE** of it.

What we read next is some of the saddest words found anywhere in Scripture, Yahweh says in *verse 15* **And when you Yisrael, spread forth your hands** (onto Me from your hypocritical hearts), **I WILL hide My eyes from you: yea, when you make MANY PRAYERS, I will NOT hear you** (I will **NOT Shema your words**).

Proverbs 28:4 They that **FORSAKE** the Torah (Law) **praise the wicked**: but such as **KEEP** the Torah (Law) contend with the wicked.

Proverbs 28:9 **He that turns away his ear from hearing** (Shema, means, to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, believe, follow and obey what Yahweh has told you) *the Torah (Law), even his prayer shall be ABOMINATION.*

Yahweh goes even further and says, *your hands are full of blood.* Why does Yahweh make that statement? First of all, some of the Yisraelites at that time were sacrificing their children to their man made gods, but even if they had **NOT** done that, their hands would still have been **FULL** of blood, because they were killing innocent animals in a hypocritical way in the hopes to appease and deceive the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov into giving them His Blessings. But, as we all **KNOW**, Yahweh sees men's hearts and there is **NO ONE** that can, or ever will be able to deceive Yahweh.

Next we see that Yahweh gives them yet another opportunity to repent and do the right thing, He gives them a chance to return to Him, with surrendered obedient and contrite hearts, even though they had done **ALL** of these abominations. Yahweh says in *verse 16*:

Wash yourself, make yourself clean,

The only way for us to wash and be clean is by being washed by the water of the Word of Yahweh.

Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes;

We are told that **SIN** is transgression of the Torah, therefore to **PUT AWAY EVIL** means to put away **TORAH TRANSGRESSION BEHAVIOUR**, and begin to **OBEY** all the Word of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, from a surrendered, contrite, obedient, loving heart.

Cease to do evil:

Cease from being **TORAHLESS** and **BEGIN TO WILLINGLY AND LOVINGLY OBEY ALL THE WORDS OF MY TORAH of LIFE**

Learn to do well:

If sin is Torahlessness, then doing well, is choosing to obey the Words of Yahweh's Torah.

Seek judgment,

Do the right thing according to the inerrant and everlasting teaching instructions of YHVH, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Relieve the oppressed,

Don't just stand by and let evil affect other people, be a believer in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov and **DO** something about it.

Judge the fatherless,

Help the fatherless children of the world by working to create an environment where **ALL** children can be safe.

Plead for the widow.

The widow, is a metaphor for **ALL** people, who are helpless and need someone to help them; and Yahweh **COMMANDS US** to do something about all the poor that are helpless. One day we will all have to answer for what we have done, **and for what we DID NOT DO.**

Come now, and let us reason together, says Yahweh:

The word *reason* is the Hebrew word, VeNivakchah, וְנִיבַכְּחָהּ, from the word, Nokach, נֹכַח, which means, *convinced* and there are many sister words, for example, the word, Nakech, נָכַח, means *to beat, to strike, to injure*; the word, Nekech, נָכַח, means *convinced*; the word, Nekochah, נִכְוָחָהּ, means, *straightforwardness*. If we put it all of these definitions together, we can see that Yahweh is pleading with the people of Yisrael to stop hurting and or injuring themselves, and begin to walk in His straightforward paths of righteousness, and be convinced that what Yahweh is saying **IS** and always will be, His complete and unadulterated **TRUTH**. When Yahweh, **THE INFINITE** being with **INFINITE** wisdom, says, **come and reason with Me**, He means come and **LISTEN TO MY TRUTH**, come and listen to My logic and I am sure that you will see that what I say **WILL** be of great benefit to you, if you choose to obey it.

Now, what is the anticipated or promised result **IF** the people of Yisrael choose to reason with or better **YET** chooses to **OBEY** our heavenly Father who possesses **INFINITE** wisdom? Yahweh says:

*Though your sins be as scarlet, they **SHALL BE** as white as snow;*

*Though your sins be red like crimson, **THEY SHALL BE** as wool.*

There is a condition however to be brought into the state of sinlessness, where we are washed and become as white as snow or as white as wool. Yahweh says in *verse 19* **If you be WILLING and OBEDIENT, you SHALL eat the good of the land:**

As always, there is the opposite side of the coin also; *verse 20* **But IF you Refuse and Rebel, you shall be DEVoured with the sword: for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it.**

Next Yahweh describes **HOW** Jerusalem and the people that dwell therein, which is a metaphor for all of Yisrael, He describes how they once were and what they have become.

Verse 21 How is the faithful city become a harlot?

Yahweh says, **AT ONE TIME** Jerusalem was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; and it did not have any murderers.

BUT NOW, *verse 22*

Your silver is become dross

Your wine mixed with water

Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves

Every one loves gifts (bribes) and follows after rewards

They judge not the fatherless

Neither do the cause of the widow come unto them.

In these *verses* we see how low Jerusalem and **ALL** of the people of Yisrael had fallen. It was every man for himself, **NO ONE** followed the Commandments of Yahweh, **NO ONE** took care of the poor, the widows or the orphans as Yahweh had commanded, **NO ONE** kept or followed the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, the Words of His Torah of Life. It is very evident in Scripture, that Yahweh wants everyone to know that there are consequences for Yisrael's unending rebellion and disobedience; and Yahweh says in *verse 24*

Therefore says Adonai, Yahweh of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease Me of My adversaries, and avenge Me of My enemies:

Yisrael **IS** Yahweh's chosen people; and **HERE**, because of Yahweh's great infinite love for the people of His Yisrael Yahweh says in *verse 25*

*I will turn My hand upon you
I will purely purge away your dross
I will take away all your tin*

The word translated as *Tin* is the Hebrew word, Bedil, בְּדִיל, from the root word Bedal, בָּדַל, which means *to separate, to divide, to depart from, to remove, to stay away from*. Therefore, I believe that Yahweh is telling us, the people of His Yisrael, that He will remove our Sin from us, and we will no longer be separated from Him, He will no longer hide His Face from us, nor stay away from us, nor separate Himself from us, **BUT** instead, this is what Yahweh will do:

He says in *verse 26*
*I will restore your judges as at the first
I will restore your counsellors as at the beginning
Afterward you shall be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.*

Can you see the overwhelming love that Yahweh has for His people, for us? Even though we have committed countless sins, and totally rebelled against Him, and walked in iniquity, He says, He will wash us clean. That my friends can only be done by someone that has infinite love for His creation, our heavenly Father wants to **RESTORE** us back to the glory that He first created us to be.

Yahweh makes us a promise that although we were lost in Sin, although we ARE transgressors of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, He, for His name's sake, and because of His great love for us, will redeem us.

He says in *verse 27 Tzion*, (which is another name for Yisrael), **SHALL BE REDEEMED** with *judgment, Her converts with righteousness.*

Although Yahweh has forgiven us our Sins, our transgressions of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, we still **MUST** learn to accept that forgiveness, and **TURN** away from our past sinful ways or else, we **WILL** indeed perish as the Yisraelites who did **NOT** turn away from their Sin perished at the time that Isaiah was prophesying.

Yahweh says in *verse 28: The destruction of the transgressors and of the Sinners shall be together They that forsake Yahweh SHALL BE CONSUMED.*

In these verses please understand that Yahweh is talking to Yisrael, those of Yisrael that transgressed the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father and **CHOSE NOT** to repent from that transgression of His Torah, **THEY** are the ones that will be consumed.

However, the people that do choose to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, will indeed suffer punishment for their transgressions, **BUT**, and I emphasize the **BUT, they will not be consumed** *verse 29 For they* (meaning those that have chosen to repent) *shall be ashamed*

*of the oaks which you have desired, and you shall be confounded for the gardens that you have chosen. 30 For you shall be as an oak whose leaf fades and as a garden that has **NO** water.*

In the above *verses*, Yahweh uses the metaphor of an oak tree which is the symbol of **PRIDE** and says you will be ashamed of what you use to take pride in, and then He goes on to say *you shall be confounded for the gardens that you have chosen.*

The word *garden* is a metaphor for different doctrines, and in this case, it is speaking of the **DOCTRINE OF MEN**. Yahweh says that you will be confounded because of your man made **DOCTRINES** that you have chosen to follow; and unless you willingly turn away from your pride and turn away from all man made **DOCTRINES, THIS IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU;**

*Verse 31 And the strong shall be as tow, Yanyu, יָיֵעוּ (they shall shake with fear), and the maker (those who practise evil) of it as a spark, (a spark is **NOT** a flame but it can ignite a large flame, which in this case is the flame of disobedience and rebellion) and they shall both **BURN** together; and none shall quench them.* Here Yahweh tells us what will happen to those who **THINK** that they are strong (physical strength) and decide to rebel or continue in their rebellion against Yahweh's ways. Yahweh says that as He deals with them, they will shake in their boots, those who practice lawlessness, Torahlessness, those who practice evil and rebel against Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting Word, His Directives for Life, will burn in an unquenching fire, which refers to the *Lake of fire* that satan will be thrown into at the end of the seventh millennium.

I hope that you were able to see the Love, the Grace, the Mercy and Compassion expressed by our heavenly Father in this first chapter of Isaiah, because, it is the **THEME** of the whole book of Isaiah. Amen

There are no stand-alone Aleph Tav in *Isaiah 1* however there are two Aleph Tav that are attached to words with a Maqef and there are twelve words that contain both the Aleph and the Tav letters within them. The Number two in Scripture, speaks of witness, and the number twelve, speaks of Yahweh's perfect government, His perfect way of doing things. I believe that Yahweh is simply witnessing to us, through the use of these Aleph Tav, that His Ways, His Words when obeyed from a loving surrendered contrite and obedient heart, will lead us unto eternal life in the kingdom of our heavenly Father, here on earth, while the ways of the world, will lead us to eternal damnation and death. Amen!

Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.

Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem. Amen!