

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.

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Isaiah

Holy Living

Lesson # 3 What Isaiah Promised

INTRODUCTION

Why does it seem like the unrighteous often prosper and get ahead?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Read Isaiah 3:1-15

1. What are the supply and support that Judah has counted on that will be taken away? Why?
2. Why are people hesitant to become leaders? What social chaos will follow? Vv 4-7
3. What does it mean to parade sin? Vs 9 What does that look like today?
4. God has established a broad relationship between obedience and blessings, disobedience and curses. **Dt 5:32-33** Why were many of the righteous afflicted with the wicked? Vv 10-11
5. How did the rich plunder the poor? How does that happen today?

Read Isaiah 3:16-4:1

Note: Nose rings of gold and other precious metals were worn by brides. It was disgraceful for women to be childless.

6. Why weren't there enough men to go around? Vs. 25
7. How does Isaiah portray the judgment on the proud women of Jerusalem?

Read Isaiah 4:2-6

Note: Some interpreters view the phrase "branch [tsemach] of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious" as a sign of the land's fertility. They view it as a parallel to the next phrase, "the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of Israel's survivors." Others take the "branch of the LORD" as a messianic title based on other occurrences of the word, used in the sense of the springing forth of salvation (2 Sm 23:5) or "a horn" (Ps 132:17) for David. These passages, because they speak of the continuing line of David, carry a messianic implication. Isaiah, a prophet of Jerusalem close to the royal court, likely knew these songs. Later he called the Messiah "a shoot" (choter) that will come up from the stump of Jesse, even a "branch" (netser) that will bear fruit (Is 11:1). Jeremiah referred to the "righteous Branch" or "Branch of righteousness" from David (Jr 23:5; 33:15) and Zechariah (Zch 3:8; 6:12) used the term "Branch" with a messianic meaning.¹

8. How does the description of God's protection in vv 5-6 compare to the great Exodus? **Ex 13:21-22**
9. What is the result of making it through the Lord's judgment?
10. What does this say about the purpose of God's judgment?

APPLICATION

Would God see you more bent towards obedience or curses? What filth can He wash away? Vs 4

God is long-suffering as He watches people viciously exploit one another and selfishly ravage His creation. But there is coming a day when unbelieving sinners will be punished and God's people will share in the glories of His kingdom. Are you ready?²

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