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Isaiah’s Great Indictment Against Isra’el 1: 2-31

What we have in this first chapter is a typical message by **Isaiah**. **The prophet** brings us into a courtroom scene with **Isra’el** on trial. **God** is both the judge and the plaintiff, and the heavens and the earth are the witnesses. In effect, it is a microcosm of **Chapters 1** through **39**. The procedure is basically as follows; first, in **1:2-9, the LORD** brings the charge. Secondly, in **1:10-13, God** answers **Isra’el’s** defense. Then, in **1:16-20, YHVH** offers mercy and grace to **Isra’el**. But in **1:21-23,** the offer is rejected, and finally in **1:24-31, The LORD of heaven’s** angelic **armies** concludes with a sentence of judgment.