



Introduction

God's appeal to his people to return to him or face the consequences.



Questions

1. What does the LORD say about the children he has nourished and brought up?
2. What does the LORD want the Israelites to do when he asks them to wash themselves and make themselves clean?
3. What are the contrasting results the LORD says will happen if they are obedient or if they rebel?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 4** God has looked after his people (Israel) but they in return have disobeyed him (see theme)
- **v 5 to 10** Isaiah laments the spiritual state of his fellow countrymen
- **v 11 to 20** The people bring their offerings, but their lives show they don't respect God. God appeals to his people to return to him. Things will go well for them if they change their ways
- **v 21 to 31** Jerusalem will eventually be restored but those who do evil will be destroyed

Timeline 850 BC (see below)



Theme

God asks for obedience

A selection of verses showing how and why God asks for obedience.

God asks for obedience from his chosen people, the Israelites. He tells them that obedience will bring blessing on the nation, but disobedience will result in problems for them:

Exodus 19 verses 5 and 6

Deuteronomy 11 verses 26 to 28

When confronted by the authorities, the apostle Peter makes his position clear:

Acts 4 verses 18 to 20

Acts 5 verses 27 to 29

Jesus Christ is our example of obeying God:

Philippians 2 verse 8

The letter to the Hebrews, talking about Jesus, says:

Hebrews 5 verse 8



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2, Q 2: v 16 and 17, Q 3: v 19 and 20

Bible timeline

