

ISAIAH – LESSON TWO

- I. THE FUTURE GLORY OF ZION VIEWED WHILE JERUSALEM'S PRESENT SINFUL STATE HAS HER ON THE VERGE OF DIVINE JUDGMENT (Chapters 2-4).**
- A. Zion's later day glory- (2:1-5).
 - 1. Exalted at the head of all mountains.
 - 2. All nations shall flow unto it to be taught God's ways in God's house.
 - 3. The law and the word of Jehovah shall come from Jerusalem (cf. Lk. 24:47).
 - 4. Characterized by justice and peace.
 - 5. All should therefore walk in the light of Jehovah (cf. Micah 3:12-4:5, Jer. 26:18).
 - B. House of Jacob forsaken by God and estranged from Him due to following the false ways of foreigners and being haughty in her luxuries (2:6-11).
 - 1. Jacob filled with ways of the east, luxury and idols.
 - 2. The consequent upcoming judgment and its effects.
 - C. The glory of Jehovah exalted in judgment upon His haughty people (2:12-22).
 - D. Jerusalem's means of support taken away in judgment with its effects (3:1-7).
 - E. Jerusalem ruined due to her own sins (3:8-15)
 - 1. Her words and deeds provoke God.
 - 2. Not ashamed for her sins.
 - 3. Capricious rulers have caused her to err.
 - F. The daughter of Zion deprived of her ornaments of beauty and humbled (3:16-4:1).
 - G. The future glorious beauty, guidance and protection of Zion (4:2-6).
 - 1. The "branch" of Jehovah flourishes.
 - 2. Jerusalem holy after being purged.
 - 3. Zion guided and protected by God

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Apply the following specifics of Isaiah's prophecy in 2:1-4 showing how his prophecy was fulfilled in Christ and the establishment of His church in the New Testament:
 - a. "latter days" –
 - b. establishment of the "mountain of Jehovah's house" –
 - c. "all nations shall flow into it" –
 - d. God's law or word shall go forth "from Jerusalem" –
 - e. "beat their swords into plowshares..."

2. Since part of the glorious vision for Zion is to “walk in His paths” (2:3), what exhortation does Isaiah give to His people?
3. What other prophet gives this same prophecy and exhortation?
4. What was Israel “filled with” that caused God to “forsake” his people?
5. What attitude of the people is causing God’s judgment to come on his people?
6. What is the purpose of hiding in the rocks and holes of the earth?
7. Why does Isaiah say, “cease ye from man”?
8. When God takes away his people’s means of sustenance, how desperate will they be?
9. How are Israel’s “princes” and “rulers” characterized?
10. “Jerusalem is ruined...because their _____ and their _____ are _____ Jehovah.”
11. How was Israel like “Sodom” in their attitude towards their sin?
12. What *two word pictures* does Isaiah give you to show the daughter of Zion’s haughty attitude?
13. How does Isaiah describe the “shame” and “sadness” that the daughter of Zion will experience?

14. What will the “desolate” situation cause the daughter of Zion to do?

15. Does Isaiah’s “branch of Jehovah” point to Christ?

16. What will the remnant in Zion be characterized as?

17. What blessing is it for Jehovah to create over Zion “a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night” ?

18. Will Zion have “protection” from dangers?

19. How does 4:2-6 tie in with 2:1-4?