

# Rebuking Judah's Sin

Text: Isaiah 57:1-10

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## I. The righteous die with great blessing (Isa. 57:1-2)

### **\*\*Insensitive to the righteous**

Unfortunately, the death of the righteous is unnoticed by the wayward people of Judah. No one cares. Not only do the unrighteous not realize that good people are dying around them, they do not stop to consider the cause of the deaths.

There is no peace for the wicked but when the righteous die they will enter into a place of peace.

## II. The wicked are rebuked for their sinful acts (Isa. 57:3-10)

### **\*\*Unfaithfulness of Idolatry (vs. 3-8)**

The people are no better than their leaders. The descriptive words in this verse probably describe idol worship in a general way. The people of Judah were children of idolatry, unfaithful to Jehovah, forsaking Him to go whoring after idolatry. "Their rejection of Jehovah and true worship has resulted in apostasy and excessive wickedness" (Young 464).

God's point was driven home that these people were rebels against Him. These people were mocking the righteous all the while involving themselves in shameful actions. They were hypocrites to the core.

First, the people were enflaming themselves, a picture of strong lusts and passionate sexual perversions. Second, children were offered to idols like Molech.

Either way, drink offerings were being poured out to idols.

Instead of trusting the Lord to be their portion, they trusted and worshipped their idols which led to their demise and God's judgment.

All people will feast on something: either man-made or God Himself. The application becomes clear here as idols lead to false attitudes, sinful actions, and a strong rebuke from God.

Instead of choosing a bed of rest and peace with Jehovah the people chose the couch of idolatry and immorality.

Judah is pictured behaving like an adulterous wife who forsook her covenant with her husband and replaced it with another man.

### **\*\*Following the heathen nations and lack of trust in Jehovah (vs. 9-13)**

The nation's idolatry naturally led them to trust the nations around them.

All forms of idolatry erode trust and faith in God. This is a major reason why God desires the believer to love Him with his whole heart.

"Whatever Israel could do in the service of the false gods and idols it was ready to do. Apparently no task or service was too great. Nothing seemed to weary Israel in its desire for idolatry" (Young 406).

As so often is the case, the nation unwillingly refused to submit to the truth and found their way of error exciting. Thus they continued to deceive themselves.