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Reading Through the Bible (Isaiah 1-2)

Isaiah 1 describes a people who are distant from God's design for them. They have grown unholy, not distinct from the peoples around them. He describes an idolatrous people but it is not without hope.

"When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. 'Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord : though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.'" Isaiah 1:15-18, ESV

Additionally, he describes the 'faithful city' and how it has become adulterous.

"For they shall be ashamed of the oaks that you desired; and you shall blush for the gardens that you have chosen. For you shall be like an oak whose leaf withers, and like a garden without water." Isaiah 1:29-30, ESV

Isaiah chapter 2 begins with a vision of the house of the Lord shall be established in the highest place. The 'house of Jacob' has rejected themselves as the vessel of God's self-disclosure to humanity.

"Their land is filled with idols; they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their own fingers have made." Isaiah 2:8 ESV

The rest of the chapter describes a day where God's majesty is made apparent to mankind, and where everyone will hide in caves and crevices (much like Moses did) when his glory and beauty is shown.¹ Those who are prideful are humbled, and those who are lofty are terrified. The chapter concludes with the following verse,

"Stop regarding man in whose nostrils is breath, for of what account is he?" Isaiah 2:22

¹It makes me wonder if beauty as man knows it will be so eroded that they become terrified when they finally see God, to the point that they will refuse him.