

The Lord's First Charge: They were Rebellious

Isaiah 01: 01–10

1. *God's prophet Isaiah:*

*He was a man given
a very special vision by God*

- a. Concerned Judah and Jerusalem
- b. Touched the reigns of four kings

2. *God's first charge:*

They were rebellious children

- a. The picture of a court trial:
Called on heaven and earth
to witness the charges
- b. The charge: Rebellion
 - 1) They had less knowledge
and understanding
than an ox or donkey
 - 2) They had become a sinful people,
loaded down with guilt:
Were evil and corrupt children
 - 3) They had forsaken the LORD
despised the Holy One,
turned their backs on Him
- c. The folly of rebellion:
Continued chastisement
 - 1) They were like victims,
attacked and injured
in both head and heart
 - With the whole body beaten,
bruised and cut
 - With wounds left untreated
and allowed to fester and rot
 - 2) They were to witness
their country ravaged
 - Their cities burned
 - Their farms plundered
and destroyed

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

2 Hear me, you heavens!
Listen, earth!
For the LORD hath spoken:
“I reared children and brought up,
but they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knows its master,
the donkey its owner's manger,
but Israel does not know,
my people do not understand.”

4 Woe to the sinful nation,
a people whose guilt is great,
a brood of evildoers,
children given to corruption!
They have forsaken the LORD,
they have spurned the Holy One of Israel
and turned their backs on him.

5 Why should you be beaten anymore?
Why do you persist in rebellion?
Your whole head is injured,
your whole heart afflicted.

6 From the sole of your foot to the top of your head
there is no soundness –
only wounds and welts and open sores,
not cleansed or bandaged
or soothed with olive oil.

7 Your country is desolate,
your cities burned with fire,
your fields are being stripped
by foreigners right before you,
laid waste as when overthrown by strangers.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their capital Jerusalem, the Daughter of Zion, besieged and destroyed: Would be nothing more than a shattered hut <p>3) They were to be judged like Sodom and Gomorrah, utterly decimated: BUT God would leave a remnant, a few survivors</p> <p>d. The call to hear God's Word: Like Sodom and Gomorrah, they had rejected God's Word</p>	<p>8 Daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a hut in a cucumbers field, like a city under siege.</p> <p>9 Unless the LORD Almighty had left us some survivors, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah.</p> <p>10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!</p>
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