

Isaiah 2

The mountain of the Lord

¹ The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;

and all the nations shall flow to it,

³ and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

The Day of the Lord

⁶ For you have rejected your people,
the house of Jacob,
because they are full of things from the east
and of fortune-tellers like the Philistines,
and they strike hands with the children of foreigners.

⁷ Their land is filled with silver and gold,
and there is no end to their treasures;
their land is filled with horses,
and there is no end to their chariots.

⁸ Their land is filled with idols;
they bow down to the work of their hands,
to what their own fingers have made.

⁹ So man is humbled,
and each one is brought low—
do not forgive them!

¹⁰ Enter into the rock
and hide in the dust
from before the terror of the LORD,
and from the splendour of his majesty.

¹¹ The haughty looks of man shall be brought low,
and the lofty pride of men shall be humbled,
and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

¹² For the LORD of hosts has a day
against all that is proud and lofty,
against all that is lifted up—and it shall be brought low;

¹³ against all the cedars of Lebanon,
lofty and lifted up;
and against all the oaks of Bashan;

¹⁴ against all the lofty mountains,
and against all the uplifted hills;

¹⁵ against every high tower,
and against every fortified wall;

¹⁶ against all the ships of Tarshish,
and against all the beautiful craft.

¹⁷ And the haughtiness of man shall be humbled,
and the lofty pride of men shall be brought low,
and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

¹⁸ And the idols shall utterly pass away.

¹⁹ And people shall enter the caves of the rocks
and the holes of the ground,
from before the terror of the LORD,
and from the splendour of his majesty,
when he rises to terrify the earth.

²⁰ In that day mankind will cast away
their idols of silver and their idols of gold,
which they made for themselves to worship,
to the moles and to the bats,

²¹ to enter the caverns of the rocks
and the clefts of the cliffs,
from before the terror of the LORD,
and from the splendour of his majesty,
when he rises to terrify the earth.

²² Stop regarding man
in whose nostrils is breath,
for of what account is he?

Isaiah 3

Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem

¹ For behold, the Lord GOD of hosts
is taking away from Jerusalem and from Judah
support and supply,

all support of bread,
and all support of water;

² the mighty man and the soldier,
the judge and the prophet,
the diviner and the elder,

³ the captain of fifty
and the man of rank,
the counsellor and the skilful magician
and the expert in charms.

⁴ And I will make boys their princes,
and infants shall rule over them.

⁵ And the people will oppress one another,
everyone his fellow
and everyone his neighbour;
the youth will be insolent to the elder,
and the despised to the honourable.

⁶ For a man will take hold of his brother
in the house of his father, saying:

“You have a cloak;
you shall be our leader,
and this heap of ruins
shall be under your rule”;

⁷ in that day he will speak out, saying:

“I will not be a healer;
in my house there is neither bread nor cloak;
you shall not make me
leader of the people.”

⁸ For Jerusalem has stumbled,
and Judah has fallen,
because their speech and their deeds are against the LORD,
defying his glorious presence.

⁹ For the look on their faces bears witness against them;
they proclaim their sin like Sodom;
they do not hide it.

Woe to them!

For they have brought evil on themselves.

¹⁰ Tell the righteous that it shall be well with them,

for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds.
¹¹ Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him,
for what his hands have dealt out shall be done to him.
¹² My people—infants are their oppressors,
and women rule over them.
O my people, your guides mislead you
and they have swallowed up the course of your paths.

¹³ The LORD has taken his place to contend;
he stands to judge peoples.
¹⁴ The LORD will enter into judgment
with the elders and princes of his people:
“It is you who have devoured the vineyard,
the spoil of the poor is in your houses.
¹⁵ What do you mean by crushing my people,
by grinding the face of the poor?”
declares the Lord GOD of hosts.

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 bracelets, 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 handbags; 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.

Isaiah 4

¹ And seven women shall 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.”

The branch of the Lord glorified

² In that day the branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and honour of the survivors of Israel. ³ And he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ There will be a booth for shade by day from the heat, and for a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

Cross References

Isaiah 11 v 4 to 9:

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it...

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea...

Jeremiah 23 v 5, 6:

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Luke 1 v 30 to 33: And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Revelation 20 v 1 to 6: Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

1 Peter 3 v 3, 4: Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewellery, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

Isaiah 11 v 1: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

Jeremiah 23 v 5: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land...”

Jeremiah 33 v 15: In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Zechariah 3 v 8: Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch.

John 15 v 5: I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Matthew 24 v 21, 22: For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

Exodus 13 v 21, 22: And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.