

INITIATION INTO ISAIAH

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CHAPTER THIRTY-TWO

THEME:

The coming King, the coming Tribulation and the coming Spirit.

REMARKS:

This chapter is a bright note between the fifth and sixth woes; it is a ray of light to God's people in a dark place in that day.

It has been some time since the person of the King has been before us, but we find Him introduced again at this point, for there can be no Millennium of blessing without Him.

There is also the second coming of the Holy Spirit mentioned in this chapter. Jennings likens this to the latter rain; the former rain being Pentecost. The Holy Spirit cannot be poured out in one day in view of the fact He came on the Day of Pentecost and continues as long as the Church is in the world.

OUTLINE:

1. **THE PERSON OF THE KING Who is to Reign, Introduced.** Verses 1-8
2. **THE PRECEDING TIME of Trouble Before the King Reigns.** Verses 9-14
3. **THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT to be Poured Out In The Lost Day.** Verses 15-20

COMMENT:

Verse 1—**Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.**

This verse projects on into the Kingdom. The King is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. The character of His reign is righteousness.

(See chapter 11 for a more complete picture of this aspect of His reign).

Verse 2—**And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.**

He is not only King; He is a Saviour-King, he bore the winds and tempest of the judgment of sin for us, he is also a rock for protection, He was set before us in Isaiah 26:4 as the Rock of Ages. This is another aspect of, his ministry under the figure of the rock.

Verse 3—**And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.**

Verse 4—**The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.**

Then there will be spiritual understanding given to all of God's people. "**Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face**" (I Corinthians 13:12). True spiritual values will then be ascertained and made obvious.

Verse 5—**The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.**

Verse 6—**For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the Lord, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.**

Verse 7—**The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right.**

Verse 8—**But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.**

Everything will be seen in its true colors in that day. There will be no false values. Every man will be seen for what he is. There will be no "putting on a front" or assuming what we are not. The mark of hypocrisy will be removed.

Verse 9—**Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.**

Verse 10—**Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.**

Verse 11—**Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.**

Verse 12—**They shall lament for the teats, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.**

Verse 13—**Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city:**

Verse 14—**Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;**

The women who live in pleasure in that day will not sense the coming judgment. Ordinarily, women are first to be alarmed and are sensitive to danger, here they continue in pleasure and frivolity, insensitive to the serious condition. They are dead even while they live in pleasure. The judgment comes upon the land, and the land is made desolate. This has a bifocal fulfillment, near and far. It was partially fulfilled under Sennacherib, but it looks on to the Great Tribulation.

Verse 15—**Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.**

Compare Joel 2.28-29

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

This looks forward to the coming Kingdom.

Verse 17—**And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.**

This is another great spiritual principle which is for men of all ages.

Verse 20—**Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass.**

This verse should be interpreted in a literal manner, however, it does have a spiritual application. Surely we ought to be sowing God's Word beside all waters.

CHRISTIANS

Very just is the comment of *The Flame*: "One of the most disturbing features of today is that many men of the world, who do not pose as Christians, have a far clearer insight into the alarming state of the world than do most professing Christians. It is high time for the Church of God to awaken to the fact that the end of the age is upon us, and that the second coming of Christ is at hand."

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