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- ¹ This is a vision that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:
- ² In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of all—the most important place on earth. It will be raised above the other hills, and people from all over the world will stream there to worship.
- ³ People from many nations will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God. There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths.” For the Lord's teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem.
- ⁴ The Lord will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes. They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore.

A WARNING OF JUDGMENT

- ⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the Lord!
- ⁶ For the Lord has rejected his people,
the descendants of Jacob,
because they have filled their land with practices
from the East
and with sorcerers, as the Philistines do.
They have made alliances with pagans.
- ⁷ Israel is full of silver and gold;
there is no end to its treasures.
Their land is full of warhorses;
there is no end to its chariots.
- ⁸ Their land is full of idols;
the people worship things they have made
with their own hands.
- ⁹ So now they will be humbled,
and all will be brought low—
do not forgive them.
- ¹⁰ Crawl into caves in the rocks.
Hide in the dust
from the terror of the Lord
and the glory of his majesty.
- ¹¹ Human pride will be brought down,
and human arrogance will be humbled.
Only the Lord will be exalted
on that day of judgment.
- ¹² For the Lord of Heaven's Armies
has a day of reckoning.
He will punish the proud and mighty
and bring down everything that is exalted.
- ¹³ He will cut down the tall cedars of Lebanon
and all the mighty oaks of Bashan.
- ¹⁴ He will level all the high mountains
and all the lofty hills.
- ¹⁵ He will break down every high tower
and every fortified wall.
- ¹⁶ He will destroy all the great trading ships
and every magnificent vessel.
- ¹⁷ Human pride will be humbled,
and human arrogance will be brought down.
Only the Lord will be exalted
on that day of judgment.
- ¹⁸ Idols will completely disappear.
- ¹⁹ When the Lord rises to shake the earth,
his enemies will crawl into holes in the ground.
They will hide in caves in the rocks
from the terror of the Lord
and the glory of his majesty.
- ²⁰ On that day of judgment they will abandon the
gold and silver idols
they made for themselves to worship.
They will leave their gods to the rodents and bats,
while they crawl away into caverns
and hide among the jagged rocks in the cliffs.
They will try to escape the terror of the Lord
and the glory of his majesty
as he rises to shake the earth.
- ²² Don't put your trust in mere humans.
They are as frail as breath.
What good are they?



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JUDGMENT AGAINST JUDAH

- ¹ The Lord, the Lord of Heaven's Armies,
will take away from Jerusalem and Judah
everything they depend on:
every bit of bread
and every drop of water,
² all their heroes and soldiers,
judges and prophets,
fortune-tellers and elders,
³ army officers and high officials,
advisers, skilled sorcerers, and astrologers.
⁴ I will make boys their leaders,
and toddlers their rulers.
⁵ People will oppress each other—
man against man,
neighbor against neighbor.
Young people will insult their elders,
and vulgar people will sneer at the honorable.
⁶ In those days a man will say to his brother,
“Since you have a coat, you be our leader!
Take charge of this heap of ruins!”
⁷ But he will reply,
“No! I can't help.
I don't have any extra food or clothes.
Don't put me in charge!”
⁸ For Jerusalem will stumble,
and Judah will fall,

- because they speak out against the Lord and
refuse to obey him.
They provoke him to his face.
⁹ The very look on their faces gives them away.
They display their sin like the people of Sodom
and don't even try to hide it.
They are doomed!
They have brought destruction upon themselves.
¹⁰ Tell the godly that all will be well for them.
They will enjoy the rich reward they have earned!
¹¹ But the wicked are doomed,
for they will get exactly what they deserve.
¹² Childish leaders oppress my people,
and women rule over them.
O my people, your leaders mislead you;
they send you down the wrong road.
¹³ The Lord takes his place in court
and presents his case against his people.
¹⁴ The Lord comes forward to pronounce judgment
on the elders and rulers of his people:
“You have ruined Israel, my vineyard.
Your houses are filled with things stolen
from the poor.
¹⁵ How dare you crush my people,
grinding the faces of the poor into the dust?”
demands the Lord, the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

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¹ In that day so few men will be left that seven women will fight for each man, saying, “Let us all marry you! We will provide our own food and clothing. Only let us take your name so we won’t be mocked as old maids.”

A PROMISE OF RESTORATION

- ² But in that day, the branch of the Lord
will be beautiful and glorious;
the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory
of all who survive in Israel.
- ³ All who remain in Zion
will be a holy people—
those who survive the destruction of Jerusalem
and are recorded among the living.
- ⁴ The Lord will wash the filth from beautiful Zion
and cleanse Jerusalem of its bloodstains
with the hot breath of fiery judgment.
- ⁵ Then the Lord will provide shade for Mount Zion
and all who assemble there.
He will provide a canopy of cloud during the day
and smoke and flaming fire at night,
covering the glorious land.
- ⁶ It will be a shelter from daytime heat
and a hiding place from storms and rain.

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A SONG ABOUT THE LORD'S VINEYARD

¹ Now I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a rich and fertile hill.

² He plowed the land, cleared its stones,
and planted it with the best vines.
In the middle he built a watchtower
and carved a winepress in the nearby rocks.
Then he waited for a harvest of sweet grapes,
but the grapes that grew were bitter.

³ Now, you people of Jerusalem and Judah,
you judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not already done?
When I expected sweet grapes,
why did my vineyard give me bitter grapes?

⁵ Now let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard:
I will tear down its hedges
and let it be destroyed.
I will break down its walls
and let the animals trample it.

⁶ I will make it a wild place
where the vines are not pruned and the ground is
not hoed,
a place overgrown with briars and thorns.
I will command the clouds
to drop no rain on it.

⁷ The nation of Israel is the vineyard of the Lord of
Heaven's Armies.
The people of Judah are his pleasant garden.
He expected a crop of justice,
but instead he found oppression.
He expected to find righteousness,
but instead he heard cries of violence.

JUDAH'S GUILT AND JUDGMENT

⁸ What sorrow for you who buy up house after house
and field after field,
until everyone is evicted and you live alone in the land.

⁹ But I have heard the Lord of Heaven's Armies
swear a solemn oath:
"Many houses will stand deserted;
even beautiful mansions will be empty.

¹⁰ Ten acres of vineyard will not produce even six
gallons of wine.
Ten baskets of seed will yield only one basket of grain."

¹¹ What sorrow for those who get up early in the morning
looking for a drink of alcohol
and spend long evenings drinking wine
to make themselves flaming drunk.

¹² They furnish wine and lovely music
at their grand parties—
lyre and harp, tambourine and flute—
but they never think about the Lord
or notice what he is doing.

