

Isaiah 1:1-20

Settling the Lawsuit

(big idea) In Jesus we are found not guilty.

Background

Location - Judah in the city of Jerusalem

Political Climate - Judah has been invaded by the Assyrian empire

The Courtroom

Jury - the heavens and earth

Defendant - Judah, the chosen nation of God

Prosecutor - Isaiah

Judge - God referred to as "the Holy one of Israel" or "the Lord"

Seattle Court Etiquette

Turn off all electronic devices

Throw away gum, food and drink

Remove your hat

Keep feet off all furniture

Enter and leave courtroom quietly

Stand when judge or magistrate enters or leaves the courtroom

Address the judge as "your honor"

Avoid rude behaviors like yelling, cursing, or interrupting

Etiquette in God's Presence

Genesis 17:3 - Abraham fell facedown when God spoke.

Joshua 5:14 - Joshua bowed facedown when he experienced the presence of God.

Ezekiel 1:28 - Ezekiel fell facedown when the glory of God appeared.

Daniel 8:17 - Daniel fell facedown when he encountered the glory of God.

Matthew 17:6 - Peter, James and John all collapsed experiencing God's glory.

Revelation 1:17 - John collapsed at the feet of Jesus "like a dead man."

Indictments Against Judah

Rebellion against God v.2

Wild animal like behavior v.3

Sinful depravity v.4

Stubborn persistence to continue rebelling v.5

Religious hypocrisy v.11, 13-15

Sexual Sins v.21

Murder v.21

Thievery v.23

Oppression of the weak v.23

Idol worship v.29

Guess the Item from this Quote

“Since 2018, sales have spiked 1000%”

Directives and Promise

Call to repentance v.16

Call to do good v.17

Promise of the forgiveness of sins v.18, 27

Final Scene

God draws near v.18

God holds his hands out Isaiah 65:2 & Romans 10:21

Final Encouragement and Warning

Path of salvation

Path of destruction