

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 219 – Few Men Through A Tabernacle For Safety (Isaiah 4:1-6)

1. As the Lord is continuing to discuss His punishment against Judah and Jerusalem (Isaiah 3:1-26), how hard was it for a woman to find a husband in Judah?

Seven women fighting for one man: *“And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach” (Isaiah 4:1).*

- It is a punishment for God to cause men to be few in number (**Isaiah 3:25-26, Isaiah 13:12, and Isaiah 24:5-6**).
- This happened (**II Chronicles 28:6**).
- Remember how important it was, under the Old Law, for a woman to bear a child (**Genesis 30:22-23, I Samuel 1:1-10, and Luke 1:24-25**).
- The fact that these women would not require their husbands to even provide for them is a statement to how desperate these women were (**Jeremiah 15:8**).

2. What did the branch of the Lord look like to those who are “escaped of Israel” in “that day”?

Beautiful and glorious: *“In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel” (Isaiah 4:2).*

- **Isaiah 60:21; cf. John 15:1-8.**
- For those who survived this judgment, the future holds bright in looking forward to Christ coming (**Jeremiah 23:5, Jeremiah 33:15, Zechariah 3:8, and Zechariah 6:12**).
- For those who perished, they would not be part of bringing Christ into this world (**Malachi 4:1**).

3. Would those who remained alive in Jerusalem be sinners?

No: *“And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem” (Isaiah 4:3).*

- **Isaiah 1:27, Isaiah 52:1, and Colossians 3:12.**

4. Was God going to clean up His holy city?

Yes: *“When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning” (Isaiah 4:4).*

- **Psalms 53:3, Zephaniah 3:1-5, and Zechariah 13:1.**
- God’s people should not be filthy (**Deuteronomy 18:13, Numbers 15:40, II Corinthians 7:1, and I Peter 1:13-16**).

5. Once God finished His disciplinary action on His city, did He plan to defend her?

Yes: *“And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence” (Isaiah 4:5).*

- **Zechariah 2:5-10.**
- Mount Zion was in Jerusalem (**II Chronicles 5:2** and **Psalms 135:21**).
- He has been a cloud and fire above before for guidance and safety (**Exodus 13:21-22**, **Exodus 14:19-20**, **Exodus 14:24**, and **Numbers 9:15-22**).

6. Did God intend to provide a place of refuge in His city?

Yes: *“And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain” (Isaiah 4:6).*

- A tabernacle, a covert from God as a hiding place (**Psalms 27:5**, **Proverbs 18:10**, and **Isaiah 25:4**).
- When God defended His people in the Old Testament, He really defended His people (**Exodus 23:27**, **Deuteronomy 33:27**, and **Psalms 18:30-40**).