# The Year of the Bible: A Tale of Two Cities Isaiah 1

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times..." Deuteronomy 30:19

**I. Taken to Court** (1-3) John 10:27

## II. The Unholy City of Sin

- A. A Rebellious City (4-9)
  - Sinful, Guilty, Evil, Corrupt
- B. A Religious city (10-17)
  - New Moons, Sabbaths, Convocations

But repentance is better than religion. (16-17)

## **III.** God Offers Redemption (18-20)

## **IV.** The Cities Compared (21-23)

- A. The Holy City of Zion is:
  - Faithful, Just, Righteous
- B. The Unholy City of Sin is:

## V. God's Verdict and Sentence (24-27)

- Israel is God's enemy.
- God will recycle his sinful people

## VI. God's Beloved City will be Redeemed (27-31)

- Justice
- Righteousness

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