

ISAIAH: A Study by Bill Jones
“An Old Testament Introduction to the New Testament”
Chapters 5-6

I. The Result of Israel’s and Judah’s disobedience and sin

- A. Israel/Judah (vineyard) loved and nurtured by God (Isaiah 5:1-2)
 - 1. But only yielded bad fruit (5:2-4)
 - 2. What more could God have done? (5:4)
- B. Israel/Judah will be set aside (Isaiah 5:5)
 - 1. The vineyard will be a wasteland full of desolation (5:6)
 - 2. Justice and righteousness absent (5:7)
- C. So what is in store for Judah, God’s people?
 - 1. Enumeration of Israel’s and Judah’s sins (5:8-12)
 - 2. The exile of Judah, God’s people, prophesied (5:13)
 - 3. Death through hunger and thirst (5:14-15)
- D. The Lord is exalted by His justice, holy in His righteousness (5:16)
 - 1. The wicked will turn the world upside down and inside out (5:17-20)
 - 2. Flipping good to evil, light into darkness, sweet replaced with bitter (5:20)
 - 3. The wicked full of arrogance and injustice (5:21-23)
 - 4. Judged for ignoring God’s law, lack of obedience, rejecting God’s word (5:24-25)
- E. God is calling Babylon (“distant nation”) to come and take Judah into exile and captivity (5:26-30)

II. God’s call for Isaiah and giving him a commission

- A. Isaiah’s calling (Isaiah 6:1-10)
 - 1. Isaiah’s vision of the throne room of God (6:1-4)
 - 2. Isaiah’s humility especially evident as he stands before the God of heaven (6:5)
 - 3. Isaiah is cleansed and redeemed just as Christ redeems us (6:7)
 - 4. Isaiah offers himself as a living sacrifice (Isaiah 6:8, Romans 12:1)
 - 5. But the people of Judah, God’s people will not hear
(Isaiah 6:9-10, Isaiah 53:1, John 12:37-41)
- B. Length of the Babylonian captivity (6:11-13)
 - 1. Until cities lie ruined, houses and land deserted (6:11)
 - 2. Until 90% taken into exile (6:12)
 - 3. A tenth remain in the land as a stump to sprout again and await the return of the others from captivity (6:13)