

God's Indictment of His People

6:1 **H**EAR now what the LORD is saying,
 “Arise, plead your case ¹before the mountains,
 And let the hills hear your voice.
2 “Listen, you mountains, to the indictment of the LORD,
 And you enduring ^afoundations of the earth,
 Because the ^bLORD has a case against His people;
 Even with Israel He will dispute.
3 “^aMy people, ^bwhat have I done to you,
 And ^chow have I wearied you? Answer Me.
4 “Indeed, I ^abrought you up from the land of Egypt
 And ^bransomed you from the house of slavery,
 And I sent before you ^cMoses, Aaron, and ^dMiriam.
5 “My people, remember now
 What ^aBalak king of Moab counseled
 And what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
 And from ^bShittim to ^cGilgal,
In order ¹that you might know the ^drighteous acts of the LORD.”

What God Requires of Man

6 ^aWith what shall I come to the LORD
 And bow myself before the God on high?
Shall I come to Him with ^bburnt offerings,
 With yearling calves?
7 Does the LORD take delight in ^athousands of rams,
 In ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I present my ^bfirst-born *for* my rebellious acts,
 The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
8 He has ^atold you, O man, what is good;
 And ^bwhat does the LORD require of you
But to ^cdo justice, to ^dlove ¹kindness,
 And to walk ² ^chumbly with your God?
9 The voice of the LORD will call to the city—
 And it is sound wisdom to fear Thy name: “Hear, O tribe. Who has appointed ¹its
 time?
10 “Is there yet a man in the wicked house,
Along with treasures of ^awickedness,
 And a ¹ ^bshort measure *that is* cursed?
11 “Can I justify wicked ^ascales
And a bag of deceptive weights?
12 “For the rich men of *the* ¹city are full of ^aviolence,
 Her residents speak ^blies,
And their ^ctongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13 “So also I will make *you* ^asick, striking you down,
^bDesolating *you* because of your sins.
14 “You will eat, but you will ^anot be satisfied,
And your ¹vileness will be in your midst.
You will *try to remove for safekeeping*,
But you will ^bnot preserve *anything*,
And what you do preserve I will give to the sword.
15 “You will sow but you will ^anot reap.
You will tread the olive but will not anoint yourself with oil;
And the grapes, but you will ^bnot drink wine.
16 “The statutes of ^aOmri
And all the works of the house of ^bAhab are observed;
And in their devices you ^cwalk.
Therefore, I will give you up for ^ddestruction
And ¹your inhabitants for ^ederision,
And you will bear the ^freproach of My people.”
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¹ Lit., *with*

^a 2 Sam. 22:16; Ps. 104:5

^b Is. 1:18; Hos. 4:1; 12:2

^a Ps. 50:7

^b Jer. 2:5

^c Is. 43:22, 23

^a Ex. 12:51; 20:2

^b Deut. 7:8

^c Ex. 4:10-16; Ps. 77:20

^d Ex. 15:20

^a Num. 22:5, 6

^b Num. 25:1; Josh. 2:1; 3:1

^c Josh. 4:19; 5:9, 10

¹ Lit., *to know*

^d 1 Sam. 12:7; Is. 1:27

^a Ps. 40:6-8

^b Ps. 51:16, 17

^a Ps. 50:9; Is. 1:1; 40:16

^b Lev. 18:21; 20:1-5; 2 Kin. 16:3; Jer. 7:31

^a Deut. 30:15

^b Deut. 10:12

^c Is. 56:1; Jer. 22:3

^d Hos. 6:6

¹ Or, *loyalty*

² Or, *circumspectly*

^e Is. 57:15; 66:2

¹ Lit., *it*

^a Jer. 5:26, 27; Amos 3:10

¹ Lit., *shrunken ephah*

^b Ezek. 45:9, 10; Amos 8:5

^a Lev. 19:36; Hos. 12:7

¹ Lit., *her*

^a Is. 1:23; 5:7; Amos 6:3, 4; Mic. 2:1, 2

^b Jer. 9:2-6, 8; Hos. 7:13; Amos 2:4

^c Is. 3:8

^a Mic. 1:9

^b Is. 1:7; 6:11

^a Is. 9:20

¹ Or possibly, *garbage or excreta*

^b Is. 30:6

^a Deut. 28:38-40; Jer. 12:13

^b Amos 5:11; Zeph. 1:13

^a 1 Kin. 16:25, 26

^b 1 Kin. 16:29-33

^c Jer. 7:24

^d Jer. 18:16; Mic. 6:13

¹ Lit., *her*

^e Jer. 19:8; 25:9, 18; 29:18

^f Ps. 44:13; Jer. 51:51; Hos. 12:14

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.