

INITIATION INTO ISAIAH

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CHAPTER FOUR

THEME:

Continuation of the prophecy begun in chapter 2. Conditions at the time of the Babylonian Captivity and also of the Great Tribulation and setting up of the Kingdom.

REMARKS:

This is an exceedingly brief chapter, only six verses. It is descriptive of conditions which did prevail at the time of the Babylonian Captivity and will prevail at the setting up of the Kingdom. The structure of this chapter is very simple. The first verse is the only one that depicts conditions during the Great Tribulation. The remainder of the chapter sets before the reader the preparation that will be necessary for entering the Kingdom. This section is largely anticipatory.

OUTLINE:

1. **CONDITIONS PREVAILING Because of Frightful Casualties of War.** Verse 1
2. **CONDITIONS PREPARATORY to Establishing the Kingdom.** Verses 2-6

COMMENT:

Verse 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.**

This is a situation where every year is leap year. The frightful slaughter of manpower in war produces this sad situation. War always lowers morals of a nation. This took place at the Babylonian captivity and will transpire again in the end times.

Verse 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.**

“**In that day**” refers to the Day of the Lord. “**The branch**” is introduced here for the first time in Isaiah. There are eighteen Hebrew words translated by “**the branch.**” Here it means “*sprout.*” All refer to the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. This verse looks beyond the Tribulation to the Kingdom.

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

God's people, both Israel and the Gentiles, will survive the Great Tribulation (See Matthew 24:13; Revelation 7).

Verse 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.

God's people must be prepared to enter the kingdom (Zechariah 13:1).

Verse 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 defense.

The Glory of God will be upon every house in the Kingdom, not just the temple.

Verse 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.

Security will come to the nation Israel at last. Note that peace follows grace, mercy and cleansing.

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