

Isaiah 4

What Remains after Purging

1. 4:1-3 – Who Remains

- a. “seven women” – Due to the men of Israel being so few. Isa 3, 2 Ch 28:6
- b. “bread... apparel... by thy name” – legal obligations under the law - Exo 21:10
- c. “our reproach” – Without child or husband – Gen 30:23; Lk 1:7,25; Isa 54:4
- d. “let us be called by thy name” – to obey the law - Ezra 9:11-12, Deu 7:3-4

2. 4:2-3 – Beauty, Glory, Holiness

- a. “branch of the LORD” – a name for both the land and the Lord, kingdom and king
 - i. The land – Ps 80:8,14-16, Jer 2:21, Isa 60:21
 - ii. The Lord – Isa 11:1, Jer 23:5, 33:15, Ps 48:1-2, Zech 3:8, 6:12, John 15:1-6
- b. “beautiful and glorious” – beauty of Israel = 2Sam 1:19, Isa 45:25, 46:13, 52:1
- c. “and fruit” – see 61:3-11, 62:3-4 - Song of Solomon → the Beloved fair and fruitful
- d. “the earth shall be” – Reminder: this is God’s covenant with earth, not us in heaven
- e. “shall be called holy” – which is why it is beautiful - Zech 14:20-21
 - i. A fulfillment of the law – Isa 3:10, 1 Pet 2:5, 2:9, Rev 20:6

3. 4:3-4 – The Purging

- a. “escaped...he that is left ... that remaineth” – The remnant gets the kingdom
- b. What did they escape? The Lord burning up the garbage. Isa 1:25,1:30, 2:19, 3:13
- c. “every one” – all Israel shall be saved, b/c the saves is all that is left – Rom 11:26-27
- d. “washed away” – required to purify all who enter in the temple – Ex 30:20, Ez 36:24
 - i. The washings bear witness: water, blood, fire – Acts 22:16, Rev 1:5, 7:14
- e. “blood of Jerusalem” – Isa 1:15, Matt 23:30-36, Acts 5:28, 7:52
- f. “spirit of judgment... of burning” - Lam 2:4, Zech 13:8-9, Mal 3:2-3, 1 Pet 1:7, 4:12
 - i. “Burning instead of beauty” in Isa 3:24
 - ii. See this spoken of in Matt 3:10-12, John 15:6, Heb 12:25-29

4. 4:5-6 – The Covering of the LORD

- a. The LORD as the covering of Israel - Isa 30:1, Ps 91:1-4
- b. We see here the things to come that were only shadowed before. Mic 7:15, Col 2:17
- c. The Exodus was a shadow of returning from exile of things to come
- d. “upon every dwelling place” – not just the tabernacle as in Exo 40:29-38
- e. “for upon all the glory” – the whole mountain is holy/glorious/protected – Eze 43:11
- f. 4:6 - The elder tells John in the last days about the Lord’s protection - Rev 7:13-17