

### ISAIAH – Chapter 3

Isaiah gives examples of the nation's (peoples') present sins that needed to be judged by God.

Verses 1 – 3 God is going to take away from Judah and Jerusalem any semblance of order and good government. Because of her sin, the Lord will take away the supplies and people on which she relies.

Vs.1 Food and water.

Vs.2 Mighty man and the warrior.

Judge

Elder

Vs.3 Captain of fifty

Honorable man

Counselor

Expert artisan

Skillful enchanter

Vs.4 He will replace them with inexperienced boys and children.

Vs.5 As a result:

The people will be oppressed.

The youth will storm against the elder.

The inferior against the honorable.

Vs.6 Anybody who owns a cloak will be grabbed in an effort to place him in charge. Ruins will be all that there is to be ruled over.

Vs.7 No one will take the position because no one will have an answer for the condition that the land is in.

Vs.8-9 The people have defied God and are open about their sin much like the people of Sodom. Gen. 18:20; 19:1-11; Isa. 1:9-10. Therefore, the coming disaster will be brought on by themselves.

Woe to them

Woe to the wicked

to you

to those

to me

to Assyria

to the land

to the proud crown of the drunkards

to the obstinate children

to the shepherds who are destroying

The word appears 22 times in this prophetic book. More than in any other book! They have brought evil upon themselves.

Vs.10 When God judges, the righteous need not fear, they will be justly rewarded for their deeds.

Vs.11 To the wicked – what he deserves will be done to him.

Vs.12 What has happened to God's people?

They are oppressed by children.

Ruled over by women.

Lead astray by all who lead them.

They have lost their way and no longer even know the path.

Vs.13 The Lord is ready to judge both the people and the leaders.

Vs.14-15 Two charges are leveled against the leaders:

1) They have devoured God's vineyard. Isa.5:1-10; Ps. 80:8-19; Jer. 2:21, 12:10-13; Ezk. 15:6-8

2) They have plundered the poor taking home their goods, grinding their faces.

Note: The poor are always in our midst and they are there to test us! James 1:27; 2:1-9

Vs.16 Daughters of Zion (Jerusalem) are proud (before God's judgment).

- 1) Walk with heads high
- 2) Seductive eyes
- 3) Mincing steps (to walk with short steps or affected preciseness, walking in artificial manner)
- 4) Their jewelry tinkles as they move.

After God's judgment:

- 1) Scalp will be covered with scabs.
- 2) Bald headed. 1 Cor. 11:14-15

Vs.18-26 In that day – looks forward to the Babylonian captivity (that is the judgment which comes upon Judah and Jerusalem).

- 1) The Babylonian soldiers will take away all the women's fine jewelry and wardrobes.
- 2) Instead of fragrance they will stink.
- 3) The women will be pulled by a rope and wear sackcloth (Assyrians lined their captives up and strung them using fishhooks which they ran through the lower lip). Amos 4:2
- 4) Branding as a slave instead of beauty.
- 5) They will mourn because their husbands, uncles, brothers, and sons will die in battle.

Jerusalem will be a place of lament and mourning, deserted, and down cast.

Chapter 4

Vs.1 So many men will die that the women who are left will compete to "remove their shame."

Note: Jeremiah describes the siege. Lam. 2:20. 4:10; Jer. 19:8-9; also Lev. 26:14-38, esp. vs. 27-29