

Isaiah 4 - Back to the Future

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Isaiah concludes his long three chapter sermon (chapters 2 - 4) by returning to the future hope of the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom of Christ .

v 1 The opening verse reminds them that *the time of Jacob's trouble* (Jer 30:5) precedes the Kingdom.

Many men will be slain in the numerous wars of the great tribulation (3:25). This will result in an abnormal ratio of many women to very few men.

Women's rights will be squashed and abolished by the antichrist, Daniel 11:37.

Men will have total rule and dominion worldwide, similar to muslim law today,

Esther 1:20-22.

Women will have absolutely **no rights**.

The worldwide conflicts will result in dearth and scarcity of provision, Rev 6:4-8.

The antichrist will control rationing thru his mark, Rev 13:17.

And the mark is given only to men (read the verse).

Therefore : *in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying...let us be called by thy name.* (good bye to women's-lib hyphenated names)

The verse also suggests legalized polygamy. As in Genesis 4:19 and Islam.

Now the chapter shifts from the judgment described in the latter portion of chapter 2 and chapter 3, to close with the hope of national salvation and restoration.

v 2 *In that day* = The sunrise and dawn of the Millennium which rises after the evening of judgment.

The Lord's days have an evening (v1) and a morning (v2).

them that are escaped of Israel = the remnant that has passed thru the crucible of the fiery seven year tribulation.

the branch of the LORD = The Messiah, Jesus Christ, Isa 11:1

Here Isaiah behaves as the "fifth gospel"

The BRANCH is listed later four more times, foreshadowing the four NT gospels.

Jeremiah 23:5 ... *righteous Branch...a King* ~ Matthew

Jeremiah 33:15-16 *Branch of righteousness...Judah saved* ~ John

Zechariah 3:8 *my servant the BRANCH* ~ Mark

Zechariah 6:12 *the man...the BRANCH* ~ Luke

v 3 This is the key verse that unlocks the phrase '*the other left*' in the Olivet Discourse ; which was given by our Lord in Matthew 24:40-41 and Luke 17:34-37.

Many commentators mistake the passage in Matthew for the rapture. They say that the one taken is 'the NT saint going up into clouds to meet the Lord' and the unbeliever is the one left behind for judgment. But Jesus was speaking to his Jewish disciples about the OT promises of *the day of the Lord*. And in this verse we learn that *he that is left shall be holy*, he's not an unbeliever.

Also, *he...is written among the living*, i.e. his name is written in the book of life.

The facts stated in this verse give a clear understanding of our Lord's word's in his great discourse (Mt 24-25). *The one taken...is taken off to judgment; the one left...in Zion...is holy...to whom the King says Come...inherit the kingdom.*

[carefully compare Matt 24:40-41, Isa 4:3, and Mt 25:31-34]

v 4 (1) How God examines the wicked; he uses the *the spirit of judgment*.
The Lord looks within the sinners heart - Isa 11:3 b, 1 Cor 4:5, Heb 4:13

(2) *the spirit of burning* : is how God exterminates the wicked.
Isa 13:8, 30:27-28, Zech 14:12

v 5-6 The manifest presence of the Lord in the Millennium will divinely protect Jerusalem - Zechariah 2:5. The *cloud* and the *fire* will remind the resurrected Jews of God's protection during the wilderness journeys - Exodus 13:21-22.