

# **Israel's Future End**

## **Isaiah 2**

### **Prepare for the future**

#### **A. The Millennium Kingdom Established (2:1-5)**

**1. The location (2:1)**

**2. The timing (2:2a) - Micah 4:1**

**3. The preeminence (2:2b)**

**4. The righteousness (2:3) - Micah 4:2**

**5. The peace (2:4)**

**a. Sin judged**

**b. Warfare abolished - Micah 4:3**

**6. The plea for now (2:5) - John 8:12, Ephesians 5:8**

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#### **B. The Present Problem Revealed (Isaiah 2:6-9)**

##### **1. Wrong relationships (2:6)**

**2 Corinthians 6:14**

##### **2. Wrong focus (2:7)**

**Colossians 3:1-2**

##### **3. Wrong worship (2:8-9)**

**1 Kings 11:2**

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#### **C. The Day of the Lord - The Great Tribulation (2:10-21)**

**1. God only exalted eventually (2:10-12) - 2 Cor 6:14**

**2. God's judgment executed on ... (2:13-18)**

**a. Natural symbols of pride (v 13)**

**b. Government and society (v 14)**

**c. Military might (v 15)**

**d. Commerce and art (v 16)**

**e. Man's pride itself (v 17)**

**f. False religion (18)**

**3. No place to escape judgment (2:19)**

**4. No choice but to acknowledge God (2:20-21)**

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#### **D. God's Warning: Don't Trust In Man (2:22)**

##### **1. Man provides no help**

**Psalm 146:3**

##### **2. God's help is always better**

**Psalm 118:8**

**2 Peter 3:11**

**Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

# **Signs of National Decay**

## **Isaiah 3**

**The signs should not be ignored**

# **Introduction**

**A. Chapters 2-5 constitute a complete prophecy concerning Israel**

- 1. Chapter 2 - Great Tribulation/Millennium Kingdom**
- 2. Chapter 3 - Coming judgment for Israel**
- 3. Chapter 4 - Conditions before Babylonian captivity and during the Great Tribulation**
- 4. Chapter 5 - Why judgment and captivity is coming for Israel**

**B. God's marriage relationships**

- 1. Father and Israel**
- 2. Christ and the Church**

# **I. God's Pending Judgments for Israel**

**(Isaiah 3:1-9, 12, 14-15)**

## **A. Famine (3:1)**

**Isaiah 3:1**

**For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water.**

## **B. Character and true leadership missing (3:2-3)**

**Isaiah 3:2-3**

**2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,**

**3 The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.**

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**(Isaiah 3:1-9, 12, 14-15)**

## **C. Immature leadership substituted (3:4-9)**

### **1. Childish (v 4)**

**Isaiah 3:4**

**And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.**

### **2. Causes oppression (v 5)**

**Isaiah 3:5**

**And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.**

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**(Isaiah 3:1-9, 12, 14-15)**

**C. Immature leadership substituted (3:4-9) - continued**

**3. Looks for superficial help (v 6)**

**Isaiah 3:6**

**When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand:**

**4. No one takes responsibility (v 7)**

**Isaiah 3:7**

**In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.**

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**(Isaiah 3:1-9, 12, 14-15)**

**C. Immature leadership substituted (3:4-9) - continued**

**5. Results in spiritual ruin (vv 8-9, 12)**

**Isaiah 3:8-9**

**8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.**

**9 The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.**

**Isaiah 3:12**

**As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.**

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**(Isaiah 3:1-9, 12, 14-15)**

**D. Generational sin is the root cause (3:14-15)**

**Isaiah 3:14-15**

**14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.**

**15 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.**

## **II. God's Judgment Is Just (Isaiah 3:10-11, 13)**

### **A. Righteous rewarded well (3:10)**

**Isaiah 3:10**

**Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.**

### **B. Unrighteous rewarded their own evil (3:11)**

**Isaiah 3:11**

**Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.**

**We do it to ourselves**

## **II. God's Judgment Is Just (Isaiah 3:10-11, 13)**

### **C. A choice given (3:13)**

#### **Isaiah 3:13**

**The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.**

#### **Proverbs 21:30**

**There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.**

### **III. Spiritual Decay Identified (Isaiah 3:16-26)**

#### **A. Pride the cause (3:16)**

##### **Isaiah 3:16**

**Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:**

## **Ezekiel 16:15-18**

**15 But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was.**

**16 And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so.**

**17 Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them,**

**18 And tookest thy brodered garments, and coveredst them: and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them.**

## **Proverbs 16:5**

**Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.**

## **Proverbs 21:4**

**An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.**

### **III. Spiritual Decay Identified (Isaiah 3:16-26)**

#### **B. Pride stripped away (3:17-24)**

##### **Isaiah 3:17-24**

**17 Therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.**

**18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,**

### **III. Spiritual Decay Identified (Isaiah 3:16-26)**

#### **B. Pride stripped away (3:17-24)**

**Isaiah 3:17-24 - continued**

**19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,**

**20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings,**

**21 The rings, and nose jewels,**

**22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins,**

**23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails.**

### **III. Spiritual Decay Identified (Isaiah 3:16-26)**

#### **B. Pride stripped away (3:17-24)**

**Isaiah 3:17-24 - continued**

**24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.**

**Proverbs 16:18**

**Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.**

**Proverbs 21:17**

**He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.**

### **III. Spiritual Decay Identified (Isaiah 3:16-26)**

**C. Sin exacts a higher price than expected (3:25-26)**

**Isaiah 3:25-26**

**25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.**

**26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.**

**Are These Signs  
In  
Our Lives?**