## ISAIAH 4 vs 1

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The Bible is so interesting, when you actually read it... isn't it? It's not very mysterious or complicated. Since chapter 2, prophet Isaiah has been telling us about a Day belonging to the LORD, concerning Judah and Jerusalem, and the whole world, too; a work day for Him; not a vacation day or holiday party time. It is a specific, awesome day; it's an appointment He plans to keep, when the LORD alone will be exalted... when He arises to shake terribly the earth... in that day:



This **chapter 4** is a chapter you will never forget: it starts with a sexy introduction to that Day; and it ends with Messiah coming to do some -- but not all... the work He intends to do on that Day...

## <sup>1</sup>On that day seven women will take hold of one man / Wow!

Why? Perhaps John gives us a clue, when he wrote: the kings / the leaders and politicians of the earth, the great moguls, the rich, the chief captains, the mighty warriors, and all the slave and free labor, hid themselves in caves and cleft rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and the rocks, fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb -- Revelation 6:15-16.

Did the Lord say, **Amen** to their request? Was His creation equally accommodating and joyous to comply... as fools and chicken bleeps thought they could take cover? Hey, have you read the recent Ivy League university studies on little children growing up in atheist families... who unequivocally express their faith in the Living God? Have you ever wondered: will there be more men or women in heaven? We know in the NT, not one woman challenged Jesus, only men did.



On that day seven women will take hold of one man saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel / perhaps there will be a shortage of men; they will say, we will earn our living, we will clothe ourselves; women have never been afraid to work:

only let us be called by your name, to take away our reproach / to save us from our disgrace, our lack of childbearing.



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<sup>2</sup>On that day The Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious / Isaiah, Jeremiah and Zechariah all speak of Messiah coming in glory to rule the earth...

The Bible is interesting when we read it, isn't it? ... because **twice** Zechariah 6 says:

The Branch... He will build the temple of the LORD.... He will build the temple of the LORD.... He will build the temple of the LORD. So how about we let MESSIAH come again, before anybody else gets some hair-brained idea like king David had, when he wanted to start building something that wasn't in the plan of God. If I were to take bets I imagine The Branch, The Messiah of God doesn't need any committee meeting input. I am confident He knows His plans.

On that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be excellency and splendor for everyone of Israel / for every survivor of the terrible shaking and battle; that is everyone from father Israel, not just those from his grandson Judah; and he's not saying every fool of Israel, but those who honorably carry the name: ruled by God, with God's law of love written on their heart.



<sup>3</sup> And it will be, all who are left in Zion / now Isaiah talks about those in the City of David, the 12 acres south of the temple mount -- where Solomon built the first temple; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple was repaired for Messiah who came when Daniel said He would – who was the Chief cornerstone rejected by the builders, who disowned that plot of land; saying not a stone would remain there,

all who are left in Zion, all who remain in Jerusalem will be called holy, all who are recorded among the living in Jerusalem: / all who are alive after the great day has come and gone, sacred -- real saints still alive...

<sup>4</sup>when the LORD has washed away the filth from the daughters of Zion,

and purged the bloodshed from the midst of Jerusalem, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning,

**shutting the serpent's mouth,** which is what only Messiah can do/ for the last 2700 years, tons of dirt and filth, and squalor has piled up in that City, starting with the grime of graven images, so offensive to our great God. When He comes it will all get cleaned up, and with all the filth gone; I bet, we won't recognize it as the same place.

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<sup>5</sup> And the LORD will create over all Mount Zion / over Zion, the City of David... where the flock of God will gather; Isaiah did not say over all Mount Moriah, though we know to build an altar on the threshing floor of Ornan required David to go up from where he lived in the City of David – 1 Chronicles 21:18,

over all Mount Zion, over her gatherings...

a cloud and incense rising during the day,

and a brilliant firelight during the night:

over all the glorious ones will be a canopy.

6 And there will be a Tent ... mentioned in Leviticus 23, and 3 times in Zechariah 14... sukkah is a tent, a temporary shelter; apparently the LORD knows what He wants there: a temporary tent was good enough for Him. I guess the LORD clearly sees the BIG PICTURE when one day, heaven and earth will pass away only to be replaced with a new heaven and earth that no one can imagine. Notice, there is NO mention of bloody sacrifices – those hardheads who want to offend God will be too late; the final sacrifice for sin was made. When Messiah comes again it will be to teach those from every nation.

So, can we stop trying to be helpful? God has already told us what He planned – and He doesn't stutter; and the trouble-makers still haven't included: the Stone the builders rejected, which means: the Chief cornerstone is not yet part of their plans.

The Lord knows what He is doing; and since He is the God of the living, not of dead-heads the LORD doesn't need some drab mausoleum-kind-of-building made of brick or stone in that place. Remember that when HE comes He will build the temple of the LORD or all that He intends to build. When He came the first time,

He said: I will build My Church = the love of His life. People So, don't mess up His plan.



There will be a TENT to shade from the heat of the day, and for a refuge and shelter from the storm and the rain / so can we say thank you? My suggestion: be ready to hand Him a hammer, if He asks, but don't be disappointed if He doesn't need your help. In the meantime, what's wrong with just doing what He already told us to do?