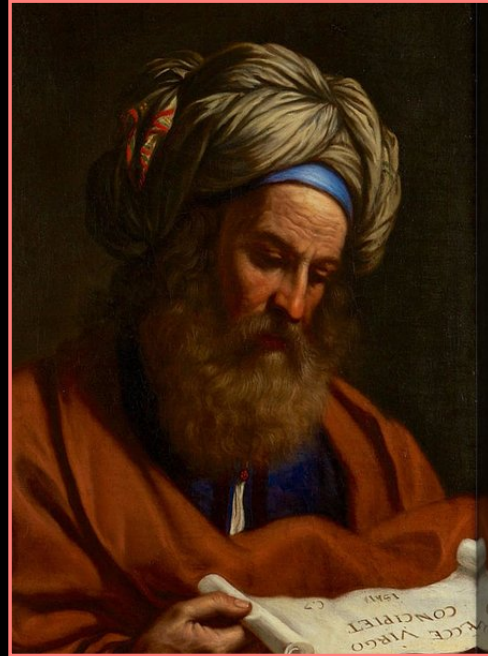


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The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

Isaiah

The Saving Prophet

Isaiah 2-4

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Isaiah—Revelation

We continue new study— (2-4) 🙏!

- In our last study (Bible as Contract) we finished with a newly created Heavens and Earth as found in Rev 21:1. We made the observation that it mirrors the ending chapters of **Isaiah 65:17, 66:22 and 2 Peter 3:13** making this event for the Kingdom not after 1000 yrs of it.
- It has been noted that **Isaiah is the Apocalypse** (“destruction of the world”) of the Old Testament as **Revelation is the Apocalypse** of the New.
- We concluded that there is no “new world” beyond the Kingdom (1000) revealed in the Old Testament. Our intention is to confirm that hypothesis in our study of Isaiah, a Jewish book with Jewish promises.
- Remember that the New Testament does not deny any facts of the Old.

Isaiah—Mostly Poetry

- There is a richness that is derived from poetic expression. Isaiah is largely given in poetry.
- While rich in its expression poetry can cause interpretive angst when figures or metaphors are used.
- But for the most part its poetry has the benefit of compactness and inescapable truth— which is in the hand of a skillful Poet—the God of all Revelation.

The Court Room

- We opened the book last week— as in a court room.
- It has the feel of a court where an indictment is brought against a defendant.
- The defendant does not have the protections of our courts, because the Prosecutor knows all things perfectly—there is no possibility of a miscarriage of justice in this court. Thus there are no mistakes for appeals.
- There are no defense witnesses in the court because the charge is perfectly made by the Prosecutor.

The Court Room

- If witness are present they are on the prosecution's side.
- Heaven and earth have been around since the beginning of the Nation they have had a perfect vantage point to see it all.
- 1. Witnesses to the charge: They are not called but simply pose a threat if they were to be called they would support the charge.
- 2. Witnesses to the trial: They also witness (as history) as the court recorder putting into writing the proceedings. Isaiah functions as the court recorder.

The Charge Against Judah

History

²Listen, O heavens, and hear, O earth; For the Lord speaks, "Sons I have reared and brought up, But they have rebelled against Me. Isaiah 1:2

The court is in session
The court is in its attendance the heavens and earth, both have witnessed/or can be witnesses to the charges.

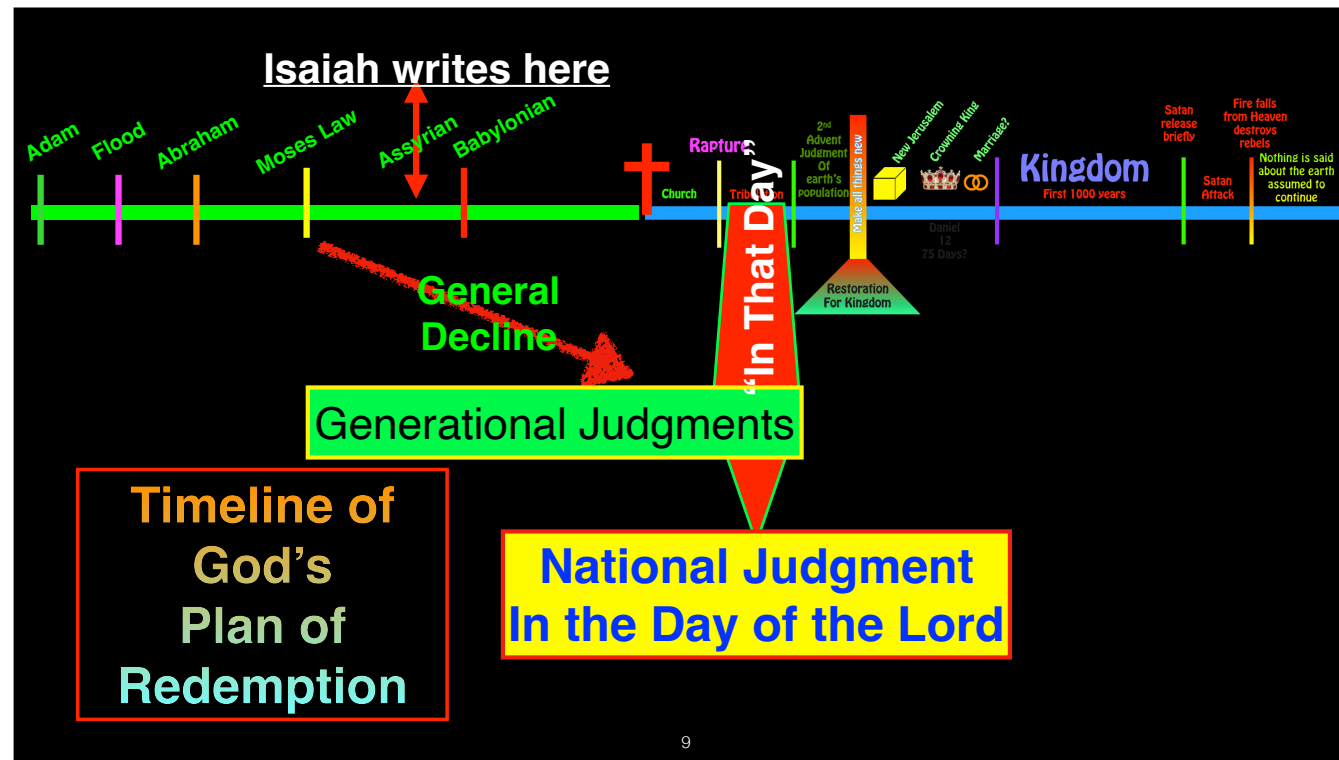
Both are Eternal witnesses

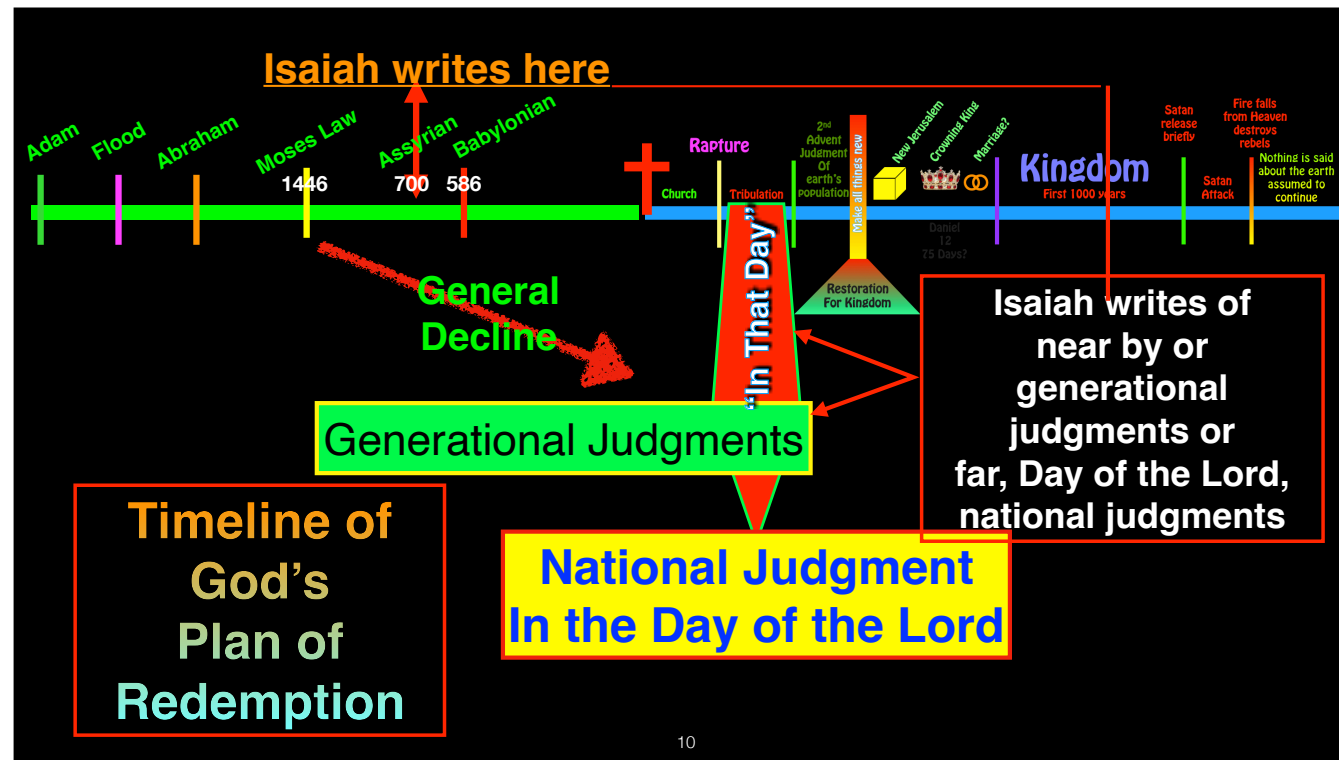
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The charge will be common throughout the book





Isaiah 1 Ends on This Note

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- ²⁴Therefore the Lord God of hosts, The Mighty One of Israel, declares, “Ah, **I will be relieved of My adversaries** And **avenge Myself on My foes**. Isaiah 1:24 (to 31)
- (25-30)
- ³¹The strong **man will** become tinder, His work also a spark. Thus they shall both **burn together And there will be none to quench them**.
- Isaiah 1:31

Isaiah 2

- ¹The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:1
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- The Prophecy continues. We do not know how these prophecies were delivered. It would be reasonable that they were given in segments and were written down as we have the book. This is supported by the repeated “address” given in 2:1, repeating 1:1.

Isaiah is Poetry

- The second thing to note that the judgement against Judah and Jerusalem becomes more explicit.
- We are also given a clue about when these judgments will fall.
- In “the last days” 3x (v 2,17, 20) and later in 13:6 the “Day of the Lord” both make their appearances—
last days defines “Day of the Lord.”

Isaiah

- ²Now it will come about that In the last days
- The mountain of the house of the Lord
- Will be established as the chief of the mountains,
- And will be raised above the hills;
- And all the nations will stream to it. Isaiah 2:2

The switch (chapter break) briefly to a positive look at the future of Judea and Jerusalem as its national capitol—it is in the Kingdom Age.

The Ancient Hope Remains

- ²Now it will come about that In the last days
- The **mountain** of the house of the Lord
- Will be established as the **chief** of the mountains,
- And will be **raised above the hills**;
- And **all the nations will stream to it.** Isaiah 2:2

- The use of high mountains to express supremacy is common in the Bible.
- This is the hope of Israel by a different metaphor—it was first given by Moses— “The Lord will **make you the head and not the tail**, and **you only will be above**, and you will not be underneath, **if you listen to the commandments of the Lord your God**, which I charge you today, to observe them carefully, Deuteronomy 28:13

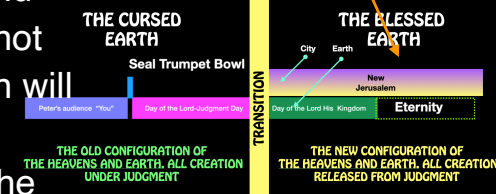
Eternal Kingdom Passage

- ³And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:3
- Do not forget this promise God made to Abraham, Moses, David through Christ the Messiah.

Eternal Kingdom Passage

- ⁴And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war. [In light of their future—>]

- ★ ⁵Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. Isaiah 2:4–5



Judgments of the nations Matt 25? Or Kingdom administration? That wars are over suggests the Matt 25 judgment.

The Lord appeals to them giving insight of their future.

For the Day of the Lord

- Repeated: ³And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they train for war.

Micah 4:3



- ¹⁰Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, "I am a mighty man."

Joel 3:10

- Plowshares for peace and war.
- Misused verse—United Nations.
The sculptor, Vuchetich, was born in 1908, received the honorary title of the USSR People's Artist.
His work, **Let Us Beat Swords into Plough shares, received the highest award - the Grand Prix diploma at the Brussels World Exhibition of 1958.**

God's Generational Judgment Falls

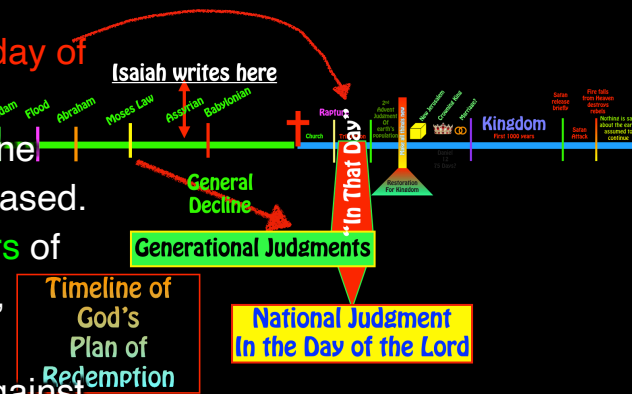
- ⁶For You (God) have abandoned Your people, the house of Jacob, Because they are filled with influences from the east, And they are soothsayers like the Philistines, And they strike bargains with the children of foreigners.
- ⁷Their land has also been filled with silver and gold And there is no end to their treasures; Their land has also been filled with horses And there is no end to their chariots.
- Isaiah 2:6–7
- Judah is wealthy now, they forget their God and depend on their good fortune.

Wealth and Idol Worship

- ⁸Their land has also been filled with idols; They worship the work of their hands, That which their fingers have made.
- ⁹So the common man has been humbled And the man of importance has been abased, But do not forgive them.
A day of reckoning is coming when Men will be in terror of God
- ¹⁰Enter the rock and hide in the dust From the terror of the Lord and from the splendor of His majesty.
- ¹¹The proud look of man will be abased And the loftiness of man will be humbled, And the Lord alone will be exalted in that day.
- Isaiah 2:8–11

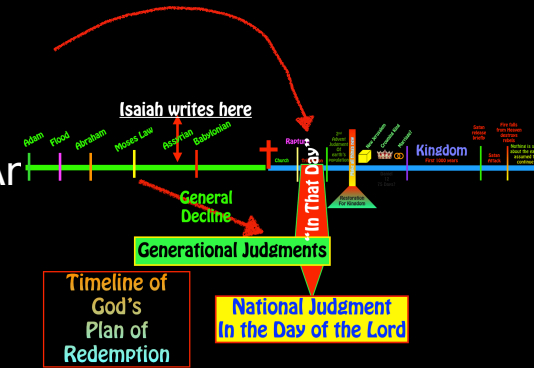
In that Day—A Day of Reckoning

- 12 For the Lord of hosts will have a **day of reckoning** Against everyone who is proud and lofty And against everyone who is lifted up, That he may be abased.
- 13 And it will be against all the **cedars** of Lebanon that are lofty and lifted up, Against all the **oaks** of Bashan,
- 14 Against all the lofty **mountains**, Against all the **hills** that are lifted up,
- Isaiah 2:12–14



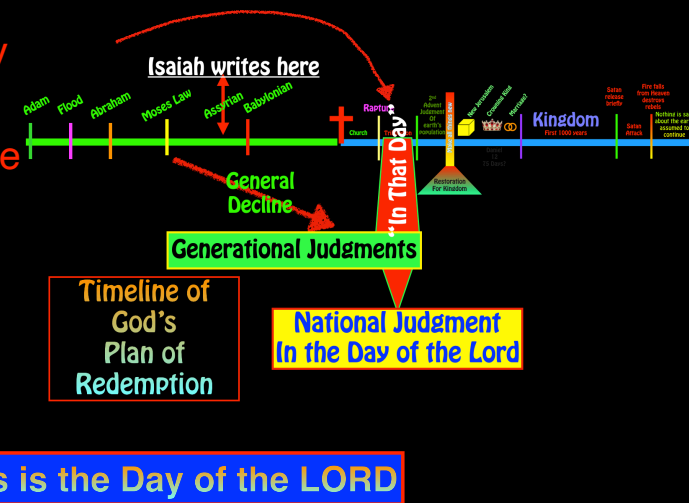
Day of the LORD Tribulation Days

- ¹⁵Against every high **tower**, Against every fortified **wall**,
- ¹⁶Against all the **ships** of Tarshish And against all the beautiful **craft**.
- ¹⁷The pride of man will be **humbled** And the loftiness of men will be **abased**; And the Lord alone will be **exalted** in that day,
- Isaiah 2:15–17



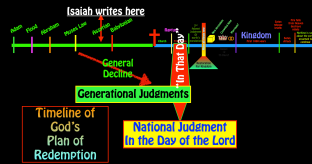
Repeated Warning

- ¹⁸But the idols will completely vanish.
- ¹⁹Men will go into caves of the rocks And into holes of the ground Before the terror of the Lord And the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble.
- Isaiah 2:18–19



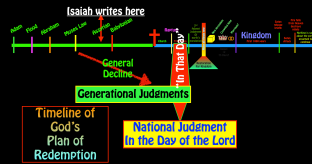
“And you will defile your graven images overlaid with silver, and your molten images plated with gold. You will scatter them as an impure thing, and say to them, “Be gone!”” Isaiah 30:22

- ²⁰In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats Their idols of silver and their idols of gold, Which they made for themselves to worship, [as the run for cover!]
 - ²¹In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs Before the terror of the Lord and the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble.
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- [THEREFORE—]²²Stop regarding man, whose breath of life is in his nostrils; For why should he be esteemed? Isaiah 2:20–22



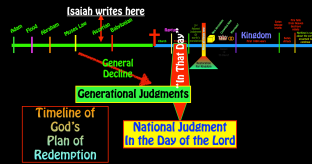
Isaiah 3

- JUDGMENT COMING: ¹For behold, the Lord God of hosts is going to **remove** from Jerusalem and Judah Both supply and support, the whole supply of **bread** And the whole supply of **water**;
- ²The **mighty man** and the warrior, The **judge and the prophet**, The diviner and the elder,
- ³The **captain of fifty** and the **honorable man**, The counselor and the expert **artisan**, And the **skillful enchanter**.
- ⁴And I will make mere lads their princes, And capricious children will rule over them,
- ⁵And the people will be oppressed, Each one by another, and each one by his neighbor; The youth will storm against the elder And the inferior against the honorable. Isaiah 3:1–5



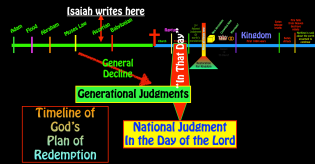
ISAIAH 3

- ⁶When a man lays hold of his brother in his father's house, saying, "You have a cloak, **you shall be our ruler**, And these **ruins will be under your charge**,"
- ⁷He will protest on **that day**, saying, "I will not be your healer, For in my house there is **neither bread nor cloak**; You should not appoint me ruler of the people."
- ⁸For Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has fallen, Because their speech and their actions are against the Lord, To rebel against His glorious presence.
- ⁹The expression of their faces bears witness against them, And they display their sin like Sodom; They do not even conceal it. Woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves. (VISIT TEL AVIV TODAY A GAY CITY)
- Isaiah 3:6–9



Tel Aviv

- Getting a Head start already—“Known as the ‘Gay Capital of the Middle East’, Tel Aviv hosts one of the leading Gay Pride parades in the world. Winning a world-wide survey conducted by GayCities.com and American Airlines, Tel Aviv was voted ‘The best gay travel destination of 2011’.
- “As Lonely Planet would put it, Tel Aviv is a ‘Modern Sin City on the Sea, where there are more bars than synagogues, God is a DJ and everyone’s body is a temple’. It is a creative, open-minded, accepting and daring city; no wonder The New York Times named it the ‘Mediterranean Capital of Cool!’”
- <https://www.tel-aviv.gov.il/en/Pages/ArticlePage.aspx?WebID=9336473c-1537-4ab6-8a69-d299b5db8bcc&ListID=b4eda22c-a69a-4bef-9479-05d5a832ad16&ItemId=99#:~:text=Known%20as%20the%20'Gay%20Capital, gay%20travel%20destination%20of%202011'>

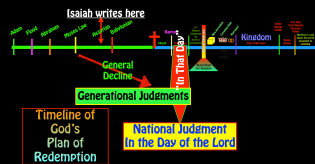


Stark Contrasts!

- ¹⁰Say to the righteous that it will go well with them, For they will eat the fruit of their actions. ¹¹Woe to the wicked! It will go badly with him, For what he deserves will be done to him.

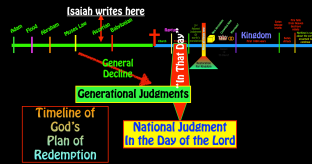
- ¹²O My people! Their oppressors are children, And women rule over them. O My people! Those who guide you lead you astray And confuse the direction of your paths.

- The Lord arises to contend, And stands to judge the people.
- ¹⁴The Lord enters into judgment with the elders and princes of His people, "It is you who have devoured the vineyard; The plunder of the poor is in your houses.
- ¹⁵"What do you mean by crushing My people And grinding the face of the poor?" Declares the Lord God of hosts. Isaiah 3:11–15



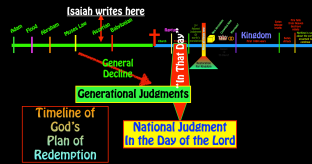
A Word to Daughters

- ¹⁶Moreover, the Lord said, “Because the daughters of Zion are proud And walk with heads held high and seductive eyes, And go along with mincing steps And tinkle the bangles on their feet,
- ¹⁷Therefore the Lord will afflict the scalp of the daughters of Zion with scabs, And the Lord will make their foreheads bare.”
- ¹⁸In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets, headbands, crescent ornaments,
- ¹⁹dangling earrings, bracelets, veils,
- ²⁰headdresses, ankle chains, sashes, perfume boxes, amulets,
- ²¹finger rings, nose rings,
- ²²festal robes, outer tunics, cloaks, money purses,
- ²³hand mirrors, undergarments, turbans and veils.
- ²⁴Now it will come about that instead of sweet perfume there will be putrefaction; Instead of a belt, a rope; Instead of well-set hair, a plucked-out scalp; Instead of fine clothes, a donning of sackcloth; And branding instead of beauty.
- ²⁵Your men will fall by the sword And your mighty ones in battle.
- ²⁶And her gates will lament and mourn, And deserted she will sit on the ground. Isaiah 3:16–26



ISAIAH 4

- ¹For seven women will take hold of one man in that day, saying,
 - “We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us be called by your name; take away our reproach!” Isaiah 4
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- The destitution of the women will be so severe that they will be willing to share a man with six other women. They will not expect support **just restored honor** lost as street women!



ISAIAH 4

- ²In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel.
- ³It will come about that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem.
- ⁴When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning,
- ⁵then the Lord will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy.
- ⁶There will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain. Isaiah 4

Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious The Shechinah Glory that left Temple in 586 BC Returns

- Fruchtenbaum: Shechinah glory will be seen over Mount Zion...the Shechinah glory is the visible manifestation of God's presence, mostly coming—though not always—in the form of light, a fire, a cloud, or some combination of these.
- "... in the millennial kingdom, the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud that led the Israelites through the wilderness in the book of Exodus (Ex. 13:21-22; 16:10; 19:9) will return:
- "And Jehovah will create over the whole habitation of mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory shall be spread a covering.

Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious
The Shechinah Glory that left Temple in 586 BC

- (F) “The Shechinah glory will reappear and cover the highest mountain in Israel and indeed in the world.
- “During the day, it will provide protection from the sun by being a cloud and smoke.
- “During the night, it will provide light with its glow of flaming fire.
- “The Hebrew word for “covering,” chuppah, refers to a canopy that is used for the sake of beautifying and honoring that which is covered.

The Perfected Kingdom And its weather events?

- (F) “And there shall be a pavilion for a shade in the day-time from the **heat**, and for a refuge and for a **covert from storm and from rain**. The Hebrew word for “pavilion,” sukkah, means “a thicket” or “booth.”
- “The Shechinah glory will be over all and will provide a **sheltering canopy**, resulting in **special protection from harsh conditions (heat, storm, and rain)**. [These natural events are likely metaphoric or anachronisms since there are no threats like this in the Kingdom. So the Kingdom itself is the protection from the natural events of judgment, all of by now have passed. It is a comfort for us, who still live under the curse to know that we (kingdom dwellers) will not face, heat, rain storms, lightning, thunder tornados tsunamis), etc.)
- “The Messianic kingdom is a major theme in the book of Isaiah, and much more will be learned about it from this prophet. ... Verses 5-6 speak of this future time ... the Messianic Age when the Jewish people will return from exile to the land of Israel.”

Sailor Take Warning

The warning has gone out.

- Imagine that this warning is now 700+2022 years old. No wonder people say as they did 2000 years ago, where is the promise of His coming.

As the LORD may be slow He is never late.

- The Day of Salvation is still here. The Day of the LORD is a day of judgment. The Wise get oil for their lamps before the shout of the Bridegroom. Those that drowse and sleep are unprepared when the Bride Groom comes—He will say I never knew you. You will be sent to where will be weeping and the mashing of teeth (Matt. 25)

Thus far—