

## Isaiah Chapter 1 Chiastic Structure

### Isaiah 1:1-4

A) Judah's Rebellion/Forsaking Adonai

- A) Isaiah 1:1-2 – The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. **Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth!** For the Lord has spoken: “I have nourished and brought up *children*, And they have rebelled against Me;
- B) Isaiah 1:3a – The ox knows its owner **And the donkey its master’s crib**;
- B’) Isaiah 1:3b – But Israel does not know, **My people do not consider.**”
- A’) Isaiah 1:4 – **Alas, sinful nation**, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, *Children* who are corrupters! They have forsaken the Lord, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward.

### Isaiah 1:5-9

B) Judah's Sinful Condition

- A) Isaiah 1:5 – Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, And the whole heart faints.
- B) Isaiah 1:6 - From the sole of the foot even to the head, There is no soundness in it, But wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; They have not been closed or bound up, Or soothed with ointment. **(Judah figuratively as a broken body)**
- C) Isaiah 1:7 Your country is desolate, Your cities are burned with fire; Strangers devour your land in your presence; And it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. (Judah, literally as a desolate land)
- B’) Isaiah 1:8 So the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, As a hut in a garden of cucumbers, As a besieged city. **(Judah, figuratively as a booth/hut)**
- A’) Isaiah 1:9 – Unless the Lord of hosts Had left to us a very small remnant, We would have become like Sodom, We would have been made like Gomorrah.

## Isaiah 1:10-15

- C) Adonai Hates Judah's Hypocritical Worship
- A) Isaiah 1:10 – **Hear the word of the Lord**, You rulers of Sodom; **Give ear to the law of our God**, You people of Gomorrah:
- B) Isaiah 1:11 – “To what purpose is **the multitude of your sacrifices** to Me?” Says the Lord. “I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats.
- C) Isaiah 1:12 – c1 – When you **come to appear before Me**  
c2 – Who has required this from your hand  
c3 – To **trample My courts**?
- B’) Isaiah 1:13-14 – **Bring no more futile sacrifices**; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. 14 Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them.
- A’) Isaiah 1:15 When you spread out your hands, **I will hide My eyes from you**; Even though you make many prayers, **I will not hear**. Your hands are full of blood.

## Isaiah 1:16-20

- C’) Call to Repentance/True Worship
- A) Isaiah 1:16-17 –  
a1 – “Wash yourselves, **make yourselves clean**;  
a2 – Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes  
a2 – Cease to do evil  
a1 – **Learn to do good**; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow
- B) Isaiah 1:18 –  
b1 “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “**Though your sins are like scarlet**, They shall be as white as snow;  
b2 **Though they are red like crimson**, They shall be as wool.”
- A’) Isaiah 1:19-20 –  
a1 – **If you are willing and obedient**,  
a2 – You shall eat the good of the land;  
a1 – But **if you refuse and rebel**,  
a2 – You shall be devoured by the sword”; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

## Isaiah 1:21-27

- A) Isaiah 1:21 – How the *faithful city* has become a harlot! It was full of *justice; Righteousness* lodged in it, But now murderers.
- B) Isaiah 1:22 – *Your silver has become dross*, Your wine mixed with water.
- C) Isaiah 1:23-24 –
  - c1) Your princes are rebellious, And companions of thieves; Everyone loves bribes, And follows after rewards. *They do not defend the fatherless, Nor does the cause of the widow come before them.*
  - c2) Therefore the Lord says, The Lord of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, *“Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries, And take vengeance on My enemies.*
- B') Isaiah 1:25 – I will turn My hand against you, And thoroughly *purge away your dross*, And take away all your alloy.
- A') Isaiah 1:26-27 – I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the *city of righteousness, the faithful city.*” Zion shall be redeemed with *justice*, And her penitents with *righteousness*.

## Isaiah 1:28-31

- A) Isaiah 1:28 – The destruction of transgressors and of sinners shall be together, *And those who forsake the Lord shall be consumed.*
- B) Isaiah 1:29 – For they shall be ashamed of *the terebinth trees* Which you have desired; And you shall be embarrassed because of the *gardens* Which you have chosen.
- B) Isaiah 1:30 – For you shall be as a *terebinth* whose leaf fades, And as a *garden* that has no water.
- A) Isaiah 1:31 – The strong shall be as tinder, And the work of it as a spark; *Both will burn together, And no one shall quench them.*