

Isaiah 03 - Judgment on Judah; Oppression and Luxury Condemned; Effects of the Tribulation on Israel

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(1) Condemnation of Judah (Is 1:1—12:6)

(A) Book of hardening (Is 1:1—6:13)

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(i) Millennial conditions (2:1-4)

(ii) Sins inviting judgment (Is 2:5—4:1)

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Isaiah 3

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An Overview of Israel During the Tribulation

The Effects of the Tribulation on the Jewish Leaders

1 For behold, the Lord GOD of armies is going to remove from Jerusalem and Judah *Both* supply and support, the entire supply of bread And the entire supply of water;

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1 "Note this! The Lord GOD of the Heavenly Armies is taking away from Jerusalem and Judah everything that your society needs— all food supplies and all water supplies,

1 For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,

2 The mighty man and the warrior, The judge and the prophet, The diviner and the elder,

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2 the mighty man and the warrior, the judge and the prophet, the fortune-teller and the elder,

2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,

3 The captain of fifty and the esteemed *person*, The counselor and the expert artisan, And the skillful enchanter.

3 The captain of fifty and the honorable man, The counselor and the expert artisan, And the skillful enchanter.

3 the commander of fifty and the man of rank, and the counselor, the expert magician, and the medium.

3 The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.

- Depriving a city of its qualified leadership was the course Nebuchadnezzar resorted to in 2 Kings 24:14; 25:12...

4 And I will make *mere* boys their leaders, And ***mischievous children will rule over them***,

4 And I will make mere lads their princes, And capricious children will rule over them,

4 "I will make youths their princes, and infants will rule over them.

4 And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

- "...mischievous *children* will rule over them" - inferior persons take leadership positions over the affairs. This is a form of a curse, and a most pregnant verse!

— Eliminating parental control raises a rebellious and uncontrollable generation (Cf. Col 3:20)

5 And the people will be oppressed, Each one by another, and each one by his neighbor; The youth will assault the elder, And the contemptible *person will assault* the one honored.

5 And the people will be oppressed, Each one by another, and each one by his neighbor; The youth will storm against the elder And the inferior against the honorable.

5 People will oppress one another— It will be man against man and neighbor against neighbor. The young will be disrespectful to the old, and the worthless to the honorable.

5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

6 When a man lays hold of his brother in his father's house, *saying*, "You have a cloak, you shall be our ruler! And these ruins will be under your authority,"

6 When a man lays hold of his brother in his father's house, *saying*, "You have a cloak, you shall be our ruler, And these ruins will be under your charge,"

6 "For a man will grab his brother in his own father's house, and say, 'You have a cloak, so you be our leader, and this heap of ruins will be under your rule!'

6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand:

- There will be a leadership vacuum and no common purpose among the people. Their only thought will be for survival.

-- They will search in vain for someone to help solve their problems, but no one will be found

-- Having enjoyed great wealth, they will now have so little that a man with a coat will be thought to have leadership potential

7 He will protest on that day, saying, "I will not be *your* healer, For in my house there is neither bread nor cloak; You should not appoint me ruler of the people."

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7 "But at that time, he'll protest! He'll say, 'I won't be your healer. I have neither food nor clothing in my house! You're not going to make me a leader of the people!'

7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

8 For Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has fallen, Because their speech and their actions are against the LORD, To rebel against His glorious presence.

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8 "For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen, because what they say and do opposes the LORD; they keep defying him.

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

9 The expression of their faces testifies against them, And they display their sin like Sodom; They do not *even* conceal *it*. Woe to them! For they have done evil to themselves.

9 The expression of their faces bears witness against them, And they display their sin like Sodom; They do not *even* conceal *it*. Woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves.

9 "The expressions on their faces give them away. They parade their sin around like Sodom; they don't even try to hide it. How horrible it will be for them, because they have brought disaster on themselves!"

9 The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

10 Say to the righteous that *it will go well for them*, For they will eat the fruit of their actions.

10 Say to the righteous that *it will go well with them*, For they will eat the fruit of their actions.

10 "Tell the righteous that things will go well, because they will enjoy the fruit of their actions."

10 Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

- 2 Peter 2:9: The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.

— One way the Lord judges rebellious people is to give them unworthy leaders who take them further from God's truth into the deception of mankind

11 Woe to the wicked! *It will go badly for him*, For what he deserves will be done to him.

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11 "How terrible it will be for the wicked! Disaster is headed their way, because what they did with their hand will be repaid to them.

11 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

12 My people! Their oppressors treat them violently, And women rule over them. My people! Those who guide you lead *you* astray And confuse the direction of your paths.

12 O My people! Their oppressors are children, And women rule over them. O My people! Those who guide you lead *you* astray And confuse the direction of your paths.

12 "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. My people, your leaders are misleading you— they're giving you confusing directions."

12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

13 The LORD arises to contend, And stands to judge the people.

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13 The LORD is taking his place to argue his case; he's standing up to judge the people.

13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

14 The LORD enters into judgment with the elders and leaders of His people, "It is you who have devoured the vineyard; The goods stolen from the poor are in your houses.

14 The LORD enters into judgment with the elders and princes of His people, "It is you who have devoured the vineyard; The plunder of the poor is in your houses.

14 The LORD will go to court to oppose the elders and princes of his people: "You're the ones who have been devouring the vineyard, the plunder of the poor is in your own houses!

14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

- The vineyard as a model will be developed in Chapter 5...

15 "What do you mean by crushing My people And oppressing the face of the poor?"
Declares the Lord GOD of armies.

15 "What do you mean by crushing My people And grinding the face of the poor?"
Declares the Lord GOD of hosts.

15 How dare you crush my people as you grind down the face of the poor?" declares the Lord GOD of the Heavenly Armies.

15 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

(d) Women's sin (Is 3:16—4:1)

The Effect of the Tribulation on Jewish Women

16 Moreover, the LORD said, "Because the daughters of Zion are haughty And walk with heads held high and seductive eyes, And go along with mincing steps And jingle the anklets on their feet,

16 Moreover, the LORD said, "Because the daughters of Zion are proud And walk with heads held high and seductive eyes, And go along with mincing steps And tinkle the bangles on their feet,

16 The LORD also says: "Because Zion's women are so haughty, and walk with outstretched necks, flirting with their eyes, prancing along as they walk, and making tinkling noises with their ankle bracelets,

16 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

17 The Lord will afflict the scalp of the daughters of Zion with scabs, And the LORD will make their foreheads bare."

17 Therefore the LORD will afflict the scalp of the daughters of Zion with scabs, And the LORD will make their foreheads bare."

17 therefore the LORD will afflict sores on the heads of Zion's women, and the LORD will expose their private parts.

17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.

- The Lord will bring upon them the very opposite of what they desire to display...

18 On that day the Lord will take away the beauty of *their* anklets, headbands, crescent ornaments,

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18 "At that time, the LORD will take away the finery of the ankle bracelets, headbands, crescents,

18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,

19 dangling earrings, bracelets, veils,

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19 pendants, bracelets, veils,

19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,

20 headdresses, ankle chains, sashes, perfume boxes, amulets,

20 headdresses, ankle chains, sashes, perfume boxes, amulets,

20 headdresses, armlets, sashes, perfume boxes, charms,

20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings,

21 finger rings, nose rings,

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21 signet rings, nose rings,

21 The rings, and nose jewels,

22 festive robes, outer garments, shawls, purses,

22 festal robes, outer tunics, cloaks, money purses,

22 fine robes, capes, purses,

22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins,

23 papyrus garments, undergarments, headbands, and veils.

23 hand mirrors, undergarments, turbans and veils.

23 mirrors, linen garments, tiaras, and veils.

23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails.

- The Lord will remove their luxury items

24 Now it will come about that instead of balsam oil there will be a stench; Instead of a belt, a rope; Instead of well-set hair, a plucked-out scalp; Instead of fine clothes, a robe of sackcloth; *And* branding instead of beauty.

24 Now it will come about that instead of sweet perfume there will be putrefaction; Instead of a belt, a rope; Instead of well-set hair, a plucked-out scalp; Instead of fine clothes, a donning of sackcloth; And branding instead of beauty.

24 "And it will come about that instead of fragrance there will be a stench; instead of a belt, a rope; instead of well-set hair, baldness; instead of a fine robe, sackcloth; and instead of beauty, shame.

24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

- Branding instead of beauty

- Frivolous women breed a sensual and frivolous nation

25 Your men will fall by the sword And your mighty ones in battle.

25 Your men will fall by the sword And your mighty ones in battle.

25 Your men will die violently, while your forces fall in battle

25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.

- Another side effect of the Tribulation will be the great reduction in the male population

- 7 women for every male, according to Is 4:1

26 And her gates will lament and mourn, And she will sit deserted on the ground.

26 And her gates will lament and mourn, And deserted she will sit on the ground.

26 and her gates lament and mourn. Ravaged, she will sit on the ground."

26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.