

1. Isaiah – review and other observations.
 - a. “the virgin is with child...” Isaiah 7
 - b. Isaiah at the UN...
 - c. Isaiah and the “Great Thanksgiving” of the liturgy...
 - d. Isaiah and Ike...

2. Isaiah 11:1-9
 - a. Discuss the linking of peace and justice to a sustainable creation.
 - b. How might we interpret “the stump of Jesses?”

3. Isaiah on integrity, leadership, inequity, luxury:

Isaiah 1:11,15

¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. ¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Isaiah 1:23

²³Your princes are rebels and companions of thieves. Everyone loves a bribe and runs after gifts. They do not defend the orphan, and the widow’s cause does not come before them.

Isaiah 5:8

⁸Ah, you who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is room for no one but you, and you are left to live alone in the midst of the land!

Isaiah 3:16-24

¹⁶The LORD said: Because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with outstretched necks, glancing wantonly with their eyes, mincing along as they go, tinkling with their feet; ¹⁷the Lord will afflict with scabs the heads of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will lay bare their secret parts. ¹⁸In that day the Lord will take away the finery of the anklets, the headbands, and the crescents; ¹⁹the pendants, the bracelets, and the scarfs; ²⁰the headdresses, the armlets, the sashes, the perfume boxes, and the amulets; ²¹the signet rings and nose rings; ²²the festal robes, the mantles, the cloaks, and the handbags; ²³the garments of gauze, the linen garments, the turbans, and the veils. ²⁴Instead of perfume there will be a stench; and instead of a sash, a rope; and instead of well-set hair, baldness; and instead of a rich robe, a binding of sackcloth; instead of beauty, shame.