Isaiah Week 14



Isaiah 10: 1-2 (NIV)

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What does Woe mean in scripture?

When a nation turns against God, does it affect His people living in that nation?

What are some things that can happen to God's people living in a land falling under the judgement of God?

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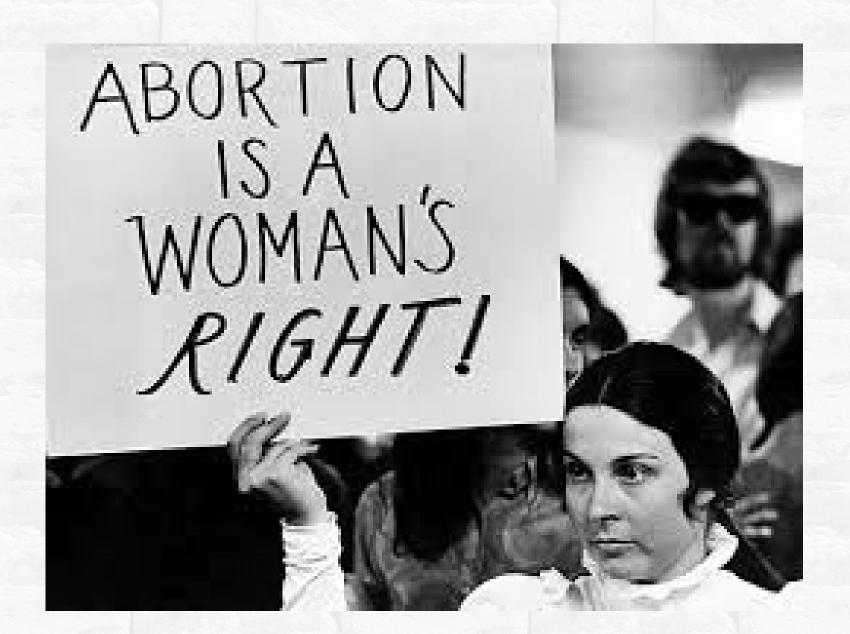
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What does it mean to make unjust laws?

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Unjust is translated from the Hebrew word אָגוּן (ā-wen) which means wicked or unrighteous.

What are some examples of unjust laws?



Engel v. Vitale (1962) the Supreme Court established the current prohibition on state-sponsored prayer in US schools.

Abington School District v. Schempp, 374 U.S. 203, was a United States Supreme Court case in which the Court decided 8–1 in favor of the respondent, Edward Schempp on behalf of his son Ellery Schempp, and declared that school-sponsored Bible reading in public schools in the United States was unconstitutional.

A nation turning against God will make unrighteous laws!

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What does it mean to withhold justice?

Justice

Translated from the Hebrew word: ין (din)

It means justice, lawsuit or one's rights

How can a nation withhold justice or one's rights?

In a nation turning against God, who's rights are taken away?

Knightstown faces lawsuit over Christmas tree















Knightstown removes cross from town Christmas tree

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Knightstown officials removed a cross atop the town's Christmas tree because the Henry County community could not win what was expected to be a costly lawsuit filed by the ACLU.

"It is with regret and sadness that the Knightstown Town Council has had the cross removed from the Christmas tree on the town square and is expected to approve a resolution at the next council meeting stating they will not return the cross to the tree," the council said in a Facebook post.

The council cites its inability to afford fighting a legal battle with the American ed in an email to IndyStar.

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The following are 3 questions
God is asking His people living
in a land falling under His
judgement.

Isaiah 10: 4 (NIV)

What will you do on the day of reckoning, when disaster comes from afar?

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Where will you leave your riches?

God is using the Assyrians under their leader Tiglath-Pileser to be the instrument of His wrath against the nation of Israel which has turned against Him.

But... the Assyrians are thinking they are doing this under their own strength and are also standing in defiance of God.

Isaiah 10: 5 (NIV)

"Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger,

in whose hand is the club of my wrath!

Isaiah 10: 6 (NIV)

I send him <u>against a godless</u> <u>nation</u>,

I dispatch him <u>against a people</u> who anger me,

to seize loot and snatch plunder,

and to trample them down like mud in the streets.

Why is God allowing this to happen to His people?

Isaiah 10: 7 (NIV)

But this is not what he intends, this is not what he has in mind; his purpose is to destroy, to put an end to many nations.

Isaiah 10: 8-9 (NIV)

'Are not my commanders all kings?' he says.

'Has not Kalno fared like Carchemish?

Is not Hamath like Arpad,

and Samaria like Damascus?

Isaiah 10: 8-9 (NIV)

As my hand seized the kingdoms of the idols,

kingdoms whose images excelled those of Jerusalem and Samaria

Isaiah 10: 10 (NIV)

shall I not deal with Jerusalem and her images

as **I** dealt with Samaria and her idols?'"

What does the fact that the Assyrians found images and idols in Jerusalem and Samaria tell us about the state of the Jewish nation?

Who is the leader of Assyria saying has done all these great things?

Question

What does God think about pride?

Isaiah 10: 12 (NIV)

When the Lord has finished all his work against Mount Zion and Jerusalem, he will say, "I will punish the king of Assyria for the willful pride of his heart and the haughty look in his eyes.

Isaiah 10: 13 (NIV)

For he says:

Isaiah 10: 13 (NIV)

"By the strength of my hand I have done this, and by my wisdom, because I have understanding.

I removed the boundaries of nations, I plundered their treasures; like a mighty one I subdued their kings.

Isaiah 10: 14 (NIV)

As one reaches into a nest, so <u>my</u> hand reached for the wealth of the nations;

as people gather abandoned eggs, so <u>I</u> gathered all the countries;

not one flapped a wing, or opened its mouth to chirp."

Listen to God's response to this prideful man that thinks he has done it all under his own power and greatness!

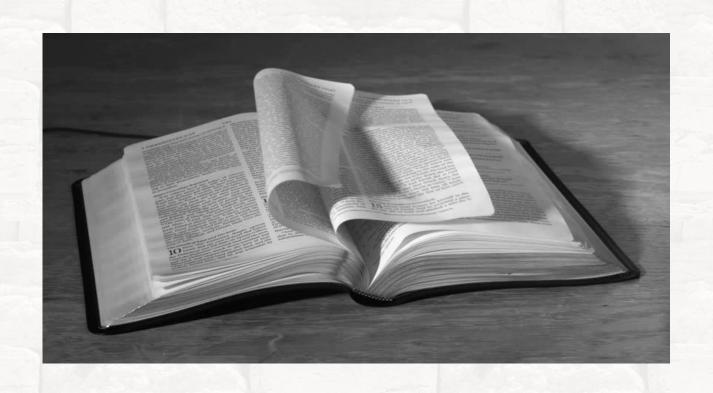
Isaiah 10: 15 (NIV)

Does the ax raise itself above the person who swings it, or the saw boast against the one who uses it?

As if a rod were to wield the person who lifts it up, or a club brandish the one who is not wood!

Please turn to:

Psalm 2: 1-4



Psalm 2: 1-4 (NIV)

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."

Psalm 2: 1-4 (NIV)

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

the Lord scoffs at them.

Warning

Any time God is using the leader of a nation for His purposes and that leader says I did this or my administration has done that or I am the greatest God hears it!

Isaiah 10: 16 (NIV)

Therefore, the Lord, the Lord Almighty,

will send a wasting disease upon his sturdy warriors;

under his pomp a fire will be kindled

like a blazing flame.

Isaiah 10: 17 (NIV)

The Light of Israel will become a fire,

their Holy One a flame;

in a single day it will burn and consume his thorns and his briers.

Warning

This is a reference to the battle that the LORD fought on Israel's behalf. The Assyrian army was totally destroyed -not by the Israelites, but by one Angel of the Lord; (185,000 dead)

Isaiah 10: 18 (NIV)

The splendor of his forests and fertile fields

it will completely destroy, as when a sick person wastes away.

Isaiah 10: 19 (NIV)

And the remaining trees of his forests will be so few

that a child could write them down.

Isaiah 10: 20 (NIV)

In that day the remnant of Israel, the survivors of Jacob, will no longer rely on him who struck them down but will truly rely on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 10: 21 (NIV)

A remnant will return, a remnant of Jacob

will return to the Mighty God.

Isaiah 10: 22 (NIV)

Though your people be like the sand by the sea, Israel,

only a remnant will return.

Destruction has been decreed,

overwhelming and righteous.

Isaiah 10: 23 (NIV)

The Lord, the Lord Almighty, will carry out the destruction decreed upon the whole land.

Isaiah 10: 24 (NIV)

Therefore this is what the Lord, the Lord Almighty, says:

"My people who live in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrians, who beat you with a rod and lift up a club against you, as Egypt did.

Isaiah 10: 25 (NIV)

Very soon my anger against you will end

and my wrath will be directed to their destruction."

Isaiah 10: 26 (NIV)

The Lord Almighty will lash them with a whip,

as when he struck down Midian at the rock of Oreb;

and he will raise his staff over the waters, as he did in Egypt.

Isaiah 10: 27 (NIV)

In that day their burden will be lifted from your shoulders, their yoke from your neck; the yoke will be broken because you have grown so

fat.

The next few verses describes the exact route the Assyrians take to attempt to destroy Jerusalem before an angel of God intervenes.

Isaiah 10: 28 (NIV)

They enter Aiath; they pass through Migron; they store supplies at Mikmash.

Isaiah 10: 29 (NIV)

They go over the pass, and say, "We will camp overnight at Geba."

Ramah trembles;

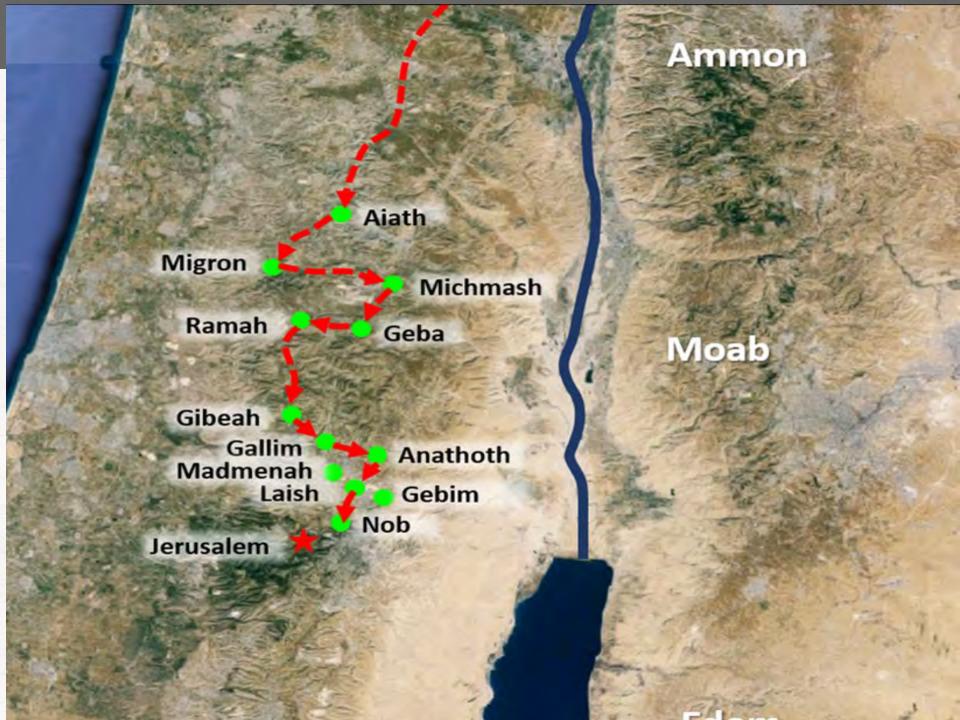
Gibeah of Saul flees.

Isaiah 10: 30-31 (NIV)

Cry out, Daughter Gallim! Listen, Laishah! Poor Anathoth! Madmenah is in flight; the people of Gebim take cover.

Isaiah 10: 32 (NIV)

This day they will halt at Nob; they will shake their fist at the mount of Daughter Zion, at the hill of Jerusalem.



Isaiah 10: 33 (NIV)

See, the Lord, the Lord Almighty, will lop off the boughs with great power.

The lofty trees will be felled, the tall ones will be brought low.

Isaiah 10: 34 (NIV)

He will cut down the forest thickets with an ax;

Lebanon will fall before the Mighty One.

Isaiah 11: 1 (NIV)

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;

from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

Question

Who is this prophecy about?

Question

Can you trace the ancestry of Jesus back to Jesse?

Isaiah 11: 2 (NIV)

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Isaiah 11: 2 (NASB)

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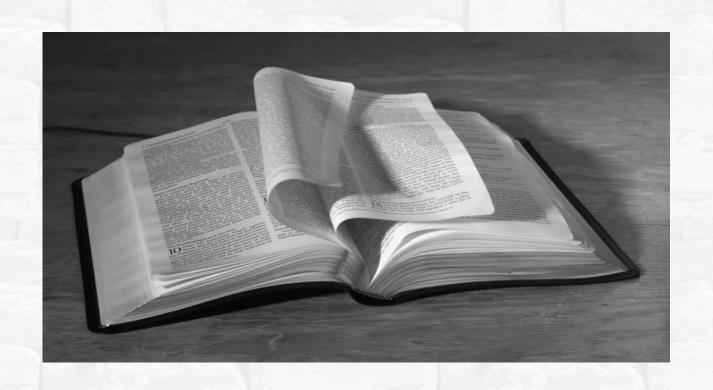
The spirit of counsel and strength,

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This key unlocks Revelation 1!

Please turn to:

Revelation 1: 4-5



Revelation 1: 4-5 (NIV)

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne,

Seven Spirits

- 1) The Spirit of the LORD
- 2) The Spirit of Wisdom
- 3) The Spirit of **Understanding**
- 4) The Spirit of **Counsel** and
- 5) The Spirit of Might
- 6) The Spirit of **Knowledge**
- 7) The Spirit of the <u>Fear of the</u> <u>LORD</u>

Isaiah 11: 3 (NIV)

And He will delight in the fear of the Lord,

And He will not judge by what His eyes see,

Nor make decisions by what His ears hear;

What does this mean?

What will Jesus judge by?

What timeframe is this?

If you start in Isaiah 10:33 it flows like one great story from Isaiah's time to the return of Christ!

We find the prophecy of Assyria's destruction in verses 33 and 34 of chapter 10 being cut down like a cedar. He then speaks in 11:1 of the resurrection of Israel when he says "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse."

When a cedar tree is cut down the roots die and there are no shoots, the stump just stays in the ground. Assyria never returns. When an Oak tree is cut down there are roots and shoots of life sprout from the stump.

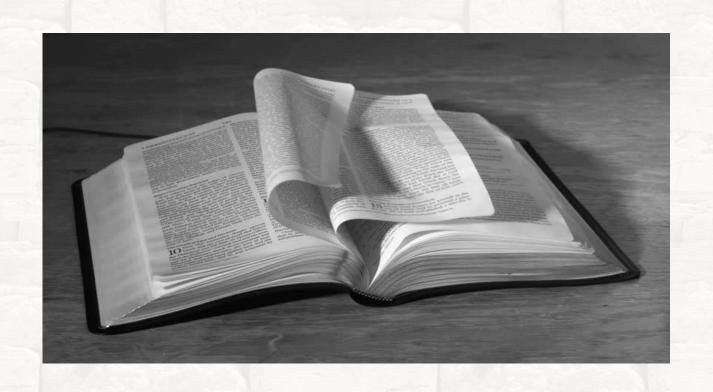
Isaiah 11: 4 (NIV)

but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

Please turn to:

Matthew 25: 31-33



Matthew 25: 31-33 (NIV)

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

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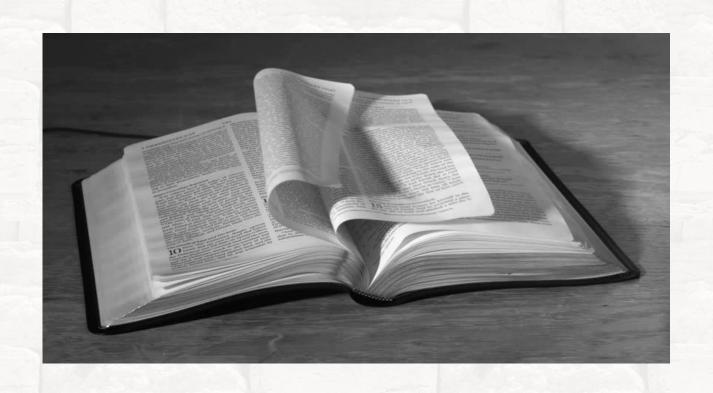
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Isaiah 11: 5 (NIV)

Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Please turn to: Revelation 19: 11-16



I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

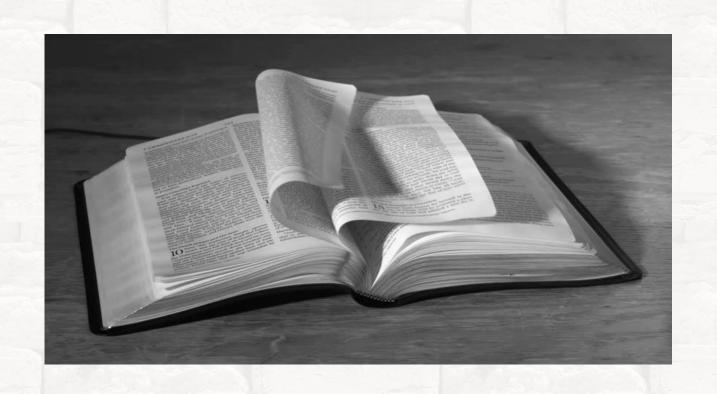
king of kings and lord of lords.

And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written:

"KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

What happens after this?

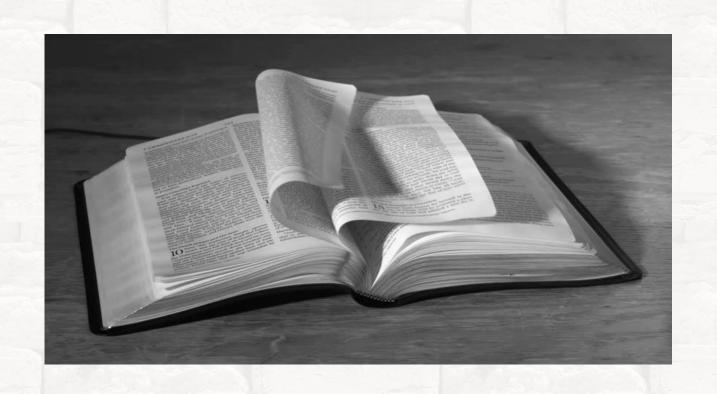
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Revelation 20: 1-2 (NIV)

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

Please turn to: Revelation 20: 4



Revelation 20: 4 (NIV)

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God.

Revelation 20: 4 (NIV)

They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Isaiah 11: 5 (NIV)

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat,

the calf and the lion and the yearling together;

and a little child will lead them.

Isaiah 11: 7 (NIV)

The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together,

and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

Isaiah 11: 8 (NIV)

The infant will play near the cobra's den,

and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

Isaiah 11: 9 (NIV)

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11: 10 (NIV)

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Isaiah 11: 11 (NIV)

In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean.

Isaiah 11: 12 (NIV)

He will raise a banner for the nations

and gather the exiles of Israel;

he will assemble the scattered people of Judah

from the four quarters of the earth.

Isaiah 11: 13 (NIV)

Ephraim's jealousy will vanish, and Judah's enemies will be destroyed;

Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah,

nor Judah hostile toward Ephraim.

Isaiah 11: 14 (NIV)

They will swoop down on the slopes of Philistia to the west;

together they will plunder the people to the east.

They will subdue Edom and Moab,

and the Ammonites will be subject to them.

Isaiah 11: 15 (NIV)

The Lord will dry up the gulf of the Egyptian sea;

with a scorching wind he will sweep his hand over the Euphrates River.

He will break it up into seven stream so that anyone can cross over in sandals.

Isaiah 11: 16 (NIV)

There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that is left from Assyria, as there was for Israel when they came up from Egypt.