

**Isaiah 9:8-10:4**  
 Israel's Pride Brings About  
 God's Judgment

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Outline of 9:8-10:4

**9:8 The Lord's word "falls" on Israel**  
 9:9-12 Pride  
 9:13-17 Wicked leaders  
 9:18-21 Hatred of brothers  
 10:1-3 Oppression of vulnerable  
**10:4 Israel "falls" with the slain**

**Refrain: "And His hand is still stretched out"**  
**(Vss. 9:12, 9:17, 9:21, 10:4)**

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Israel's Pride Leads To Destruction

Isaiah 9:8-10 NKJV The Lord sent a word against Jacob, And **it has fallen on Israel**. All the people will know— Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria— Who say in pride and arrogance of heart: "The bricks have fallen down, But we will rebuild with hewn stones; The sycamores are cut down, But we will replace them with cedars."

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### God Judges Israel's Pride

Isaiah 9:11-12 Therefore the LORD raises against them adversaries **from Rezin** and spurs their enemies on, the Arameans on the east and the Philistines on the west; and they devour Israel with gaping jaws. In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away And His hand is still stretched out.

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### Human Pride Yields Evil Leadership

Isaiah 9:13-16 Yet the people do not turn back to Him who struck them, nor do they seek the LORD of hosts. So the LORD cuts off head and tail from Israel, Both palm branch and bulrush in a single day. The head is the elder and honorable man, and the prophet who teaches falsehood is the tail. For those who guide this people are leading them astray; and those who are guided by them are brought to confusion.

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### God Judges Leaders And Followers!

Isaiah 9:17 Therefore the Lord does not take pleasure in their young men, nor does He have pity on their orphans or their widows; **for** every one of them is godless and an evildoer, and every mouth is speaking foolishness. In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away and His hand is still stretched out.

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**We Are Responsible For Our Leaders**

Jeremiah 5:31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule on their own authority; and My people love it so! But what will you do at the end of it?

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

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**What Message Is From God?**

- 1. Doctrinal Test: Deuteronomy 13:1-3
- 2. Foreknowledge Test: Deuteronomy 18:22

1 Corinthians 14:29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment.

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**Pride Leads To Hatred Among Brothers**

Isaiah 9:18-19 For wickedness burns like a fire; it consumes briars and thorns; it even sets the thickets of the forest aflame and they roll upward in a column of smoke. By the fury of the LORD of hosts the land is burned up, and the people are like fuel for the fire; no man spares his brother.

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### Pride Leads To Hatred Among Brothers

Isaiah 9:20-21 They slice off what is on the right hand but still are hungry, And they eat what is on the left hand but they are not satisfied; Each of them eats the flesh of his own arm. **Manasseh devours Ephraim**, and Ephraim Manasseh, And together they are against Judah. In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away And His hand is still stretched out.

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### Do We Love The Brethren?

1 John 2:10-11 The one who loves his brother abides in the Light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

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### The Prideful Plunder The Poor

Isaiah 10:1-3 Woe to those who enact evil statutes and to those who constantly record unjust decisions, So as to deprive the needy of justice and rob the poor of My people of their rights, so that widows may be their spoil and that they may plunder the orphans. Now what will you do in the day of punishment, and in the devastation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your wealth?

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### We Must Protect The Helpless

Psalm 10:2 In pride the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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### The Certainty of Judgment

Isaiah 10:4 Nothing remains but to crouch among the captives Or **fall** among the slain. In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away And His hand is still stretched out.

Isaiah 66:24 Then they will go forth and look On the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm will not die And their fire will not be quenched; And they will be an abhorrence to all mankind.”

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### The Need To Guard Against Pride

Isaiah 2:17 The pride of man will be humbled and the loftiness of men will be abased; and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day...

Proverbs 8:12-13 I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. **The fear of the LORD** is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth, I hate.

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The Need To Guard Against Pride

James 4:5-6 NET Or do you think the scripture means nothing when it says, "The **spirit that God caused to live within us** has an envious yearning"? But he gives greater grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but he gives grace to the humble."

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Manasseh

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