

I SAIAH: PROPHET OF JUDGMENT AND REDEMPTION.

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 - Justice _____
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 - History of provoking God. Deut. 4: 24-27
 - An example of God's power to the world. Deut. 4:32-39

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- How is Israel similar to America?
 - A peculiar and powerful place in history
 - Notable historical affinity to God (Yahweh or Jehovah)
 - A claim, though transitory, to a national standard of ethics and morality.
 - Corruption following abundance.
- How is Israel different from America?
 - God specifically chose Israel while America, in its foundation documents specifically chose God.
 - The Israelites demonstrated a national weakness for other gods.
 - American Christianity has struggled on a national level to promote a consistent image of God.
 - American evangelical Christianity has served as the announcer of God's judgment and redemption to the entire world.

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1:7-9. The wrath already incurred.

1:10-15. The disgusting-ness of religious ritual coupled with ongoing wickedness.

1:16-17. The call to "complete" righteousness.

1:18-20. God's willingness to reconcile.

1:21-23. The lament over Zion's corruption.

1:24-26. The declaration of intent to judge.

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