

**Isaiah 9:8-10:34**  
**Woe to Israel & Warning to Judah**  
**Lord's Day, November 8, 2015**  
**(Morse)**

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**Chapter Verses:** "The Arameans on the east and the Philistines on the west; And they devour Israel with gaping jaws. In spite of all this, **His anger does not turn away and His hand is still stretched out.** Yet the people do not turn back to Him who struck them, nor do they seek the Lord of hosts." (Isaiah 9:12-13)

**Theme:** "Historically, Israel faced questions concerning its stability and longevity as a nation. While Isaiah may have penned these first chapters before King Uzziah's death, the threat of the rising superpower Assyria would have been felt. At the end of his reign, the northern kingdom began to collapse (2 Kings 15:13-19). Only a matter of time remained before the southern kingdom would face the same fate." (Dr. Abner Chou)

**Dilemma:** "Hence, Israel (Judah) would likely have been beginning to ask the hard questions concerning how such looming danger harmonized with God's promises to Abraham and David of a great nation, peace, and a kingdom." (Genesis 12:1-3; 2 Samuel 7:8-14)  
*Dr. Abner Chou, I saw the Lord – A Biblical Theology of Vision*

**Negative tensions (present):**

- Because of their repeated sins, God will fight against Judah like He did Israel.
- God will trigger a collapse of their entire livelihood, economy, and leadership.
- Inevitably, God will "fill with rocks" their entire vineyard.

**Positive Tensions (future):**

- The Lord will restore Zion and replace corrupt leadership with just leadership. (1:17)
- Jerusalem will be the center of worship where all nations will come to learn His law. (2:1-3)
- God will reign with His people. (2:3-4a)
- Israel will experience a golden age that the world has never seen since creation.

**Bottom Line:** In the future, Isaiah's message will combine these two tensions of Judah being **exiled** and then **exalted** when they painfully embrace their Messiah.

**Memory Verses:** "Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. (Isaiah 53:1-2)

**I. The Woe to Israel (9:8-10:4)**

**A. The First Crime: Excessive Display of Self Reliance (9:8-12)**

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**B. The Second Crime: Evil Apostasy by All (9:13-17)**

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**C. The Third Crime: Gross Wickedness (9:18-21)**

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**D. The Fourth Crime: Ubiquitous Injustice (10:1-4)**

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**II. The Warning to Judah (10:5-34)**

**A. God's Pawn of Anger (10:5-11)**

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**B. God's Putting aside of His Rod (10:12-19)**

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**C. God's Preservation of His Remnant (10:20-27)**

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**D. God's Punishing of Assyria (10:28-34)**

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**Implications:**

**1) God Acts in Judgment against & love for His people. (Hebrews 12:5)**

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**2) God is holy and has alienated himself from mankind. (Genesis 3) Isaiah answers the question of how a sinner can be right with God so as to escape eternal hell and enter eternal heaven. (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)**

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**3) God is the Active Agent in saving His undeserving people. (Ephesians 2:8-9)**

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**4) God the Holy Spirit uses his servants to proclaim the message of the Suffering Servant. (Acts 8:26-37).**

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