

## **Isaiah 2 1:19**

### **God's Message to Judah and Jerusalem**

1Isaiah son of Amoz received this message about Judah and Jerusalem. 2In the last days the mountain of the Lord's Temple will be the highest of all mountains. It will be raised higher than the hills. There will be a steady stream of people from all nations going there. 3People from many places will go there and say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob. Then God will teach us his way of living, and we will follow him." His teaching, the Lord's message, will begin in Jerusalem on Mount Zion and will go out to all the world. 4Then God will act as judge to end arguments between nations. He will decide what is right for people from many lands. They will stop using their weapons for war. They will hammer their swords into plows and use their spears to make tools for harvesting. All fighting between nations will end. They will never again train for war. 5Family of Jacob, let us follow the Lord. 6Family of Jacob, you have abandoned your people. This is clear because they have been filled with bad influences from the East, This usually refers to the area around Babylon. and now your people try to tell the future like the Philistines. They have completely accepted those strange ideas. 7Jacob's land has been filled with silver and gold from other places. There are many treasures there. His land has been filled with horses and many chariots. 8His land is full of gods that the people bow down to worship. They made those idols themselves. 9The people have become worse and worse. They have become very low, and you leaders did nothing to lift them up! They ... up or "The people have become very low. Surely you will not forgive them!" 10You should be afraid of the Lord! Go hide in the dirt and behind the rocks. Hide from his glorious power! 11Proud people will stop being proud. They will bow down to the ground with shame, and only the Lord will still stand high. 12The Lord All-Powerful has a special day planned when he will punish the proud and boastful people. They will be brought down. 13They might be like the tall cedar trees from Lebanon or the great oak trees from Bashan, but they will be cut down. 14They might be like the tall mountains and high hills 15or like the tall towers and high walls, but they will be brought down. 16They might be like great ships from Tarshish, ships from Tarshish. This is probably a special type of cargo ship. Filled with such wonderful cargo, but they will be brought down. 17At that time those proud people will fall. They will bow low to the ground, and only the Lord will stand high. 18All the idols will be gone. 19People will go into the holes in the ground and the cracks in the rocks because they fear the Lord and his great power as he stands to shake the earth.

## **1 Corinthians 10 14:32**

### **Idol Feasts and the Lord's Supper**

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. <sup>15</sup>I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <sup>16</sup>Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

<sup>18</sup>Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? <sup>19</sup>Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? <sup>20</sup>No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. <sup>21</sup>You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's Table and the table of demons. <sup>22</sup>Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

### The Believer's Freedom

<sup>23</sup>"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive. <sup>24</sup>No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

<sup>25</sup>Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, <sup>26</sup>for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."<sup>[1]</sup>

<sup>27</sup>If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. <sup>28</sup>But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. <sup>29</sup>I am referring to the other person's conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another's conscience? <sup>30</sup>If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

<sup>31</sup>So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. <sup>32</sup>Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— <sup>33</sup>even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

## Luke 12:57-13:17

<sup>57</sup> “Why don’t you judge for yourselves what is right? <sup>58</sup> As you are going with your adversary to the magistrate, try hard to be reconciled on the way, or your adversary may drag you off to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. <sup>59</sup> I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.”

### Repent or Perish

**13** Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way?<sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

<sup>8</sup> “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

### Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

<sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

<sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?” <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

