

Isaiah 1:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

Analysis

The shocking address to Judah's leaders as 'rulers of Sodom' and 'people of Gomorrah' declares that moral corruption, not just physical destruction, equates them with history's most infamous cities. This prophetic reversal strips away their covenant presumption—God treats rebellious Jerusalem no differently than pagan Sodom. The call to 'hear' demands attentive obedience, not mere listening.

Historical Context

Sodom's sin encompassed pride, prosperity without compassion, and sexual immorality (Ezekiel 16:49-50). Judah's leaders exhibited similar arrogance and social injustice despite their religious heritage.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. In what ways might religious privilege blind you to sins God clearly sees?
2. How does Jesus's comparison of Sodom's judgment to those rejecting the gospel (Matthew 10:15) relate to this passage?

Interlinear Text

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Hear	the word	of the LORD	ye rulers	of Sodom	give ear	unto the law
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אֱלֹהֵינוּ	עַם	עֲמֹרָה:				
of our God	ye people	of Gomorrah				
H430	H5971	H6017				

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 11:8 (References Lord): And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Ezekiel 16:49 (Parallel theme): Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

Isaiah 3:9 (Parallel theme): The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

Jeremiah 23:14 (Parallel theme): I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

Deuteronomy 32:32 (Parallel theme): For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter:

Amos 9:7 (References Lord): Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

Ezekiel 16:46 (Parallel theme): And thine elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her daughters.

