

The Branch of the LORD Glorified

² In that day the branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and honor of the survivors of Israel. ³ And he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, ⁴ when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning. ⁵ Then the LORD will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory there will be a canopy. ⁶ There will be a booth for shade by day from the heat, and for a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

The Vineyard of the LORD Destroyed

- 5** Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- ² He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
- ³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

- 4.2-6 Shows Future Glory, and runs parallel to 2.1- . These two sections are bookends w/ five sections between them of God's judgement and justice. Jones points out (p 29) "God offers to man both punishment and promise... it is up to man to choose which he will be given."
- THE BRANCH Messianic reference see also Jer. 23.5; 33.15; Zech 3.8; 6.12
- ② beauty of 2 contrast w/ vain haughtiness of 3.16
- ③ remnant of 3, or few who survive the destruction of 3.25-4.1
- ④ Loss will wash away the filth of the daughters of Zion seen in 3.16-4.1
- * lamb's book of life. Here we see God always has plans for His people. This coming future restoration or salvation is a spiritual cleansing promised to those cleansed by God. ⑤ Even as God lead them through the wilderness, He will once again guide them 24/7. ⑥ His promise care will protect and provide for their safety & welfare.
- ⑤.1-7 THE parable of the vineyard has 3 sections. VSS. ①-2 are the INTRO showing the care taken in preparation for growing the grapes ending with the yield of wild or sour grapes not fit for making wine. VSS. ③-6 The master then has no choice but to remove all He has done and no longer care for the wild grapes. His choice is logical since all His efforts are for nothing. Vs. ⑦ Scripture interprets scripture and here God makes it plain He is speaking of ISRAEL & Judah, WHAT He planted and planned did not come about so He is removing His personal care.
- Jesus uses similar language in His parable of the unfaithful tenants (Mt. 21.33-41 & Mk 12.1-9) and his story of the barren fig tree (Lk. 13.6-9)
- ① This is a song to His love. Yet it becomes clear the love is not being returned. Previously He has referred to His love as a whore (1.21) who will sleep w/ anyone. It clearly hurts God to put so much into the relationship and get nothing back but betrayal.

4 What more was there to do for my
vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

5 And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

6 I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

Woe to the Wicked

#1 ⁸ Woe to those who join house to house,
who add field to field,

④ IN Poetic language unfaithfulness is shown as wild grapes.
IN previous sections it was compared to Sodom & Gomorrah.

⑤-6 God is going to remove His protection from the nation. Because
of this it will be overrun and ruined.

⑦ Scripture interprets Scripture. Leaving no doubt the vineyard
is identified as both Israel and Judah. Separate nations to
men but both under God's watchful eyes. He look for
righteousness but only finds sin.

Woe "the prophet condemns specific sins of the nation by a series of
six woes, each of which is directed to a particular class of sinners.
Each is to receive an appropriate punishment." Jones p. 30
Each woe HIGHLIGHTS THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN w/OUT GOD.

#1
⑧ Those who are greedy and always seek more without consideration
of how it affects others. i.e. selling shoes made in China by slave
labor to get rich while putting workers in the USA out of work.
This short sighted greed can only end in national disaster.

until there is no more room,
and you are made to dwell alone
in the midst of the land.

9 The LORD of hosts has sworn in my hearing:
"Surely many houses shall be desolate,
large and beautiful houses, without
inhabitant.

10 For ten acres of vineyard shall yield but one bath,
and a homer of seed shall yield but an ephah."

#2 11 Woe to those who rise early in the morning,
that they may run after strong drink,
who tarry late into the evening
as wine inflames them!

12 They have lyre and harp,
tambourine and flute and wine at their feasts,
but they do not regard the deeds of the LORD,
or see the work of his hands.

13 Therefore my people go into exile
for lack of knowledge;
their honored men go hungry,
and their multitude is parched with thirst.

14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged its appetite
and opened its mouth beyond measure,
and the nobility of Jerusalem and her multitude
will go down,

her revelers and he who exults in her.
15 Man is humbled, and each one is brought low,
and the eyes of the haughty are brought low.

(4-10) God responds to the greed. What people seek will be of no value when there is not enough people left. Crops will fail leaving people starving. Then they will know what is really important.

#2 (11-12) Woe #2 is about those seeking physical pleasure and self-gratification with no thought of the consequences. They completely ignore God while they enjoy life and party away.

(13) The day of reckoning for such behavior is coming. They were so sure of themselves they could not imagine the coming exile and humiliation of defeat. Even the rich and famous will suffer.

(14) Sheol is the grave and show the large numbers that will die suddenly. No one will be spared when judgment comes.

(15) They exalted each other as rich or famous but in the end they will suffer along with those they looked down on.

16 But the LORD of hosts is exalted in justice,
and the Holy God shows himself holy in
righteousness.
17 Then shall the lambs graze as in their pasture,
and nomads shall eat among the ruins of the
rich.

#3

18 Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of
falsehood,
who draw sin as with cart ropes,
19 who say: "Let him be quick,
let him speed his work
that we may see it;
let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near,
and let it come, that we may know it!"

#4

20 Woe to those who call evil good
and good evil,
who put darkness for light
and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter!

#5

21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,
and shrewd in their own sight!

#6

22 Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine,
and valiant men in mixing strong drink,
23 who acquit the guilty for a bribe,
and deprive the innocent of his right!

24 Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble,
and as dry grass sinks down in the flame,

16-17 Isaiah always offers hope and redemption. His justice leads to rewards for the righteous and suffering for the sinful.

#3

18 Sin is openly displayed as part of their public life. THE SINFUL DECIDE TO CONTINUE TO SIN & TO DRAW OTHER INTO THEIR SINFUL LIFESTYLE.

19 They mock God and openly challenge His existence and His ability to do anything about their sinful lives. They are challenging His existence and deny His sovereign power.

#4

20 Preventing truth with their teachings they declare sin acceptable. They teach and celebrate sinful behavior as now permissible because of their new knowledge.

#5

21 The wisdom of man replaces the word of God. Knowledge is the new God created and discovered by man. Wise in their own eyes they are short-sighted and destined for ruination in eternal matters.

#6

22-23 Hedonistic lives where justice is up for sale is clearly visible to God.

24-30 God's judgment upon those who participate in the 6 woes.

24a Everything is going to be completely destroyed.

Therefore because of their sinfulness God will respond.

so their root will be as rottenness,
 and their blossom go up like dust;
 (24b) for they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts,
 and have despised the word of the Holy One of
 Israel.

25 Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against
 his people,
 and he stretched out his hand against them and
 struck them,
 and the mountains quaked;
 and their corpses were as refuse
 in the midst of the streets.

(For all this his anger has not turned away,
 and his hand is stretched out still.) Repeated in
 9.12, 17, 21; 10.14

26 He will raise a signal for nations far away,
 and whistle for them from the ends of the earth;
 and behold, quickly, speedily they come!
 27 None is weary, none stumbles,
 none slumbers or sleeps,
 not a waistband is loose,
 not a sandal strap broken;
 28 their arrows are sharp,
 all their bows bent,
 their horses' hoofs seem like flint,
 and their wheels like the whirlwind.
 29 Their roaring is like a lion,
 like young lions they roar;
 they growl and seize their prey;
 they carry it off, and none can rescue.

(24b) IT IS NOT COMPLICATED. THEY HAVE REJECTED GOD'S WORD
 AND LIVED THEIR LIFE WITHOUT CONSIDERING HIS RESPONSE.

(25) THEREFORE THIS IS GOD'S RESPONSE TO THEIR LIFE CHOICES.
 HIS ANGER AND PUNISHMENT ARE SO FIERCE THE EARTH MOVED
 AND SO MANY DIE THEY CANNOT BE BURIED. EVEN THEN
 THEIR SIN CONTINUES TO MAKE HIM ANGRY.

THIS REPEATED PHRASE SHOWS GOD'S ANGER MUST BE SATISFIED.
 THE REPEATED PHRASE SHOWS IT'S IMPORTANCE.

(26) WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN IS NO ACCIDENT. AS GOD PROMISED
 TO REMOVE HIS PROTECTION FROM THE VINEYARD HE WILL OPEN THE DOOR
 FOR ARMIES OF JUDGMENT TO DO HIS BIDDING. HE DOES NOT CAUSE
 THIS, BUT ALLOW IT. KNOWING THE HEART OF EVIL MEN HE USES THEM
 TO BRING JUSTICE TO THE WICKED WHO USE HIS NAME IN VAIN.

(27-30) THOUGH NOT NAMED HERE THIS IS THE COMING ASSYRIAN ARMY
 THAT IN 722 B.C. CONQUERED ISRAEL IN THE NORTH TAKING THEM
 CAPTIVE AND REPLACING THEM WITH OTHER DEFEATED PEOPLE. /
 THE ASSYRIAN ARMY WAS KNOWN FOR DISPLACED MARCHES AND
 CRUELTY TO THOSE THEY DEFEATED. THIS IS A STUNNING PICTURE
 OF THE COMING JUDGMENT UPON THE NATION.

30 They will growl over it on that day,
like the growling of the sea.
And if one looks to the land,
behold, darkness and distress;
and the light is darkened by its clouds.

Isaiah's Vision of the Lord compare to Ezekiel 10 & Rev. 4-5

Isaiah is looking back and remembering this event

6 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Holy, qadosh, means to "separate or cut off." shows the transcendence of God. Jones p. 23

(All that God has made shows His Holiness & Glory.)

4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Isaiah's Commission from the Lord

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." 9 And he said, "Go, and say to this people:

30 THE coming judgment by Assyria will be complete and take away all hope. THEIR REJECTION OF GOD HAD SEALED THEIR FATE.

* Leprosy for Last 12 Years of Life, Jotham co-regent

* UZZIAH (AZARIAH) IS SEEN IN 2 KINGS 15:1-7 & 2 CHRONICLES 26:1-23 HAD LEPROSY BECAUSE HE TRIED TO BURN INCENSE IN THE TEMPLE

King UZZIAH DIED 739 B.C.

THRONE OF GOD

ISA 6 / EZEKIEL 10 / Rev 4-5

1-3 THE CALL OF ISAIAH IS TO WHAT IS COMMON? WHAT DIFFERENT? Each seeing & remembering Different Parts. Holiness and a complete surrender. THE VISION OF GOD PLACES A CONTRAST WITH THE WORLD and the life of the Prophet when seen with God. To be aware of God is one thing to see Him is another entirely. THIS SECTION sets the stage for the prophet's call, response, and complete commitment.

SERAPHIM Only mentioned here with LIMITED DETAILS. (6 wings)

3 God is Completely Holy. Thus Repeated. Also because of the 3 one for each part. Father = Holy Son = Holy Holy Spirit = Holy

★ It is only when ISAIAH compares himself to God he realizes that he does not measure up. Suddenly in contrast all becomes clear in the light of God's Holiness.

GLORY VISIBLE MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S HOLINESS AND power. Even that which God has created shows forth His "Glory." Every-thing He touches radiates with His (KAVOD) or Glory.

4-5 Isaiah sees himself clearly w/out blur of the world. He is laid bare and embarrassed by who he is compared to God almighty.

6-7 THIS IS A PERSONAL TOUCH TO DEAL w/the prophet's sins & prepare him to receive. THE BURNING SHOWS PURIFICATION. THIS IS NOT A TREATMENT BUT A COMPLETE REMOVAL.

8 A personal response is needed. God asks and waits for us to respond. He also sends or directs us to GO. THIS IS HIS KINGDOM. He is in charge.

THIS PEOPLE IS AN EXPRESSION OF CONTEMPT AND SEPARATION. USED IN 6.9, 10; 8.6, 12; 9.16 etc. WAS USED TO CONTRAST TO WHEN THEY ARE SEEN AS "MY PEOPLE." THEIR SINS WERE A BARRIER BETWEEN THEM AND GOD. THROUGH ISAIAH GOD IS CALLING THEM BACK, BUT THEY DO NOT LISTEN, and in the end are taken away from the promise land into captivity AS A PUNISHMENT.