

## Isaiah Lesson 05

Isaiah Chapter 5

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**Introduction:** In chapter 3, we saw further warnings from God through the prophet Isaiah to both Judah and Jerusalem. The prophet shifts his focus here to the millennial reign of the Messiah. This short chapter presents insights into the conditions which will arise at the end of the Tribulation.

### I. The Branch of the Lord is Glorified

*Isa 4:1 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.*

The chapter begins with the oft-repeated phrase, “in that day.” After having presented the judgment of God against Israel both distant as well as near (during the Tribulation as well as not long after Isaiah’s day), the prophet now begins to present the ‘positive’ aspect of the Day of the Lord. It is both judgment as well as blessing. This chapter begins to detail the blessings of the Day of the Lord as the Millennium blossoms forth after the Tribulation. He describes how that in that day, Israel evidently will have lost many of its men to the battles of the Tribulation.

Evidently, in some places there will be seven women for each man and they will compete to be married to the few men available, offering even to provide their own sustenance.

*Isa 4:2 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.*

The recent troubles of the Tribulation will quickly fade as the King begins to reign. 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. 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. See also Isaiah 11:1, Jeremiah 33:15, Zechariah 3:8, and 6:12.

*Jer 33:15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.*

Jesus is described here as being most attractive in His physical attributes. Moreover, He will be glorious. The crops of the earth will be beautiful and abundant for Israel in the day when the King returns to rule and reign in righteousness.

Isaiah refers here to the remnant of Israel which survives the Tribulation as “them that are escaped of Israel.” Certainly, many Jews will also perish in that day. God will preserve a righteous remnant through the Tribulation which will return to the land of Jacob having been made righteous by the Messiah ‘in that day.’

*Isa 4:3 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:*

*Isa 4:4 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.*

The prophet continues to look through the mist of prophecy to the early days of the Millennium after the Tribulation. Those Jews who survive the final days of the Tribulation in Jerusalem and enter into the Kingdom will be called holy. This no doubt refers to the righteousness and sanctification they will possess in Christ as born again believers.

In fact, every Jew who survives the Tribulation will be called holy. Redeemed Israel in that day will be holiness unto the Lord. Israel will be converted to Christ as a result of the Tribulation. As surviving Israel emerges from the ravages of the Tribulation, they will be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

In that day, God will also purge out of Jerusalem the recent 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 to Christ.

*Isa 4:5 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.*

*Isa 4:6 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.*

As the Millennium emerges from the darkness of the Tribulation, God provides miraculous protection for Israel in their land. In terms reminiscent of the exodus, God through the prophet promises for those in Israel (and Jerusalem in particular) a canopy of glory.

Apparently at Jerusalem, there will be a cloud of smoke by day and a pillar of fire by night over each home. This may be one great canopy of glory over the city. Further hints at this are found in verse 6. Implicit is that during the Millennium, God will erect a glorious canopy over Jerusalem to protect it from the elements. Neither the heat of day nor the gloom of rain will ever be an affliction to Jerusalem on that day.

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*Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

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