

- b) From **V9** and **Romans 9:22-29** (which quotes **Isaiah**), how did God treat Judah differently than Sodom and Gomorrah, which were completely destroyed? Why do you think this is important? See **Genesis 12:1-3** for insight.

4. Read **Isaiah 1:10-20**.

- a) Discuss the focus of God's displeasure in **V10-15** and why the sacrificial offerings were considered meaningless. Examine your own life and consider whether you have burdened the Lord with such things.

- b) Summarize God's recommended response to Judah's wrongdoing in **V16-20**. How are sin and forgiveness pictured in these verses and where is the compassion of God seen? Refer also to **Psalms 103:8-14**.

5. In **Isaiah 1:21-31**, what words capture Israel's degeneration and what role did its rulers play?

6. Contrast God's view of an ideal future Jerusalem (**2:1-5**) with the Jerusalem He sees (**2:6-22**). What of Israel's future do you long to experience (**V1-5**) and which of Isaiah's descriptions of Jerusalem could be said of you, your city, or your culture (**V6-22**)?

7. Review **Isaiah 3:1-4:1**. How are the people of Judah, especially the women, characterized by the Lord, and in what ways does the Lord express His divine judgment against them?
8. a) Where and when do you find hope in **4:2-6**? What images signify God's presence at Mount Zion (also the "mountain of the Lord" referred to in **2:3**)?
- b) From the following verses, what more do you learn about the Branch of the Lord?
- **Isaiah 11:1-3**

 - **Jeremiah 23:5-6**

 - **Zechariah 6:12-13**
9. Reflecting on who God is: **LORD Almighty (Jehovah Saba)**

Isaiah first refers to the **LORD Almighty** in **Isaiah 1:9** and **24**. He is the One who is all powerful, sovereign over all, and in control of all history. "**O LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.**" **Psalm 84:12**. Call upon the **LORD Almighty** and pray for the will and courage to learn to do right, seek justice and defend the oppressed, or to spur others on to do likewise.

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