

A Rebellious People

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The Old Testament prophets were commanded to preach to a rebellious people who would not hear the words of the Lord. Preachers in America today can certainly relate. The country in general, and some brethren in particular, have become self-centered, narcissistic and rebellious people who have no desire to listen to God's Word or to be disciplined by it. They want to do what they please, defend what "seems" right to them, and then say "The Lord is pleased with me." Consider what God said through Isaiah about rebellious Israel in the 8th Century B.C.

"Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD, 'Who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin.'" ~ Isaiah 30:1

"That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the LORD." ~ Isaiah 30:9)

"I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, according to their own thoughts" ~ (Isaiah 65:2)

Brother [Homer Hailey](#) wrote a commentary on the book of Isaiah and in the introduction to the book he wrote:

"In many respects the conditions characterizing Israel and Judah in the eighth century B.C. were similar to those which characterize our own society in the twentieth century. In their prosperity, Israel and Judah forgot God and fell into corruption and decay. Under the leadership of Jeroboam II (782-753 B.C.) Israel's borders had been largely restored, and the period was characterized by a prosperity unknown there since the days of Solomon. In Judah the capable and skillful Uzziah (767-740 B.C.) in a large measure restored the borders of that country, and prosperity reached a peak not enjoyed since Solomon's day. In both nations this material affluence produced the ills that so often accompany wealth. The people forgot God and ascribed their prosperity and well-being to the idols to which they had turned" (pp. 17-18).

His commentary was published in 1985! How much worse have things gotten since then! But the godly brother or sister can read Isaiah and Ezekiel and understand how God views things and find a bit of comfort. May America repent before it is too late.

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