

Isaiah 04 - The Renewal of Zion

I. Prophecies of condemnation (Is 1:1–35:10)

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

(A) Book of hardening (Is 1:1–6:13)

(c) Judgment to eventually lead to millennial conditions (Is 2:1–4:6)

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

(d) Women's sin (Is 3:16–4:1)

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Isaiah 4

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1 "At that time, seven women will cling tightly to one man and will make him this offer: 'We'll provide our own bread. We'll provide our own clothes. Just let us marry you so we won't be stigmatized anymore.'"

1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

Beginning in Is 3:16 the Lord had Isaiah speak against the vanity of Israel's women. Their wealth and pride will be taken away to where multiple women will be willing to join together and pay their own expenses to come under the legal protection of one man through marriage.

(iii) Millennial conditions imposed by "the branch" (4:2-6) (Cf. Is 11:1-6)

(a) Wealth of the remnant (4:2)

Vision of the Coming Kingdom

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2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

- Here we come to the conclusion of the portion which began in Is 2:1. Jerusalem is again the center of interest. This may seem an abrupt change, especially in the next two verses—but the source of all constructive action is always the unmerited favor of God: "Grace."

- 20 terms for "branch": (Netzer, Nazarene, et al.)

— *tsemach*, sprout, growth, branch (Cf. Virgo in Isaiah 7)

Branch

(1) "The Branch of the Lord":

- The Immanuel character of Christ (Is 7:4)
- To be fully manifested after His return in glory (Matt 25:31)

(2) "The Branch" of David:

- The Messiah (Is 11:1; Jer 23:5; 33:15)
- "of the seed of David according to the flesh" (Rom 1:3)
- Revealed in earthly glory as King of Kings

(3) The Lord's "servant, the Branch" (Zech 3:8):

- Messiah's humiliation and obedience unto death (Is 52:13—53:12; Phil 2:5-8)

(4) The "man whose name is The Branch" (Zech 6:12):

- The "last Adam," the "second man" (1 Cor 15:45-47 reigning as Priest-King over the dominion given to and lost by the first Adam)

These four perspectives align with the perspectives of each of the four Gospel: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, respectively.

(b) Holiness (4:3-4)

3 And it will come about that the one who is left in Zion and remains behind in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem.

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3 Whoever survives in Zion and whoever remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who has been appointed to survive in Jerusalem—

3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

- The remnant escape only after severe trials...
- The concept of a book enters the picture (Ex 32:32; Ps 69:28; 139:16; Dan 12:1)

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4 when the LORD will have washed away the filth of the women of Zion, cleaning up Jerusalem's guilt by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of tempest.

4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

- When the Messiah comes He'll bring a Spirit of judgment and a Spirit of fire to cleanse the world. Living believers will be welcomed into the Kingdom (Matt 25:34) while unbelievers will be taken away to eternal punishment (Matt 25:46).

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5 Then the LORD will create over the entire site of Mount Zion—including over those who assemble there—a cloud by day

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.

- "...cloud...fire" (Ex 13:21-22)

— The cloud by day and fire by night complete the memorial of His time with them in the wilderness and announce that once again God will dwell with His people in a time of complete provision and protection.

- "...canopy" - *chuppah*, a Jewish wedding canopy, symbolizing that the Messiah will fulfill the prophecy of Is 4:1 and "marry" all of them by bringing them under His protection, to be called by His Name.

6 And there will be a **shelter** to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.

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6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

- "...shelter" - *sukkah*, the shelter used on the Feast of Tabernacles to symbolize the Lord dwelling with them