

IN THAT DAY

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TEXT: Isaiah 4

INTRODUCTION

We pick up tonight in **Isaiah** chapter 4

Isaiah 4 may be short, but it's packed with wonderful Truth

It depicts two time periods, it serves a Dural purpose

This chapter describes the Conditions that would prevail before the Babylonian captivity and will prevail at the establishment of the Kingdom of God after the Second Coming of Christ

This chapter is a continuation of one complete prophecy which began in chapter 2 and will conclude in chapter 5

In these chapters we actually have a synopsis of the entire Book of Isaiah, because he touches all the bases here that he will touch upon in the rest of the book

Chapter 4 is the briefest chapter in the book; it is only six verses long

The structure of the chapter is very simple

The first verse describes the conditions at the end of Great Tribulation, or the last days ...

... As well as the Time of the Captivity

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The remainder of the chapter sets before the reader the preparation that will be necessary for entering the Kingdom

This very short chapter gives some of the prominent results of the Judgment upon Israel for their iniquity

Notice the phrase “*In that day*” found in vs. 1, 2

This is mentioned twice to show that the results recorded in the previous chapters occurred in the time of Judgment

Isaiah is seeing the Future Restoration of Israel

Let’s stand to read vs. 1-6 and then think on this thought

“IN THAT DAY”

~~~Prayer~~~

### **I. THE “PLIGHT” OF THE PEOPLE – v.1**

As we begin this chapter, we see the Title of our Message

**“*In that day*”**

After having presented the Elements of Judgment against Israel \*both distant as well near in the previous chapters

(\*That is; during the Tribulation as well as not long after Isaiah’s day)

The prophet now begins to present a couple of aspects of **“*that Day*”**

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It is both a Day of Judgment, as well as Blessing

So what is *“that Day”*?

It is *“the Day of the LORD”*

This Day is not one specific Day, but a period of time

This Day is a *Time Phrase* found in the Old and New Testaments and sometimes is referred to simply as *“the day”* or *“that day”*

The phrase **Day of the LORD** is found specifically 16 x's in the OT

And stands in stark contrast to the *“day of man”*

**Luke 21:24 – *“And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled”***

... Which typified this present evil age

**Galatians 1:4 – *“Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:*”**

A time during which God permits (but does not condone) rebellious, sinful mankind to go their own way, planning their own plans, and in short, living as if God didn't exist

(This is the essence of ungodliness / wickedness)

They live Independent of God's Power and Rule

Their so-called “independence” being a deception of their vain imagination, for they fail to understand that even every rebellious breath they take is a gift of God's grace!

First, let's look at a Result of God's Judgement

### **A. The 'Problem' in that Day**

***“In that day seven women shall take hold of one man”***

The Problem is that there are No Men left

**III.** How many remember the famous song by Peter, Paul & Mary called - “*Where Have All the Flowers Gone?*” In that song they asked several questions, besides the Title Question. The Flowers went to Young girls. Then they asked where all the young girls went. The answer was to Husbands. Then they asked where all the husbands went. The answer was they became soldiers. Then they asked where did all the soldiers go and the answer was graveyards.

This is exactly what we find happening in **v.1**

**3:25 - “*Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war*”**

Judgment has taken away so many men that there was not enough men to go around

So seven women would go after one man

### **B. The 'Proposal' in that Day**

***“We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel”***

To gain the man, the women said they would support themselves

Today we talk about sex appeal; this was an economical appeal

The poor man could not support all these women so they proposed to support themselves

### **C. The ‘Purpose’ in that Day**

*“Let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach”*

In those days, which did not have NOW and other rebellious women movements that are so popular today ...

It was a reproach (embarrassing) to be single and especially to not have children

Therefore, these women were willing to do about anything to escape this embarrassment

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However, the recent troubles of the Tribulation will quickly fade as the King begins to reign

## **II. THE “PRINCE” OF PROSPERITY – v. 2**

Judgment will result in Israel accepting Christ as Messiah

### **A. The ‘Esteem’ of the Lord**

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***“In that day shall the Branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious,”***

The “***branch***” speaks of the Messiah

***The “branch of the LORD”*** is none other than Jesus Christ

This is one of about a half dozen places where the Messiah is referred to as the Branch

**Isaiah 11:1, Jeremiah 33:15, Zechariah 3:8, and 6:12 ...**

Are some of the others, just to mention a few

He is described as being most attractive in His physical attributes

The word translated “***beautiful***” literally refers to His *graciousness*

Moreover, He will be “***glorious***”

One of the blessed results of Judgment upon Israel will be their change of attitude toward Jesus Christ

Judgment will cause them to turn to Christ as their Messiah, to exalt Him as their Lord

In the midst of Wrath (as described in the preceding passages in Isaiah)

God remembers mercy in the form of the Merciful One, the Messiah, the Branch of Jehovah

**Habakkuk 3:2 – “O LORD, I have heard Thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy”**

This is a Gutter to Glory transition

From the Gutter of the preceding descriptions of Israel under judgment ...

Isaiah moves to a description of the Glory of the Glorious One

It is fascinating (and it should be encouraging) to see how Isaiah often transitions from judgment passages to messages of hope and comfort throughout this book

We saw that in the midst of **chapter 3 ... v. 10**

What a Merciful God we serve as the Psalmist rightly said...

**Psalm 130:3, 4 – “If Thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?” “But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared”**

**The ‘Esteem’ of the Lord**

**B. The ‘Excellence’ of the Land**

***“and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel”***

When Christ is exalted in the land, the fruit of the earth will be excellent

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The “*escaped of Israel*” will be privileged to live in Israel after the judgment

The very crops of the earth will be beautiful and abundant for Israel in the day when the King returns to rule and reign in righteousness

The “*Curse*” of **Genesis 3:17** will be lifted

**Galatians 3:13** - “*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*”

The removal of the Curse will be as thorough and sweeping as the redemptive work of Christ

In bringing us salvation, Christ has already undone some of the damage in our hearts, but in the end he will finally and completely restore his entire creation to what God originally intended

**Romans 8:19-21** ...

Christ will turn back the Curse and restore to humanity all that we lost in Eden, and He will give us much more besides

Isaiah refers to the remnant of Israel which survives the Tribulation as “*them that are escaped of Israel*”

Certainly, many Jews will perish in those days

However, God will preserve a righteous remnant through the Tribulation ...

... which will return to the land of Jacob in righteousness *“in that day”*

**THE “PLIGHT” OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE “PRINCE” OF PROSPERITY**

**III. THE “PURITY” OF THE PLACE – v. 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”*

After all is said and done, and God meets out His Judgment ...

... There will be a Redeemed Remnant in Israel

**Proverbs 25:4 – “Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer”**

**Romans 9:27 – “Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:”**

**A. The ‘Place’ of Judgement**

*“He that is left in Zion ...”*

The place of the Judgment we read about here was in Jerusalem (All the land of Israel, not just the city)

It was Judgment upon the people of God for their unfaithfulness and failures toward Him

But that Judgement brought about a result ...

... The saving of the Nation of Israel

**Hebrews 12:11 – “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby”**

## **B. The ‘Purpose’ of Judgement**

***“Shall be called holy”***

Judgment is done for a Purpose

Judgment is to purify and create holiness

Chastisement, which is judgment upon God's people, has the same purpose

Judgment upon God's people is remedial; it is not the final act as it is with the ungodly

**Proverbs 29:1 – “He, that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy”**

**II Corinthians 7:10 – “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death”**

The ungodly suffer eternal punishment; the godly suffer temporarily to prepare them for blessings

THE “PLIGHT” OF THE PEOPLE

THE “PRINCE” OF PROSPERITY

THE “PURITY” OF THE PLACE

**IV. THE “PROCESS” OF PURIFYING – v. 4**

As surviving Israel emerges from the ravages of the Tribulation, they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb

There are 2 different Bloods here

-- The Soul cleansing Blood of the Lamb

*“What can wash away my sin? ... Nothing but the Blood of Jesus”*

-- And the innocent blood shed by the wicked

In that day, God will purge out of Jerusalem the past days of judgment and burning which it underwent during the Tribulation

God in part allows the judgment of the Tribulation to finally get the attention of Israel to such a degree, that they turn en-masse to Christ

**A. The ‘Washing’**

*“When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion ... purged the blood of Jerusalem”*

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You wash something that is dirty

Sin defiles (morally contaminated)

The **“Blood”** speaks of the bloody evil in the city

**Isaiah 59:3 – “For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness”**

**Titus 1:15 – “Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled”**

All that sin needed to be washed away and judgment did that

Again there is only one thing that can Wash away our sin, and that is the Blood of Jesus

Jesus Paid the Price of that Judgment

### **B. The ‘Wind’**

**“Spirit of judgment... spirit of burning”**

The word translated **“spirit”** in both cases is the same word and can also be translated air, wind, etc.

The same is true in the New Testament which helps us to see the play on words that Jesus did with Nicodemus when Nicodemus visited Jesus by night

**John 3:8 – “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it**

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*... cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit”*

The “**Judgment**” upon Israel was like a whirlwind (a great tornado) that destroyed the land

**Hosea 8:7** – *“For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind:”*

The “**Burning**” was like the pyroclastic blast of the searing hot air of a volcano that devastates the land

**Isaiah 40:24** – *“Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble”*

A “**Whirlwind**” & a “**Burning**” underscores the greatness and severity of the Judgment

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THE “PRINCE” OF PROSPERITY

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THE “PROCESS” OF PURIFYING

### V. THE “PROMISE” OF PROTECTION – vs. 5, 6

The Promise of Divine Protection is described in these last two verses of the chapter

As the Millennium emerges from the darkness of the ...

... Tribulation, God provides miraculous protection for Israel in their land

First, let's look at ...

### A. The 'Promise' – v. 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”***

#### 1. The 'Source'

***“The Lord will create ... a defence”***

A covering of protection

God protects His own

#### 2. The 'Style'

***“Cloud and smoke... flaming fire”***

This compares to the protection given the Israelites when they left Egypt and dwelt in the wilderness

***Exodus 13:21, 22 – “And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:” “He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people”***

#### 3. The "Site"

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*“Upon every dwelling place in Mt. Zion”*

The protection will be everywhere in Zion

### 4. The ‘Season’

*“Cloud and smoke by day ... fire by night”*

The “*smoke*” simply refers to the nature of the cloud

### The ‘Promise’

Then, let’s look at ...

### B. The ‘Purpose’ – v. 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”*

In That Day Mount Zion and Jerusalem will become a center of blessing to the whole earth, and the glory of the Lord that once was seen over the sanctuary of old will again be present

God will be in the House!

Thus, like Israel in the wilderness so long ago, will the restored nation be under Jehovah's gracious care when He has cleansed them from their iniquities and turned their hearts back to Himself

## CONCLUSION

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