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GOD WARNED HIS WIFE

In the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah God warned His wife (the nation of Israel) that He would no longer tolerate their unfaithfulness and open sinfulness. In the second chapter, He gave the nation of Israel a brief glimpse of the blessings the saved Jews will enjoy during the 1,000 years that Christ will reign on this present earth (*Revelation 19:11-16*).

In the third chapter, God tells the nation of Israel the things they will lose when He chastises them because of their unfaithfulness and sinfulness. In Isaiah 3:1, God said He would no longer protect and provide for the nation of Israel. As a result, they would suffer a shortage of essential food supplies. Second, according to Isaiah 3:2, their Armed Forces would find themselves lacking the type of leaders at the top who could and would lead the country to decisive victory over their enemies. Third, the court system would fail to properly judge and punish those who had committed crimes. Fourth, the people would find themselves with ministers that the Holy Spirit could not use to proclaim and to teach His Divine Word. Fifth, the nation would lack those who could recognize and teach what was about to happen in the future. Sixth, Israel would find they lacked men of integrity and maturity who knew what God desired and who could and would advise and lead them in the direction God wanted them to go (*Numbers 11:16-25*). Seventh, those who were supposed to be defending the country from foreign enemies would be lacking leadership within their ranks. Eight, they would lack citizens who could lift the nation to great achievements and stature among the other nations. Ninth, the government would lack people who were capable of deliberating and resolving the problems that would be facing their nation. Tenth, it would be difficult to find anyone who took pride in his or her work. Eleventh, very few people would be able to distinguish the real intent of those “smooth talkers” who would charm or influence the people in order to persuade them. Do you know any other nation that is experiencing many of these same losses today?