

Isaiah 4
In that Day

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Product of war (the tribulation) – lack of available men

People learning to survive – “use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without”

Protection sought

Purpose desired – to not die unmarried and childless

Messiah is Glorious (2-4)

Beautiful BRANCH (Isaiah 11:1/Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15/ Zechariah 3:8; 6:12)

Boast and pride of the survivors (Zechariah 12:10/I Corinthians 1:30-31/Galatians 6:14)

Being called holy (filth is washed away) (Exodus 31:13/Leviticus 11:45/I Peter 1:15-16)

Blood stains removed by a spirit of judgment and fire (Matthew 3:11/Malachi 3:2-5)

Mount Zion is sheltered (5-6)

Shekinah glory (Exodus 40:36-38)

Shelter and refuge for the inhabitants (Psalm 121)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 4

What does war reveal about the heart of man? (Deuteronomy 28:53-57 / Jeremiah 17:9)

What can war bring into perspective? What becomes important to us?

What is the significance of Jesus' title, the BRANCH?

How does that relate to our lives as believers? (John 15

How can the church enjoy His presence and shelter today?

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Women focused on their fineries, are now desperate for a husband

Product of war (the tribulation) – lack of available men

So many young men lose their lives in war

People learning to survive – “use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without”

New priorities – survival. Learning skills that are now necessities

Protection sought

Not desiring to be on your own – wanting a family

Purpose desired – to not die unmarried and childless

Not wanting to die as a widow without children

Messiah is Glorious (2-4)

Bringing us deliverance, redemption and hope

Beautiful BRANCH (Isaiah 11:1/Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15/ Zechariah 3:8; 6:12)

Having the Spirit, righteousness and lineage of David – His name is Yeshua

Boast and pride of the survivors (Zechariah 12:10/I Corinthians 1:30-31/Galatians 6:14)

Recognizing their Messiah – our only boast (Psalm 115:1)

Being called holy (filth is washed away) (Exodus 31:13/Leviticus 11:45/I Peter 1:15-16)

God's desire is for our holiness – only He accomplishes this in our lives

Blood stains removed by a spirit of judgment and fire (Matthew 3:11/Malachi 3:2-5)

Jesus comes to purify – both Israel and the church (II Corinthians 5:10)

Mount Zion is sheltered (5-6)

God's plan for His people is that they come under His protection

Shekinah glory (Exodus 40:36-38)

His presence offers us security, courage and hope

Shelter and refuge for the inhabitants (Psalm 121)

He comfort and protects (Psalm 46:1)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 4

What does war reveal about the heart of man? (Deuteronomy 28:53-57 / Jeremiah 17:9)

Our selfishness – how desperately wicked is my heart. We are able to justify actions we never thought we would do. (O Lord, guard my heart, let your heart be seen in me)

What can war bring into perspective? What becomes important to us?

Our priorities – things we once thought so important become frivolous. We value life and the basic necessities to sustain life. We can choose to become angry at God or learn to trust God more (II Corinthians 1:8-9)

What is the significance of Jesus' title, the BRANCH?

(Isaiah 6:13) Jesus comes out of the land of Israel and is brought forth from the line of David (Romans 1:1-4) It is only through God's righteous BRANCH that we can be connected to God

How does that relate to our lives as believers? (John 15:1-8)

We are incapable of doing anything of value without staying connected to the Vine. He is connected to the Father and we should follow His example. (John 5:19, 30; 12:49-50)

How can the church enjoy His presence and shelter today?

We must stay close to Him and follow His Word. When we go our own way, we are in danger of losing the protection He offers. We are to stay the course He has for us. (Ephesians 5:15-18 / Hebrews 12:1-2)