

THE LIVES OF SINFUL WOMEN EXPOSED

16 The LORD said:  
 Because the daughters of Zion are haughty  
 and walk with outstretched necks,  
 glancing wantonly with their eyes,  
 mincing along as they go,  
 tinkling with their feet,  
 17 therefore the Lord will strike with a scab  
 the heads of the daughters of Zion,  
 and the LORD will lay bare their secret parts.

18 In that day the Lord will take away the finery of the anklets,  
 the headbands, and the crescents; 19 the pendants, the brace-  
 lets, and the scarves; 20 the headdresses, the armlets, the sashes,  
 the perfume boxes, and the amulets; 21 the signet rings and nose  
 rings; 22 the festal robes, the mantles, the cloaks, and the hand-  
 bags; 23 the mirrors, the linen garments, the turbans, and the veils.

24 Instead of perfume there will be rotteness;  
 and instead of a belt, a rope;  
 and instead of well-set hair, baldness;  
 and instead of a rich robe, a skirt of sackcloth;  
 and branding instead of beauty.

25 Your men shall fall by the sword  
 and your mighty men in battle.

26 And her gates shall lament and mourn;  
 empty, she shall sit on the ground.

4 And seven women shall take hold of one man in that day, say-  
 ing, "We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes,  
 only let us be called by your name; take away our reproach."

3:16 thru 4:1 Judah's Women sinfulness and Punishment. When the  
 morals of women/mothers is corrupted the moral character of the nation  
 has gone completely rotten. Without moral women to raise the children  
 all hope of the future is lost. (see also Amos 4:1-3)

16-17 There sinfulness is contrasted with the Lord's rejection and  
 punishment. Here women are specifically condemned.

18-23 A LIST OF WHAT WILL BE REMOVED FROM THEM. THESE  
 symbols of sinful pride represent their turning away from God.  
 They have replaced a relationship w/God w/material possessions.

24 what is coming will replace their possessions w/suffering & pain.

25 The men defeated and dead the women will be left to suffer  
 at the hands of their enemies. This reference to "her" also  
 shows what happens to Jerusalem because of sin.

26 They shall be driven from the cities, left to sit in mourning  
 and wails lamenting death, defeat, and suffering present and  
 coming. This is payment for their own sinfulness.

1 Destitute and alone they will seek husbands. To have a family  
 they will carry the burden of supporting themselves.

### The Branch of the LORD Glorified

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.