

Isaiah

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Lesson Seven

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Isaiah told Israel that God would have His day. The words, “day of the Lord,” occur often in the Old Testament. Sometimes it is just “the day,” or “that day.” It always means the time when God gets victory over His enemies. It doesn’t refer to only one time in history,. There have been many times when God has brought judgment on people and nations. He judged Egypt, and tragedy struck. He judged many nations and used the people of Israel to punish them when they marched into Canaan, the Promised Land. Over and over we read about God judging Israel, and this is another case when they are being warned that judgment is coming.

In these verses, Israel is condemned of some terrible things. First he tells them that they should not have adopted one of the religious activities of their neighbors who did not believe in God. This was the practice of divinations or soothsaying. People who did this, attempted to predict the future. They wanted to discover secrets about the future. God was not pleased with that, He expected them to listen to His prophets for what they should look for in the future.

The second charge against Israel was that they had become lavishly wealthy. They put much more faith in owning things than in God. At this time, Israel was strong and wealthy. King Uzziah had been a good and strong king and the nation did very well during his reign.

The third charge brought against Israel was that they had made many idols...false gods...with their own hands. They were worshipping these things that they had created, not the God who created them. They had broken the first of the Ten Commandments, so they must suffer the consequences.

And the judgment was going to be terrible. Verse ten warns the people to hide in caves or dig a hole in the ground for shelter. No one would escape God’s judgment. Isaiah was the first prophet to apply God’s judgment to all nations, not to Israel only.

It is obvious that Isaiah saw human pride as the target of God’s judgment. In verses 12-17, God lists the things against which He has anger. There are the proud and the lofty. He talks about the great cedar trees of Lebanon, the oak trees of Bashan, the tall mountains, the hills; all natural pictures of human pride. He goes on to speak of the towers built by humans and the strong walls around their cities. He talks about the great ships and the boats that hauled cargo, especially ore for creating things. These seem strong and safe. God warns about the future of those who think that they are as strong and safe as all these things. He calls them the arrogant.

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And the future is not a happy one for those who have bought into this “I’m better” idea. He said that the arrogant person will be brought low. They will be humbled...they will no longer see themselves as tall as the cedar, or safe as a city surrounded by a strong wall, or as valuable as a ship carrying an expensive cargo. Their pride will be broken.

God will be exalted. Actually, God alone will be exalted. Several things will take place when God is exalted.

First, the idols, the hand made gods, will disappear.

Second, God’s greatness, His splendor...His majesty, His impressiveness, His glory and His magnificence...will be shown, and those who see it will want to hide. Isaiah said that He will shake the earth. When God makes Himself known, everything and everyone takes notice. It is an earthshaking event.

Third, the response of humans will be fear and they will want to hide.

Fourth, humans will throw away their man-made gods. They will become the gods of the rats and bats.

Fifth, humans will dread the judgment of God. There is no indication that they will see it as undeserved, humans will know that they should be judged.

Isaiah, and the other prophets don’t object to idols simply because they are fake gods, but also because the worship of idols makes people less moral and less likely to live good lives. (Check out Hosea 9:10)

Now, lest we get too hard on Israel, we need to remember that worshiping idols is not just about carving a god and bowing before that god. It is about putting anyone or anything before God in your life. It is about letting anything have more control on your life than God. You can’t grab on to God with one hand and hold something else in your other hand. Whether it is a person, something you own, something that you share or something you want, if you place that before God in your life, you are an idolater.

Finally, Isaiah said don't put your trust in humans who must have breath to live, instead, put your trust in God who gives breath.

*Underlined words and phrases are to be used in completing the Student Worksheet.

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Scripture Memory: “People with a big head are headed for a fall, pretentious egos brought down a peg.” Isaiah 2:11—*The Message*

Lesson Goal: To help students see the truth about arrogance, and how God hates it.

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Student Worksheet

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As the teacher goes through the lesson, listen for answers to these:

1. What does “the day of the Lord” mean?
2. What are the terrible things for which Israel is condemned?
3. What did Isaiah see as the target of God’s judgment?
4. What five things happen when God is exalted?

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How to begin a Personal Relationship with God:

First, believe that the God of the Bible is the true God.

Second, believe that Jesus, God’s Son, was sent to earth to die so that you can have a relationship with God.

Third, ask God to forgive your sins in Jesus’ name. Jesus’ death on the cross paid the price of every sin you commit.

Fourth, ask Jesus to be your Savior and the Lord of your life.