

# Isaiah | Desolation and Deliverance

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## Isaiah 3:1-4:1

Read this week: Isaiah 1-5

### Chapters 1-5 – Introduction of God’s indictment against Israel’s past

#### God’s Past Instructions

For Israel’s Kings (Deuteronomy 17:14-20)

1. Appointed by God
2. Not to amass military power
3. Not to acquire wives
4. Not to accumulate large quantities of wealth
5. Was to abide in God’s Word every day

#### The Promise for a King Who Trusted God

- Humble heart, uncompromised obedience, and an honorable heritage

### ***DISTRUST LEADS TO DESOLATION***

Distrust - to doubt; to suspect not to be real, true, sincere, or firm.

#### 1. Distrust in God is conceived from forgetfulness (Deuteronomy 8:11-20)

God’s warning during the time of Moses -

Forgetting what God declared in the past, blinds people from believing by faith what God declares for the future.

## 2. Distrust in God creates self-destructive securities (vv 1-3)

“Note this” -

Judah’s securities -

*Deuteronomy 18:10:12* -

## 3. Distrust in God corrupts leadership (vv 4-12)

Sign of a decaying nation - the decay of the family

Distrust in God is rebellion against God

“like Sodom” - flaunt their sin

## 4. Rebellion against God carves destructive paths (vv 3:13-4:1)

Leaders’ pride - devastated society’s care (vv 13-15)

Womens’ pride - disgraced their God designed beauty (vv 16-4:1)

## 5. The glimmer of light in the midst of darkness (v 3:10)

For Isaiah -

*Isaiah 2:5*

For us -

*Proverbs 3:5-7*

*John 1:1-5; 8:12; 12:46; 1 John 1:5-9*

Spend time in 1 Peter