

# Isaiah 3:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

## Analysis

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The courtroom imagery—'the LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge'—depicts God as both prosecutor and judge. The dual role emphasizes that divine justice is comprehensive: God both presents the case against sin and renders verdict. This anticipates the final judgment where Christ judges by the Father's authority (John 5:22, 27). The 'people' (plural 'ammim') facing judgment may indicate nations generally or covenant people specifically, showing none escape divine scrutiny.

## Historical Context

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Prophetic lawsuit (Hebrew 'rib') was a common literary form where God indicts covenant breakers. This formula appears throughout prophets (Hosea 4:1; Micah 6:2), establishing divine right to judge.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does recognizing God as both prosecutor and judge shape our understanding of accountability?
2. What comfort or warning does Christ's role as judge provide for believers?

## Interlinear Text

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standeth up to plead The LORD and standeth to judge the people  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Micah 6:2** (References Lord): Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

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