

### 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.

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 <sup>8</sup> **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.

so their root will be as rottenness,  
 and their blossom go up like dust;  
 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 IN COMMON? WHAT DIFFERENT? Each seeing & remembering Different Pats. 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." Everything 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.