

Isaiah 57

King James Version (KJV)

(Written to the wicked)

57 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. (The crooked leaders don't care about the people that they were hired to serve; but God will save the righteous)

² He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. (God will reward the righteous people) (Evil people go through life looking over their shoulder. They have no peace of mind)

³ But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore. (adulterer - idolater; they are the same in God's eyes)

⁴ Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood. (They yak a lot, but it's falsehood and emptiness; they use political correctness and false teaching to show that they are on the "right" side. They are not. Moral correctness should overrule political correctness)

⁵ Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks? (They practiced Molochism – they burn their children to Moloch; a false god) (Today, they kill children in abortion clinics)

⁶ Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these? (They, thou, thy in this verse through verse 8 are feminine, in the Hebrew. The smooth stones were used to cast lots to tell fortunes; they were casting lots to idols and false religions)

⁷ Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. (God sees idolatry like adultery) (bed- This bed, in the Hebrew, is a whore's bed – not for sleeping)

⁸ Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me,

and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it. (The covenant is a marriage - to false gods in this case)

⁹And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell. (This is a false king – a type for antichrist) (She had to advertise far off, only to debase herself with deception of false religions)

¹⁰Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved. (So steeped in false religion, they thought they were saved. They found out too late that it was all false and empty)

¹¹And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not? (Has God given them too much leeway; so that they forsook Him?)

¹²I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee. (God will correct them for their false idol worship; it will all fail)

¹³When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain; (When you see you're in trouble, let your false religion save you. It cannot) (Those who follow the true God, will inherit the kingdom of heaven)

¹⁴And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people. (God will say – get rid of your false teachings and the stumbling block that causes people to stumble and fall, spiritually)

¹⁵For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. (This is God) (The contrite ones- those who repent and get in God's good graces)

¹⁶ For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made. (The day will come when it will be too late to get right with God)

¹⁷ For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart. (forwardly – arrogantly evil)

¹⁸ I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. (If he repents)

¹⁹ I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him. (God's Word gives real peace of mind in God's grace)

²⁰ But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. (The wicked live in turmoil; of their own doing. They never have peace of mind)

²¹ There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.