

A Study of the Prophets

OT Survey Lesson 115--Isaiah 3:1-4:6

Introduction: In this section Isaiah continues to give the basis for God's judgment of Judah. He particularly emphasizes that God will purge Israel of its ungodly leadership in corrupting the people of Israel. Looking to the future, Isaiah sees the coming of the Messiah and the faithful remnant living under God's protection.

Lesson aim: To show how that even in the midst of judgment God had hope for Israel's salvation and blessing.

God's judgment of Judah's sinful leaders--Isaiah 3:1-12

1. What essentials of life was God going to remove from Judah and Jerusalem?
2. What people was God going to remove from Judah? (v. 3) Who would rule in their place? (v. 4) How would these rulers treat the people?
3. God said, "they display their sin like _____" (v. 9).
4. Who brought the evil upon Jerusalem? (v. 9)
5. What decree did God make about the righteous? the wicked? (v. 10-11)
6. What had Judah's leaders done? (v. 12) How had they treated the poor? (v. 13-15)

God's judgment of Judah's sinful women--Isaiah 3:16-4:1

1. For what sin would Judah's women be punished? (v. 16) How did they walk? What would the Lord do to them?
2. What are some of the things the women used to make themselves more beautiful? (v. 18-23) What did God say would replace these things? (v. 24)

3. What would the women say to the men surviving after God's judgment? (4:1)

Jerusalem's future glory after judgment--Isaiah 4:2-6

1. What did God say in the future would be beautiful and glorious? What would be the pride and adornment of the survivors of Israel? (v. 2) Do you know who this "branch" was?
2. What kind of life would those who are recorded for life in Jerusalem live? (v. 3)
3. What would God wash away and purge from Jerusalem? (v. 4)
4. What did God say He would create over Mount Zion? (v. 5)
5. What would God give for His people's protection? (v. 6)
6. Thought question: Of who and what do you think 4:2-6 is speaking?