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Remember, in the previous chapter we read:

the LORD alone will be exalted... in that day... when He arises to shake terribly the earth in that day: there is a terrifying **Day of the LORD** coming... it's the **6th Day of the LORD**, a bloody day; the Day of Armageddon and all the prophets have given the world fair warning. Prophecies often serve a dual purpose: [1] A preliminary judgment of God on the people living near to the time of the prophet; and [2] A global judgment culminating with the nations which were to learn the same lesson.



When we read in the Book of Proverbs, *Six things God hates and the seventh is an abomination...* then we can be sure... wherever we see those 6 or 7 things... God's silence is not to be understood as a tacit approval — as if He changed his mind and forgot to give the memo to His prophets; or worse, as if the generation thinks God has gone senile or is powerless, and simply made empty threats.

¹ **For, behold** / pay attention,

the Lord, the LORD of hosts will remove from Jerusalem and Judah both supply and support, the whole supply of bread, and the whole support of water / and we know that is what happened; 2500 years ago; without water for 3 days humans rapidly start to die; but will it happen one last time?

² **The mighty people** / men and women, **and the warrior** / the soldier,

the judge, and the prophet, the fortune-teller, and the elder / both legitimate guardians of law and order, and popular, lesser caretakers; as well as the oldest, most experienced in the community...

³ **The captain of fifty** / a common military or civil unit, **and the honorable man** / a prominent man;

the counselor / the advisor, **and the skilled craftsman** / the modest worker, **and the eloquent orator** / the clever politician... Isaiah says, they will be removed from the City and from the people...

and be replaced with what? Well, if the historic professionals, primarily men in their ill-conceived male-dominated world – if they became the silent majority, and didn't speak up...what do you think is coming?

⁴ **And I will make mere lads to be their officials, and children will rule over them** / which is happening in our genius 21st century... tons of young people educated by fascist elites, who think they are important; when behind the scenes they are merely being used by agendas worked out by those devoid of conscience; men and women of quality replaced with pimple-faced, vacant-headed script readers.

⁵ **And the people will be oppressed** / only tyranny, **between one another; between neighbors:**

insolent youth will storm against the elder; the debased / low... **against the honorable** / high.

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6 A man will seize one of his brothers at the house of his father, saying,

You have a cloak / a 3-piece suit, you be our leader, take charge of this ruin / of this mess:

7 In that day / what day? Well remember, originally this vision was concerning Jerusalem and Judah preparing to be carried into Babylonian captivity -- which happened 2,700 years ago... but the second purpose is for the world to sit up and take notice... **in that day** when *the LORD alone will be exalted... when He arises to shake terribly the earth... in that day:*

In that day... he / the brother... will swear / in protest, saying,

I will not be a healer / in other words the brother says, *I have no remedy for this mess;*

for in my own house there is no food, no clothing: do not make me ruler of the people.

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen:



because their words and deeds are against the LORD / they still are against the Lord; Judah is **one of the 3 shepherds** that the Lord will clearly deal with at the end,

provoking His glorious presence.

9 Their insolent countenance testifies against them; and they flaunt their sin like Sodom, they hide nothing / like I said, Isaiah sounds like he is addressing our 21st century generation.

Woe / how terrible it will be... to their soul!

for they have rewarded themselves with evil / they brought their own disaster... on themselves. There are many in our generation who love to blame God and assign Him... all the evil that is in the world; especially the fool who says there is no God. They selectively choose to justify and excuse themselves... all the while wanting Him to condemn everybody else who inconveniences them. When the LORD finally responds to them and tells them: *Your will be done*; and He finally dismisses them from His presence, I've often wondered... will they go away into the dark peacefully?

for they have rewarded themselves with evil.

10 Tell the righteous, well done: for they will enjoy the fruit of their doings.

11 Woe to the wicked! Bad news: for they will be paid for what they have done.



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¹² **As for My people, tyrannized by youth, and managed by women** / what happened to real men... as in godly men; courageous men? Men who changed the world for good? Who knows?

O My people, your leaders guide you into error,

and destroy the direction of your paths / they destroy the true way... which is what still goes on today with a vengeance... as those who first brought the world the DARK AGES... once again seek to rewrite history and redefine truth.

¹³ **The LORD rises to arraign, and rises to judge the people** / so, is the LORD rising in preparation to shake the whole world?

¹⁴ **The LORD will enter into judgment against the elders and officials of His people:**

for

[1] **you have devoured the vineyard;**

[2] **the plunder of the poor is *seen* in your houses**

... guilty on all counts: [1] they are vast hoarders; although they saw the hungry, they ate their lunch, too... and [2] their palatial estates are evidence of their insatiable greed while their workers remain destitute.

¹⁵ **What do you mean by smashing My people, and grinding the faces of the poor?**

says the Lord GOD of hosts.

¹⁶ **Moreover the LORD says,**

Since the daughters of Zion are haughty / stuck up, **holding their heads up high and flirting with their eyes...** as they walk, **sauntering and mincing as they go, their anklets jingling** / and chattering most likely while chewing their gum, OMG!!!:

¹⁷ **Therefore the LORD will bring sores on the heads of the women of Zion, and the LORD will strip their scalps bare** / they will be bald.

¹⁸ **In that day** / when *the LORD alone will be exalted...* *when He arises to shake terribly the earth... in that day:*

the LORD will take away their finery: anklets, headbands, and crescent necklaces, ¹⁹ **dangling earrings, bracelets, and veils,** ²⁰ **headbands, ankle chains, sashes, perfume boxes, amulets,** ²¹ **finger rings, and nose rings,** ²² **fine apparel, capes, cloaks, and purses,** ²³ **mirrors, fine linen, tiaras, and shawls** / all the fancy stuff found on Rodeo Drive, gone, no longer needed **in that Day.**

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24 And it will be, that instead of fine fragrance... there will be a stench / some ripe stink;

and instead of a sash, a rope;

instead of well-dressed hair, baldness;

instead of fine clothing, sackcloth; a slave's branding, instead of beauty.

25 Your men will fall by the sword,

and your mighty ones / your great moguls... in the war.

26 And her gates / the city's most vulnerable parts...

will lament and mourn;

and desolate, she will sit upon the ground...

the city... forlorn and deserted will just sit there, the wind howling through her streets... which is what happened 2,500 years ago; and one wonders... will this happen, yet one more time? **Zechariah says, Yes!**