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Isaiah 3:1-3

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Now the Lord God of heavenly forces is removing from Jerusalem and from Judah every form of support:

- 1.) all rations of food and water;
- 2.) ² soldier and warrior;
- 3.) judge and prophet;
- 4.) fortune-teller and elder;
- 5.) ³ commander and celebrity;
- 6.) counselor,
- 7.) clever craftsman, and
- 8.) cunning charmer.

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2 Thessalonians2:6-7

Brothers and sisters, we have a request for you concerning our Lord Jesus Christ's coming and when we are gathered together to be with him. ² We don't want you to be easily confused in your mind or upset if you hear that the day of the Lord is already here, whether you hear it through some spirit, a message, or a letter supposedly from us. ³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. That day won't come unless the rebellion comes first and the person who is lawless is revealed, who is headed for destruction. ⁴ He is the opponent of every so-called god or object of worship and promotes himself over them. So he sits in God's temple, displaying himself to show that he is God. ⁵ You remember that I used to tell you these things while I was with you, don't you?

*Now you know what holds him back so that he can be revealed when his time comes. *The hidden plan to live without any law is at work now, but it will be secret only until the one who is holding it back is out of the way.

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Isaiah 3:4-15

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I will make youths their commanders; mischief makers will rule over them.

The people will oppress each other, each one against the other, neighbor against neighbor. The young will bully the old, the rogue, and the respectable.
Someone will seize a family member, saying, "You have clothing! You be our leader! This mess will be your responsibility!"

Someone else will cry out on that day, "I'm no healer! I have neither food nor clothing in my house! Don't make me the leader of the people!"

Yes, Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has fallen, because the way they talk and act in word and deed insults the Lord, defying his brilliant glory.

Their bias in judgment gives them away; like Sodom, they display their sins in public. Doom to them, for they have done themselves in!

¹⁰ Tell the righteous how blessed they are; they will eat the fruit of their labors.

¹¹ Doom to the wicked; they are evil. What they have done will be done to them. ¹² As for my people—oppressors strip them and swindlers rule them. My people—your leaders mislead you and confuse your paths.

¹³ The Lord arises to accuse; he stands to judge the peoples.

¹⁴The Lord will enter into judgment

with the elders and princes of his people:

You yourselves have devoured the vineyard;

the goods stolen from the poor are in your houses.

and grind the faces of the poor?
says the Lord God of heavenly forces.

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Isaiah 3:16-26 4:1

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The Lord says:

Because Zion's daughters applaud themselves,

walking with their chins in the air, flirting with their eyes, tiptoeing as they walk, feet jingling— ¹⁷ the Lord will shave the heads of Zion's daughters, and will expose their scalps.

¹⁸ On that day, the Lord will remove:

the splendid ankle chains; headbands and moon-shaped pendants;

he earrings, bracelets, and veils; he hats, bangles, and sashes; the amulets and charms; the signet rings and nose rings; the robes and capes; the shawls and handbags; the mirrors and linen garments; the turbans and the veils.

²⁴ Instead of perfume there will be a disgusting odor;

instead of a sash, a rope;

instead of styled hair, shaved heads;

instead of expensive clothes, rags as mourning clothes;

instead of beauty, shame.

²⁵ Your men will fall by the sword, your warriors in battle!

²⁶ Her gates will lament and mourn; desolate, she will sit on the ground.

4:1 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."**

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Isaiah 4:2-6

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On that day, the Lord's branch will become beautiful and glorious. The earth's fruit will be the pride and splendor of Israel's survivors. ³ Whoever remains in Zion and is left in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who is on the list of those living in Jerusalem. 4 When the Lord washes the filth from Zion's daughters, and cleanses Jerusalem's bloodguilt from within it by means of a wind of judgment and a searing wind,5 then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over its assembly a cloud by day and smoke and the light of a blazing fire by night. Over all the glory there will be a canopy, 6 which will be a booth by day for shade from the heat and a hiding place and shelter from a stormy downpour.

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BRANCH as an Image:

- Of kings descended from royal ancestors (Ezek. 17:3, 10; Dan. 11:7);
- Of prosperity (Job 8:16);
- Of the Messiah (see below) (Isa. 4:2; 11:1)
 (Jer. 23:5; 33:15) (Zech. 3:8; 6:12).

BRANCH is also used to describe:

• The Disciples relationship to Christ

John 15:5-6

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. If you don't remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned.

Easton, M. G. (1893). In <u>Illustrated Bible Dictionary and Treasury of Biblical History, Biography, Geography, Doctrine, and Literature</u> (p. 107). Harper & Brothers.

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BRANCH Isaiah 4:2

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BRANCH Isaiah 11:1-10

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A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse; a branch will sprout from his roots.

- ² The Lord's spirit will rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of planning and strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.
- ³ He will delight in fearing the Lord. He won't judge by appearances, nor decide by hearsay. ⁴ He will judge the needy with righteousness, and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land. He will strike the violent with the rod of his mouth;

by the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.

- ⁵ Righteousness will be the belt around his hips, and faithfulness the belt around his waist.
- ⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; the calf and the young lion will feed together, and a little child will lead them.
- ⁷ The cow and the bear will graze. Their young will lie down together, and a lion will eat straw like an ox.
- * A nursing child will play over the snake's hole; toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den.
- They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain. The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, just as the water covers the sea.

¹⁰ On that day, the root of Jesse will stand as a signal to the peoples. The nations will seek him out, and his dwelling will be glorious.

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BRANCH Jeremiah 23:5-6

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Promise of a righteous and just king

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous descendant from David's line, and he will rule as a **wise** king. He will do what is just and right in the land. During his lifetime, Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And his name will be The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

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BRANCH Jeremiah 33:15-16

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In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David's line, who will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶ In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is what he will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

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BRANCH Zechariah 3:8-10

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Now listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your companions sitting before youfor these men are a signlook, I am about to bring my servant, Branch.

⁹ See this stone that I have put before Joshua. Upon one stone, there are seven facets. I am about to engrave an inscription on it, says the Lord of heavenly forces.

I will remove the guilt of that land in one day.

On that day, says the Lord of heavenly forces, everyone will invite their neighbors to sit beneath their vines and the fig trees."

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BRANCH Zechariah 6:12-13

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Say to him,
"The Lord of heavenly forces
proclaims:

Here is a man. His name is Branch, and he will branch out from his place; he will build the Lord's temple. ¹³ He will build the Lord's temple. He will be majestic; he will sit and rule on his throne.

There will be a priest on his throne, and the two of them will share a peaceable plan.

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Isaiah 5:1-7

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Let me sing for my loved one a love song for his vineyard. My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it, cleared away its stones, planted it with excellent vines, built a tower inside it, and dug out a wine vat in it. He expected it to grow good grapes- but it grew rotten grapes. ³ So now, you who live in Jerusalem, you people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I haven't done for it? When I expected it to grow good grapes, why did it grow rotten grapes? ⁵ Now let me tell you what I'm doing to my vineyard. **I'm removing its hedge**, so it will be destroyed. I'm breaking down its walls, so it will be trampled. ⁶ I'll turn it into a ruin: it won't be pruned or hoed, and thorns and thistles will grow up. I will command the clouds not to rain on it. ⁷ The vineyard of the Lord of heavenly forces is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are the plantings in which God delighted.

God expected justice, but there was bloodshed;

righteousness, but there was a cry of distress!

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Hedge of Protection

Isaiah 5:1-7

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Job 1:9-10

Haven't you placed a hedge around him, his household, and everything he owns? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

Psalm 91:11

For he will give his angels orders concerning you, to protect you in all your ways

Psalm 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and rescues them.

Hosea 2:6

Therefore, this is what I will do: I will block her way with thorns;

I will enclose her with a wall, so that she cannot find her paths.

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Guardian Angels

Isaiah 5:1-7

CEB

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve those who are going to inherit salvation?

Matthew 18:10

"See that you don't look down on one of these little ones, because I tell you that in heaven their angels continually view the face of My Father in heaven

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WOE #1

Isaiah 5:8-24

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⁸ WOE#1/Doom

to those who acquire house after house, who annex field to field until there is no more space left and only you live alone in the land. I heard the Lord of heavenly forces say this:

Many houses will become total ruins, large, fine houses, with no one living in them. Ten acres of vineyard will produce just one bath, and a homer of seed will produce only an ephah.

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WOE #2

Isaiah 5:8-24

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WOE#2/Doom (11-16)

to those who wake up early in the morning to run after beer, to those who stay up late, lit up by wine.

12 They party with lyre and harp, tambourine, flute, and wine; but they ignore the Lord's work; they can't see what God is doing.

13 Therefore, my people go into exile since they didn't understand – their officials are dying of hunger; so many of them are dried up with thirst.

14 Therefore, the grave opens wide its jaws, opens its mouth beyond all bounds, and the splendid multitudes will go down, their uproar and cheering.

15 Humanitu will be bumiliated

¹⁵ Humanity will be humiliated; each person laid low, the eyes of the exalted laid low. ¹⁶ But the Lord of heavenly forces will be exalted in justice, and the holy God will show himself holy in righteousness.

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WOE #3 & #4

Isaiah 5:8-24

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WOE#3/Doom (18-19)

to those who drag guilt along with cords of fraud, and haul sin as if with cart ropes, 19 who say, "God should hurry and work faster so we can see; let the plan of Israel's holy one come quickly, so we can understand it."

SUMMATION:

WOE#4/Doom (20)

to those who call evil good and good evil, who present darkness as light and light as darkness, who make bitterness sweet and sweetness bitter.

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WOE #5 & #6

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WOE #5/Doom (21)

to those who consider themselves wise, who think of themselves as clever.

SUMMATION:

WOE#6/Doom (22-24)

to the wine-swigging warriors, mighty at mixing drinks, ²³ who spare the guilty for bribes, and rob the innocent of their rights. Therefore, as a tongue of fire devours stubble, and as hay shrivels in a flame, so their roots will rot, and their blossoms turn to dust, for they have rejected the teaching of the Lord of heavenly forces, and have despised the word of Israel's holy one.

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WOES Isaiah 5:8-24

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• WOE#1

GREED = Resulted in Judgment of Scarcity.

• WOE#2

Revelry (party spirit) = Resulted in Judgment of Humiliation.

Self focused living(what fulfills me) = Self Centered living

• WOE#3

I am God's Boss/I can DEMAND from Him. Taunting God: God is not real. God is not personal. God is not powerful. Embracing deceptions as truth.

WOE#4

Deceptions...do I create deceptions to further my own agendas? "There is no such thing as sin."

• WOE#5

I can outsmart God. Self-Aggrandizement

WOE#6

Fraudulent/Thievery. Dishonorable Dishonest "Rotted Roots = Unethical.

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Applying Isaiah to My Today

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Do I see the earth as filled with the glory of God (6:3)? My life is filled with (idols 2:8): How does haughty and proud look and behave (2:11):

- How do we bow down to the "work of our hands" (2:8):
 Do my accomplishments cause me to rely more on what I can do than on what God says should be done? Do my accomplishments cause me to question God's abilities?
- Do I know WHO I AM (1:3)? [Is it based on whose I am? OR what I do, what I won, how I look?)
- Would I define corrupt as: Taking a bribe. Stealing from innocent.
 Would I define corrupt as: Ignoring what is right by not saying anything as I hate conflict. Letting someone be a bit of bully to others instead of calling them out on it. (5:23)
- Do we defend the fatherless? Stand up for the widow(1:23)?
 Am I involved with loving children whose parents are not able to? Do I have true invested friendships with single adults?
- How do I use the wealth the LORD has blessed me with (3:14)?

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