



*For Unto Us*

The Promise of Christmas  
in the Book of Isaiah



<sup>1</sup> "The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. <sup>2</sup> Hear me, you heavens! Listen, earth. For the Lord has spoken: "I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me. ...

*Isaiah 1: 1-10, 15-18*

...<sup>3</sup> The ox knows its master, the donkey its owner's manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.<sup>4</sup> Woe to the sinful nation, a people whose guilt is great, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the Lord; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him. ...

*Isaiah 1: 1-10, 15-18*

... <sup>5</sup> Why should you be beaten anymore? Why do you persist in rebellion? Your whole head is injured, your whole heart afflicted. <sup>6</sup> From the sole of your foot to the top of your head there is no soundness—only wounds and welts and open sores not cleansed or bandaged or soothed with olive oil ...

*Isaiah 1: 1-10, 15-18*

...<sup>7</sup> Your country is desolate, your cities burned with fire; your fields are being stripped by foreigners right before you, laid waste as when overthrown by strangers.

<sup>8</sup> Daughter Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a hut in a cucumber field, like a city under siege. ...

*Isaiah 1: 1-10, 15-18*

...<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of  
Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah! ...

*Isaiah 1: 1-10, 15-18*

... <sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! <sup>16</sup> Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. ...

*Isaiah 1: 1-10, 15-18*

...<sup>17</sup> Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.<sup>18</sup> "Come now, let us settle the matter, says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

*Isaiah 1: 1-10, 15-18*

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*Isaiah 1:6-7*

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*Isaiah 1:8*

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*Isaiah 1:10*

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*Isaiah 1:18*

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*Isaiah 1:16-17*

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<sup>3</sup> "He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. <sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ...

*Isaiah 53:3-7*

... <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ...

*Isaiah 53:3-7*

...<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."

*Isaiah 53:3-7*



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