

I. Israel's Ruin

v 1 - 7

What v 1

filthy - *f.rags, f. garments, f. communication, f. lucre, f. conversation, f. dreamers*
Isaiah 64:6 / Zechariah 3:3 / Colossians 3:8 / Titus 1:11 / 2 Peter 2:7 / Jude 8
polluted (39v in HB) **2 Chronicles 36:14**

Where

the oppressing city hx: Jerusalem spir: Denominations
doct: Babylon, Rev 17 & 18 pract: any modern city
oppressing (3v in HB) The other two verses : *the oppressing sword*

Why v 2

- 1 - disobedience - *obeyed not the voice* 1 Samuel 8:19
- 2 - stubbornness - *received not correction* 1 Samuel 12:15
- 3 - unbelief - *trusted not in the Lord* Hebrews 4:11
- 4 - aloofness - *drew not near to God* Hebrews 3:12

Who v 3 - 4

hist: O.T. spir: N.T.
princes, judges ~ the civil rulers, ~ *deacons*
prophets, priests ~ religious rulers, ~ *pastors* **1 Sam 2:17**

Wonder of the Lord v 5 - 7

- v 5 Abiding presence and faithfulness of the Lord
- v 6 Demonstrations of God's judgment & power
 - the 7 Canaanite nations (1400 BC) - book of Joshua
 - the Philistines - 1 Samuel 5-6 (1160 BC) and 1 Samuel 17 (1040 BC)
 - the 10 Northern tribes (722 BC)
- v 7 Corrupt resistance of the hearers **Matthew 13:15, Isaiah 1:2-4**

II. Israel's Restoration

v 8 - 13

1. The Problems must be Removed

v 8 *my determination is to gather the nations ... assemble* **Zechariah 14:2**

hist: heathen nations destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar

doct: The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) - policy making organ of the U.N.

Genesis 49:6

The deceived anti-Biblical fools (Ps 14:1) of the U.N. secretly plan a 'new world order'.

The desire of these global elites is forced 'unity' through world tyranny by the U.N. council of self appointed '*gods*' (Gen 3:5, Zeph 2:15).

These socialist so-called 'leaders' (Isa 9:16, Mt 15:14) believe they are the only ones wise enough to rule the earth.

They propose to impose population control, set the bounds of the earth's inhabitants (contrast Acts 17:24-26) and control the environment (Gen 8:22).

They plan to eliminate national sovereignty and thereby politically and religiously unite the world to bring in global 'peace and safety' (1 Thes 5:2).

They sit on their self-made *thrones* and feverishly *frame mischief by a law* (Ps 94:20) and *work the mystery of iniquity* (2 Thes 2:7) in human government (which is a gift of God, Rom 13:1).

Little do they know that God's *determination is to gather the nations* so that the Lord Jesus can *send forth his angels ...to bind all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and cast them into a furnace of fire.* **Matthew 13:24-25, 36-43**

2. Purity must be Restored

v 9 *I will turn to the people a pure language* hist: **Nehemiah 13:23-24** spir: **2 Cor 2:17**
Psalm 12:6 & 119:140, Proverbs 30:5, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Philippians 3:2

3. God's People must be Returned

v 10 - 12 Neighboring nations will return the Jews to God's land, the proud and haughty *shalt be no more...and the afflicted and poor people shall trust in the name of the Lord.*
Matthew 5:3

4. The Practice must be Righteous Living

v 13 *The remnant shall do iniquity* e.g. **Luke 1:6**

III. Israel's Rejoicing

v 14 - 20

v 14 *Singing, shouting ... and rejoicing* along with *glad hearts* will usher in the Millennium.

v 15 Salvation is full & complete

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| 1. justification - <i>they judgments taken away</i> | <u>free from</u>
penalty of sin |
| 2. sanctification - <i>enemy cast out</i> | power of sin |
| 3. glorification - <i>thou shalt not see evil any more</i> | presence of sin |

And our faith is made sight : *the king, the Lord is in the midst of thee*