

ISAIAH



THE WOES – PROPER

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HOPE FOR A NEW YEAR

Isaiah 30

¹ Woe to the rebellious children! This is the Lord's declaration. They carry out a plan, but not mine; they make an alliance, but against my will, **piling sin on top of sin.**

² Without asking my advice they set out to go down to Egypt in order to seek shelter under Pharaoh's protection and take refuge in Egypt's shadow.

Isaiah 31

¹ Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and who depend on horses! They trust in the abundance of chariots and in the large number of horsemen. They do not look to the Holy One of Israel, and they do not seek the Lord. ² **But he also is wise and brings disaster.** He does not go back on what he says; **he will rise up against the house of the wicked and against the allies of evildoers.**

PROPHECIED RESULTS

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³ But Pharaoh's protection will become your shame, and refuge in Egypt's shadow your humiliation. ⁴ For though his princes are at Zoan and his messengers reach as far as Hanes, ⁵ everyone will be ashamed because of a people who can't help. They are of no benefit, they are no help; they are good for nothing but shame and disgrace.

Isaiah 31

³ Egyptians are men, not God; their horses are flesh, not spirit. When the Lord raises his hand to strike, the helper will stumble and the one who is helped will fall; both will perish together.

THERE IS NO REAL OPTION
BUT GOD!

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⁶ A pronouncement concerning the animals of the Negev:

Through a land of trouble and distress, of lioness and lion, of viper and flying serpent, they carry their wealth on the backs of donkeys and their treasures on the humps of camels, to a people who will not help them.

⁷ Egypt's help is completely worthless; therefore, I call her: **Rahab Who Just Sits.**

THE REAL CONNECTION FOR US

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⁸ Go now, write it on a tablet in their presence and inscribe it on a scroll; it will be for the future, forever and ever.

SYMPTOMS AND DIAGNOSIS

CAUSE AND EFFECT

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⁹ They are a rebellious people, deceptive children, children who do not want to listen to the Lord's instruction.

CAUSE:
DON'T WANT
TO LISTEN TO
GOD'S WORD

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¹⁰ They say to the seers,
“Do not see,” and to the
prophets, “Do not
prophesy the truth to us.
Tell us flattering things.
Prophesy illusions.

CAUSE:
PREACH NOT
THE TRUTH

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¹¹ Get out of the way!
Leave the pathway. Rid us
of the Holy One of Israel.”

CAUSE:
GIVE US
ANOTHER WAY!

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12 Therefore the Holy One of Israel says: “Because you have rejected this message and have trusted in oppression and deceit, and have depended on them,

CAUSE:
REJECTION OF
THE WORD
AND THE WAY
OF GOD!

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¹³ this iniquity of yours will be like a crumbling gap, a bulge in a high wall whose collapse will come in an instant —

suddenly! ¹⁴ Its collapse will be like the shattering of a potter's jar, crushed to pieces, so that not even a fragment of pottery will be found among its shattered remains — no fragment large enough to take fire from a hearth or scoop water from a cistern.”

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15 For the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has said: “You will be delivered by returning and resting; your strength will lie in quiet confidence. But you are not willing.”

CAUSE:
UNWILLING
TO REPENT!

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16 You say, “No! We will escape on horses” — therefore you will escape! — and, “We will ride on fast horses” — but those who pursue you will be faster.

EFFECT:
CONSUMED BY
YOUR CHOICES!

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17 One thousand will flee
at the threat of one, at the
threat of five you will
flee, until you remain like
a solitary pole on a
mountaintop or a banner
on a hill.

EFFECT:
LOSS OF THE
POWER AND
PRESENCE OF
GOD IN YOUR
LIFE!

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EFFECT:
YOUR WITNESS
BECOMES A
WARNING OF
DESTRUCTION!

GOD IS THE ONLY REAL OPTION.

2 Chronicles 7

¹² Then the Lord appeared to Solomon at night and said to him: I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple of sacrifice.

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2 Chronicles 7

¹³ If I shut the sky so there is no rain, or if I command the grasshopper to consume the land, or if I send pestilence on my people, ¹⁴ and my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land. ¹⁵ My eyes will now be open and my ears attentive to prayer from this place.

GOD IS THE ONLY REAL OPTION.
BUT, HE WAS AN OPTION.

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BUT, HE WAS AN OPTION.
GOD IS STILL AN OPTION!

1 John 2

¹ My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father — Jesus Christ the righteous one. ² He himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.

1 John 1:5–10

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him. 6 If we say, “We have fellowship with him,” and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth.

1 John 1:5–10

7 If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say, “We have not sinned,” we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 3:6–10

6 Everyone who remains in him does not sin; everyone who sins has not seen him or known him.

7 Little children, let no one deceive you. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 The one who commits sin is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the devil's works.

1 John 3:6–10

9 Everyone who has been born of God does not sin,
because his seed remains in him; he is not able to sin,
because he has been born of God. 10 This is how God's
children and the devil's children become obvious. Whoever
does not do what is right is not of God, especially the one
who does not love his brother or sister.

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