

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

I. God’s Denunciation of Judah (1:1-12:6)

A. The Condemnation of Judah (1:1-2:1-4)

B. The Cleansing Judgments to Come (2:5-5:30)

1. The *Corruption* of the People (2:5-11)
2. The *Coming Day* of Judgment (2:12-21)

3. The *Collapse* of Judean Society (2:22-5:30)

- a. The *Regard* for the esteem of Man questioned (2:22)
- b. The *Removal* of their Supply and Support (3:1-7)
- c. The *Results* of Rebellion and Sin (3:8-12)

d. The *Resolve* against their Leaders (3:13-15)

¹³ The LORD *arises* to *contend*,
and *stands* to judge the people.

¹⁴ The LORD enters into judgment
with the elders and princes of His people,

“It is **you** who have **devoured** the *vineyard*;
the *plunder* of the **poor** is in **your houses**.”

¹⁵ “What do you mean by *crushing* My people
and *grinding* the **face** of the **poor**?”
declares the Lord God of hosts.

e. The *Repudiation* of the Daughters of Zion (3:16-4:1)

¹⁶ Moreover, the LORD said,
“because the daughters of Zion are **proud**
and walk with **heads held high** and **seductive eyes**,
and go along with **mincing steps**
and **tinkle** the **bangles** on their **feet**,

¹⁷ Therefore the Lord will afflict

the **scalp** of the **daughters of Zion** with **scabs**,
and the **LORD** will make their **foreheads bare**.”

¹⁸ In **that day** the **Lord** will **take away** the **beauty** of *their* anklets,
headbands, crescent ornaments,

¹⁹ **dangling earrings, bracelets, veils,** ²⁰ **headdresses, ankle chains,**
sashes, perfume boxes, amulets, ²¹ **finger rings, nose rings,**

²² **festal robes, outer tunics, cloaks, money purses,**
²³ **hand mirrors, undergarments, turbans and veils.**

²⁴ Now it will come about that instead of **sweet perfume**
there will be **putrefaction**;
instead of a **belt, a rope**;
instead of **well-set hair**, a **plucked-out scalp**;
instead of **fine clothes**, a donning of **sackcloth**;
and **branding** instead of **beauty**.

²⁵ **Your men** will **fall** by the **sword**
and your **mighty ones** in **battle**.

²⁶ And her **gates** will **lament** and **mourn**,
and **deserted** she will **sit** on the **ground**.

4 For **seven women** will take hold of **one man** in **that day**, saying,
“We will eat our **own bread** and wear our **own clothes**,
only let us be called by **your name**; **take away** our **reproach!**”

Message Summary

The **LORD** “stands” in *Judgment*

A. Bringing *Judgment* against Judah’s Leaders (3:13-15)

1. *Because* they have “devoured the vineyard (the people),”
and **plundered the poor** (3:14)
2. *Because* they have “crushed” God’s people, *severely*
oppressing them (3:15)

B. Bringing *Judgment* against the Daughters of Zion (3:16-4:1)

1. *Judgment* against their **pride** and **haughtiness** (3:16a)
2. *Judgment* against their **sinful seduction** (3:16b)
3. *Judgment* that **afflicted** their **scalps** with **scabs**, and making
their **foreheads ‘bare’** (3:17)

4. *Judgment* that would “take away” all *outward* ornaments and attire for beauty (3:18-24)
5. *Judgment* that would leave them **widowed, mournful, and deserted** (3:25-26)
6. *Judgment* that would make them *desperate* to **remove their reproach** (4:1)

Personal Application

The **Daughters of Zion** wore Beautiful Attire, but *lacked* “Inward” Beauty

A. The *Fleeting* Glory of Physical Beauty

...All flesh is **grass**, and all its **loveliness**
is like the **flower** of the **field**...

The **grass withers**, the **flower fades**,..
but the word of our God stands **forever**.
(Isaiah 40:6,8)

Charm is *deceptive*, and beauty is *fleeting*;
but a **woman** who *fears the LORD* is to **be praised**.
(Proverbs 31:30)

B. The *Favorable* “Fashion” of *Inward* Beauty

Your adornment must **not** be *merely external*—
braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;

but *let it be* the hidden person of the heart,
with the *imperishable quality* of a *gentle* and *quiet spirit*,
which is **precious** in the **sight of God**.

For in **this way** in former times the *holy women* also,
who **hoped in God**, used to adorn themselves,...
(I Peter 3:3-5a)

But the **LORD** said to **Samuel**,
“Do not look at his *appearance* or at the **height** of his *stature*,
because I have *rejected him*;

for **God sees not** as man sees,
for **man looks** at the *outward appearance*,
but the **LORD looks** at the heart.” (I Samuel 16:7)

C. The “*Fashion*” of Godliness

Who can find a **virtuous woman**?
For her **price** *is* far above **rubies**....

Strength and **honor** are her **clothing**;
and she shall rejoice in the **time to come**.

She opens **her mouth** with **wisdom**
and in **her tongue** *is* the **law of kindness**.

Favour is **deceitful**, and **beauty is vain**:
but a **woman** that **fears the LORD**, she shall **be praised**.
(Proverbs (31:10, 25-26, 30))

Closing Exhortation

We all *need* to be properly “attired” for Heaven

I will **rejoice greatly** in the **LORD**,
my soul will **exult** in **my God**;

for **He** has **clothed** me in the **garments of salvation**,

He has **wrapped** me with a **robe of righteousness**,

as a **bridegroom** decks himself with a **garland**,
and as a **bride** **adorns** herself with her **jewels**.
(Isaiah 61:10)

