**Isaiah Chapters 2-4**

***The Revelation within Isaiah***

**Isaiah Chapters 2-4 in New King James Version:**

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

**2**Now it shall come to pass in the latter days  
*That* the mountain of the Lord’s house  
Shall be established on the top of the mountains,  
And shall be exalted above the hills;  
And all nations shall flow to it.  
  
**3**Many people shall come and say,  
“Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
To the house of the God of Jacob;  
He will teach us His ways,  
And we shall walk in His paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
  
**4**He shall judge between the nations,  
And rebuke many people;  
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
And their spears into pruning hooks;  
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
Neither shall they learn war anymore.

**The Day of the Lord**

**5**O house of Jacob, come and let us walk  
In the light of the Lord.

**6**For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob,  
Because they are filled with eastern ways;  
They *are* soothsayers like the Philistines,  
And they are pleased with the children of foreigners.  
  
**7**Their land is also full of silver and gold,  
And there is no end to their treasures;  
Their land is also full of horses,  
And there is no end to their chariots.  
  
**8**Their land is also full of idols;  
They worship the work of their own hands,  
That which their own fingers have made.  
  
**9**People bow down,  
And each man humbles himself;  
Therefore do not forgive them.

**10**Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust,  
From the terror of the Lord  
And the glory of His majesty.  
  
**11**The lofty looks of man shall be humbled,  
The haughtiness of men shall be bowed down,  
And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

**12**For the day of the Lord of hosts  
*Shall come* upon everything proud and lofty,  
Upon everything lifted up—  
And it shall be brought low—  
  
**13**Upon all the cedars of Lebanon *that are* high and lifted up,  
And upon all the oaks of Bashan;  
**14**Upon all the high mountains,  
And upon all the hills *that are* lifted up;  
**15**Upon every high tower,  
And upon every fortified wall;  
**16**Upon all the ships of Tarshish,  
And upon all the beautiful sloops.  
  
**17**The loftiness of man shall be bowed down,  
And the haughtiness of men shall be brought low;  
The Lord alone will be exalted in that day,  
**18**But the idols He shall utterly abolish.

**19**They shall go into the holes of the rocks,  
And into the caves of the earth,  
From the terror of the Lord  
And the glory of His majesty,  
When He arises to shake the earth mightily.

**20**In that day a man will cast away his idols of silver  
And his idols of gold,  
Which they made, *each* for himself to worship,  
To the moles and bats,  
**21**To go into the clefts of the rocks,  
And into the crags of the rugged rocks,  
From the terror of the Lord  
And the glory of His majesty,  
When He arises to shake the earth mightily.

**22**Severourselves from such a man,  
Whose breath *is* in his nostrils;  
For of what account is he?

**3**For behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts,  
Takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah  
Thestock and the store,  
The whole supply of bread and the whole supply of water;  
  
**2**The mighty man and the man of war,  
The judge and the prophet,  
And the diviner and the elder;  
**3**The captain of fifty and the honorable man,  
The counselor and the skillful artisan,  
And the expert enchanter.

**4**“I will give children *to be* their princes,  
And babes shall rule over them.  
**5**The people will be oppressed,  
Every one by another and every one by his neighbor;  
The child will be insolent toward the elder,  
And the base toward the honorable.”

**6**When a man takes hold of his brother  
In the house of his father, *saying,*  
“You have clothing;  
You be our ruler,  
And *let* these ruins *be* under your power,”  
**7**In that day he will protest, saying,  
“I cannot cure *your* ills,  
For in my house *is* neither food nor clothing;  
Do not make me a ruler of the people.”

**8**For Jerusalem stumbled,  
And Judah is fallen,  
Because their tongue and their doings  
*Are* against the Lord,  
To provoke the eyes of His glory.  
**9**The look on their countenance witnesses against them,  
And they declare their sin as Sodom;  
They do not hide *it.*  
Woe to their soul!  
For they have brought evil upon themselves.

**10**“Say to the righteous that *it shall be* well *with them,*  
For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.  
**11**Woe to the wicked! *It shall be* ill *with him,*  
For the reward of his hands shall be given him.  
**12***As for* My people, children *are* their oppressors,  
And women rule over them.  
O My people! Those who lead you cause *you* to err,  
And destroy the way of your paths.”

**Oppression and Luxury Condemned**

**13**The Lord stands up to plead,  
And stands to judge the people.  
**14**The Lord will enter into judgment  
With the elders of His people  
And His princes:  
“For you have eaten up the vineyard;  
The plunder of the poor *is* in your houses.  
**15**What do you mean by crushing My people  
And grinding the faces of the poor?”  
Says the Lord God of hosts.

**16**Moreover the Lord says:

“Because the daughters of Zion are haughty,  
And walk with outstretched necks  
And wanton eyes,  
Walking and mincing *as* they go,  
Making a jingling with their feet,  
**17**Therefore the Lord will strike with a scab  
The crown of the head of the daughters of Zion,  
And the Lord will uncover their secret parts.”

**18**In that day the Lord will take away the finery:  
The jingling anklets, the scarves, and the crescents;  
**19**The pendants, the bracelets, and the veils;  
**20**The headdresses, the leg ornaments, and the headbands;  
The perfume boxes, the charms,  
**21**    and the rings;  
The nose jewels,  
**22**    the festal apparel, and the mantles;  
The outer garments, the purses,  
**23**    and the mirrors;  
The fine linen, the turbans, and the robes.

**24**And so it shall be:

Instead of a sweet smell there will be a stench;  
Instead of a sash, a rope;  
Instead of well-set hair, baldness;  
Instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth;  
And branding instead of beauty.  
**25**Your men shall fall by the sword,  
And your mighty in the war.

**26**Her gates shall lament and mourn,  
And she *being* desolate shall sit on the ground.

**Jerusalem’s Glorious Future**

**4**And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying,  
“We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel;  
Only let us be called by your name,  
To take away our reproach.”

**The Renewal of Zion**

**2**In that day the Branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious;  
And the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and appealing  
For those of Israel who have escaped.

**3**And it shall come to pass that *he who is* left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. **4**When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, **5**then the Lord will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there *will be* a covering. **6**And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

**Isaiah Chapters 2-4 in The Passion Translation:**

**2**This is the word revealed to Isaiah, son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

**2**In the last days, the mountain of Yahweh’s temple  
    will be raised upas the head of the mountains,  
    towering over all the hills.   
    A sparkling stream of every nation will flow into it.   
**3**Many peoples will come and say,  
    “Everyone, come! Let’s go up higher to Yahweh’s mountain,  
    to the house of Jacob’s God; then he can teach us his ways  
    and we can walk in his paths!”  
    Zion[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+2-4&version=TPT#fen-TPT-3375e)] will be the center of instruction,   
    and the word of Yahweh will go out from Jerusalem.  
**4**He will judge fairly between the nations  
    and settle disputes among many peoples.   
    They will beat the swords they used *against each other*  
    into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.  
    No nation will take up weapons against another,  
    nor will they prepare for war anymore.  
**5**O house of Jacob, come let us walk  
    in the *wonderful* light of Yahweh![[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+2-4&version=TPT#fen-TPT-3377i)]

**The Judge of the Nations**

**6***Lord,* you have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob,  
    for they are full of divinations from the east,  
    like the land of the Philistines, with diviners everywhere;  
    they are pleased with what is false and foreign.  
**7**Their land overflows with gold and silver;  
    they are wealthy beyond measure.  
    Their land is filled with horses and innumerable chariots!  
**8**Worthless idols are everywhere, and they worship  
    the work of their own hands, what their fingers have made.  
**9**The people bow down low *before the “no-gods,”*  
    and the leaders lie down flat before them *in worship,*  
    so do not spare them!   
**10**Enter into the rock and hide in the dust  
    from the dreadful presence of Yahweh  
    and from his majestic glory.   
**11**The arrogant will be humbled  
    and the pride of man brought low.  
    Only one will be exalted in that day: Yahweh!  
**12**The Lord of Angel Armies  
    has a day of humiliation in store for all the high and mighty,  
    for all who are proud and self-exalting.  
    They will be brought low.   
**13**His judgment is coming against all the  
    lofty cedars of Lebanonand all the oaks of Bashan,   
**14**against all the high mountains and all the lofty hills,  
**15**against every high tower and every fortress wall,   
**16**against all the *trading* ships of Tarshish  
    and all the impressive sailing vessels.   
**17**People’s arrogance will be conquered and brought low,   
    and those proud of heart will be humiliated.  
    Only one will be exalted in that day: Yahweh!  
**18**Every worthless idol will utterly pass away.

**The Coming Dread of God**

**19**People will hide in caves and holes in the ground  
    from the dreadful presence of Yahweh  
    and from his majestic glory when he rises  
    to mightily shake the earth.  
**20**In that day,[[z](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+2-4&version=TPT#fen-TPT-3392z)] people will throw away the worthless idols  
    their hands have made from gold and silver.  
    They will fling their treasures to the rodents and bats  
**21**as they crawl into the clefts of the rock *to hide* from the  
    dreadful presence of Yahweh  
    and from the majesty of his glory  
    when he rises to shake the earth mightily!   
**22**So *once and for all,* stop trusting in man,  
    who is but one breath *from death*—frail and puny man!

**When God Rises to Judge**

**3**Behold—Yahweh, the Sovereign One,

    the Commander of Angel Armies, is about to cut off  
    from Jerusalem and Judah every source of their  
    support and security, including all food supplies and water.  
***2****He will remove* their heroes and soldiers,  
    prophets and judges, their fortune-tellers and statesmen,  
**3**their respected military leaders,  
    pillars of the community,   
    their counselors, skilled craftsmen,   
    and those professional charmers.   
**4**I will make *inexperienced* youth their rulers,  
    and children will govern them.  
**5**Everyone will take advantage of everyone else,  
    and neighbor will struggle against neighbor.  
    The youth will not respect their elders,  
    and the dishonorable will sneer at those worthy of honor.  
**6**One man will even seize a relative  
    right in his father’s house *and say,*  
    *“At least* you own a coat; you be our leader!  
    You can oversee this heap of ruins!”  
**7**In that day he will cry out,  
    “I have no remedy *for this mess!*   
    I don’t have any food or clothes either,  
    so don’t make me your leader!”   
**8**Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has fallen  
    because their words and their works  
    are defiant before the face of the Lord’s glorious presence.   
**9**The look on their impudent faces says it all,  
    for they publicly flaunt their sin like Sodom,  
    not even trying to hide it.   
    Woe to their souls, for they invite  
    disaster upon themselves.  
**10**Yet reassure the righteous; it will go well with them!  
    They will fully enjoy the reward of their deeds.   
**11**But woe to the guilty,   
    for they will get fully what they deserve!  
**12**My people, mockers exploit you  
    and creditors rule over you.  
    My people, your leaders mislead you  
    and confuse you with their guidance.

**The Judge in His Courtroom**

**13**Yahweh is taking his rightful place in court;  
    he is rising to judge his people.  
**14**Yahweh comes to issue the guilty verdict  
    of the elders and leaders of his people, saying:  
    “You are the ones who have ruined the nation!   
    Your houses are full of what you’ve stolen from the poor!  
**15**What gives you the right to crush my people  
    by shoving the faces of the poor into the dirt?”   
    Yahweh, the Sovereign One, Commander of Angel Armies,  
    has spoken.

**Cleansing the Daughters of Zion**

**16**Here is what Yahweh says:  
    “The daughters of Zion are proud,  
    walking about arrogantly with their noses in the air.   
    Their eyes are seductive as they skip along  
    with jewelry jingling on their ankles.   
**17**So the Lord will afflict the foreheads  
    of the daughters of Zion with scabs;   
    Yahweh will make the front of their heads bald in that day.”  
18-19In that day, the Lord will strip away *their vanity—*  
    their beautiful ankle jewelry, necklaces, crescent pendants,  
    earrings, bracelets, and veils of shimmering gauze.  
**20***Gone will be* their elaborate headdresses and ankle chains,  
    their sashes, sachets, and charms.  
**21***He will snatch away* their signet rings and nose rings,  
**22**their stately gowns, capes, shawls, cloaks, and purses,  
**23**hand mirrors, fine linen garments *interwoven*  
    with gold and purple, turbans, and long veils.   
**24**A stench will take the place of *seductive* perfumes;  
    a rope will take the place of a sash,  
    baldness for braided hair, rags instead of a fine robe,  
    and the brand of a captive instead of beauty.  
**25**Your men will fall on the battlefield  
    and your heroes will die in war.  
**26**Cries of mourning will be heard at the city gates;  
    with the anguish of such great loss,  
    she will sit down and *grieve* in the dirt.

**One Man**

**4**Seven women will take hold of one man in that day, saying, “We will eat our *own* food and wear our *own* clothing; just take away our disgrace and let us be called by your name.”

**The Branch of the Lord**

**2**In that day, the branch of Yahweh  
    will be beautiful and glorious,   
    and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and glory  
    of the remnant of Israel.  
**3**Then the remnant in Zion and Jerusalem,   
    those who are written for life in Jerusalem,  
    will be called holy.  
**4**And the Lord has washed away  
    the filth of the daughters of Zion  
    and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem  
    by a Spirit of justiceand by a Spirit of burning.

**A Cloud and a Glow**

**5**Then Yahweh will create over all of Mount Zion  
    and over every gathering a cloud *of smoke* by day  
    and a glow of flaming fire by night.   
    And all this manifestation of dazzling glory  
    will spread over them like a wedding canopy.   
**6**It will be a tabernacle as a shade  
    from the scorching heat of the day  
    and a safe shelter to protect them from the storm and rain.

**Notes on Chapters 2-4:**

The first thing to realize in these chapters is again this is a revelation and word of the Lord the prophet Isaiah ***saw.*** He had a vision, seeing this prophecy come forth. The entire vision plays out from chapter 2 to the end of chapter 4.

This vision is bookended with glorious, encouraging sights at the beginning and end, but sees rebukes, judgments, and acts that are abhorrent to the Lord in the city and people of Judah through the middle. It’s as if Isaiah can see the destiny and glory of the people, the call of God upon the nation, yet when he looks closely the warts and sins and filth of their heart becomes evident.

It is very similar to how we are called to walk in discipleship with individuals, or as the church in a city and region. The Lord calls us into the glorious Hope of His calling, quickens us to encourage and call out the destinies of an individual, a city, or a country. But when you get into the co-laboring with the Holy Spirit you start to realize and uncover the flesh, the ugliness of people’s hearts that the Lord needs to deliver, cleanse and heal.

David Pawson describes it best when reading Isaiah, he says it’s like the prophet is sometimes looking through a telescope in the Holy Spirit to see where we are going, but the next instant is looking through a microscope to see every detail of an individual’s heart.

1. [Isaiah 2:2](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+2-4&version=TPT#en-TPT-3374) Or “All the nations will flow as a river to it.” The Hebrew word *nahar* can be translated “stream (river)” or “to sparkle, to be cheerful.” In Isa. [60:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isa.60.5&version=TPT) it is translated “radiant.” A cheerful, sparkling stream of people will come into divine radiance as they come up the mountain of the Lord. This speaks of the uphill flow of the river of God—a supernatural magnetism bringing the nations into the kingdom of Christ. This is the reversal of the dispersion of the people at Babel (Gen. 11).

The present day geography of Jerusalem, sees a city that is actually surrounded by mountains. Currently Jerusalem sits on a hill(s) that is surrounded by much taller hills, it does not rise above them. But Isaiah see the mountain of God, Zion, rising up above all the surrounding hills.

“You cannot see the house of God, you cannot see the Temple (Mount) area from further than a mile away from any direction in the present day geography of the Holy Land…” – *Come with Me Through Isaiah*, David Pawson, pg 29

Yet Isaiah sees something new, as Mount Zion rises above the rest people from all nations are flowing towards the house of God. Not just the Jewish people, but all races and nations.

1. [Isaiah 2:4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+2-4&version=TPT#en-TPT-3376) The wisdom of the Lord will resolve ethnic conflicts and international disputes.
2. [Isaiah 2:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+2-4&version=TPT#en-TPT-3377) The Hebrew concept of the *light of the Lord* includes his ways, favor, presence, blessings, and revelation.
3. [Isaiah 2:10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+2-4&version=TPT#en-TPT-3382) Everyone on earth will seek to hide in a rock. Those who love the Lord will find shelter in the rock of salvation. Those who deny the Lord will make the rocks and caves their hiding places from the face of God (lit. “hide in the dust from the face of the terror of the Lord”)  
     
   Revelation 6:12-17 John repeats this prediction of men hiding in caves during the great tribulation at the end of the age.

“There is no terror like the terror of a proud man who is going to be brought low. If you are humble then you will not be afraid of being brought low, you need fear no fall. But a proud man is afraid of losing his money, power or position – *afraid of being humbled*.” – *Come with Me Through Isaiah*, David Pawson, pg 34

1. Isaiah 2:20 The phrase “in that day” is used 43 times by Isaiah. There are only 66 chapters. Throughout the book of Isaiah, the prophet uses the term “in that day”. The phrase always points to a time in the future, either when the judgement of the Lord arrives on Judah, and in many instances, it’s a layered prophecy foretelling the judgment of the future Tribulation as well. (see Isaiah 19:16, 24:21-23)  
   The phrase, is also found in connection to the day when the Messiah rules on the earth. Other Old Testament prophets used the phrase “the day of the Lord” in similar fashion as Isaiah’s use of “in that day”.
2. Isaiah 3:7 Ignoring leadership is the definition of anarchy. As they ignore the One who is our true leader, they are left with those who have no remedy. The righteous King has a cloak of righteousness to give them if they would only turn to him.
3. Isaiah 3:8 Or “provoking the glance of his glorious eyes” (see Hab. 1:13). Sin provokes the glorious eyes of God. This is the opposite of finding favor in his eyes.   
   Jerusalem and Judah stumbled not just because of their works, or acts against God, but also because of their words. Life and death is in the power of our tongue.
4. Isaiah 3:16-26 Reveals the degraded society of Judah in this time. Women are one of the strongest indicators of the societal standards in a culture. We know that even if the men go astray in society from the way of the Lord, it is the mothers who will often hold the moral standards for their families.   
     
   Here we see a very descriptive picture of the women in Jerusalem flaunting themselves before the men and women of the society. These are married women, the who’s who of the day, and it is very apparent the Lord watches and takes notice of every detail of their heart, and the *why* of how they were adorning themselves. As women, who are you dressing for, men or the Lord? We see in this passage He takes it very seriously and takes the *why* and *how* you adorn yourselves to heart. His name is Jealous.   
     
   Soberingly, each one of Isaiah’s prophecies came true for the women when they were publicly humiliated, struck, tied and dragged out of Jerusalem when Babylon conquered the city.
5. Isaiah 3:14 “the vineyard” a metaphor for God’s vineyard, the nation of Israel. In the New Testament, God’s vineyard is the church, the source of joy and blessing to the nations. To be leaders in God’s kingdom means being examples of purity, avoiding every form of corruption.
6. Isaiah 4:2 Although the Hebrew word used here for “branch” is somewhat ambiguous, it is clearly a Messianic term (see also Isa. 11:1; 53:2; Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Zech. 3:8; 6:12).   
     
    “This is a strange phrase that **had never been used in the Bible or in Hebrew history until this point**…When you read through the rest of Isaiah, and then you read Jeremiah and Zechariah, you find this phrase again and again: the Branch of the Lord, or the shoot of the Lord, or the sprout of Lord, the new ‘Branch’ of Jehovah…The branch, the shoot, is to come out of God…This is the first mention in the prophets and in this prophecy of Isaiah of someone who is to come to bring the glory of God to the people of God, and it is in *him* that we are to find this glory.” – *Come with Me Through Isaiah*, David Pawson, pg 38-39  
     
   Jesus defines himself as the “Vine,” and we who are joined to him by faith are the branches (John 15:1-6). This is the Immanuel (“God with us”) character of Christ that increases and grows like a branch carrying his life (Isa. 9:6-7). Our “family tree” is the branch of the Lord in his beauty. The branch of Lord that is magnificent (or “beautiful”) and glorious reveals Christ’s divine nature; the fruit of the earth is his human nature (man was formed from the earth). Jesus is the fruit of the earth, the fruit of the womb of Mary, and the fruit on the Tree of Life. Heaven gave its beauty and the earth its fruit for you and me. – notes TPT, pg 18
7. Isaiah 4:5 Or “nuptial chamber.” The Hebrew word “*ch̦uppa*” always denotes the marriage chamber. As part of a Jewish wedding ceremony, the bride and bridegroom would be overshadowed by a canopy (ch̦uppâ). This marriage chamber will provide peace, rest, and security for the bride of Christ.