

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.

I. God's Pending Judgments for Israel

(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.

I. God's Pending Judgments for Israel

(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.

I. God's Pending Judgments for Israel

(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.

I. God's Pending Judgments for Israel

(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?**