

INTRODUCTION: SEEKING RELIEF FROM THE HEAT.

ISAIAH'S DAY, HIS MESSAGE, AND ITS MEANING.

JUDGMENT ON ISRAEL

- A. CAUSE OF THIS JUDGMENT, CH. 2:6-16.
- B. THE EFFECTS OF THIS JUDGMENT, 2:17-21
- C. A VISION OF ANARCHY, 3:1-12
- D. A VISION OF JUDGMENT, 3:13-15
- E. THE SIN OF THE LADIES OF JEREM, 3:16-24

2. THE MESSIANIC AGE

- A. ISA. 2:2-4
- B. ISA. 4:2-6

3. THIS IS THE PATTERN OF ISAIAH'S PROPHECIES

- A. THE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF JEHOVAH
- B. HIS CONTROVERSY WITH HIS PEOPLE
- C. THE NECESSITY OF NATIONAL JUDGMENT
- D. THE FINAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

II. THE MESSIANIC APPLICATION OF THIS PASSAGE.

1. IT PICTURES THE GLORIES OF THE MESSIANIC AGE.
2. REFERENCE TO THE WORD "BRANCH" IN V. 2.
 - A. THE "SHOOT", "SPROUT", "GROWTH" OF JEHOVAH. (GOSPEL OF JOHN)
 - B. OTHER PASSAGES WITH MESSIANIC MEANING:
 - "BRANCH OF DAVID" ISA. 11:1; JER. 23:5; JER. 33:15 (MATT.)
 - "SERVANT, THE BRANCH", ZECH. 3:8 (MARK)
 - THE "MAN WHOSE NAME IS THE BRANCH", ZECH. 6:12, 13 (LUKE)
3. A HOLY REMNANT OF JEWISH SURVIVORS WHO ESCAPE AFTER THE GREAT CATASTROPHE OR JUDGMENT.
4. CLEANSING FROM SIN, V. 4.
5. OVERSHADOWED BY THE GLORIOUS PROTECTING PRESENCE OF JEHOVAH.
6. COMPARE THESE VERSES:
 - A. PS. 121:5, "THE LORD IS THY SHADE UPON THY RIGHT HAND."
 - B. ISA. 32:2, "A MAN SHALL BE AS THE SHADOW OF A GREAT ROCK IN A WEARY LAND."
7. *A tabernacle (tent) - Dr. J. H. - the word became flesh and tabernacled among us.*

III. THE SPIRITUAL APPLICATION OF THIS THEME

1. THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IS THE BELIEVER'S RESTFUL AND REFRESHING SHADE FROM THE HEAT OF LIFE'S OPPRESSION. *(See poem)*
the highland shepherd of the one Grocer clan.
2. THE BIBLE IS A SHADE FROM THE HEAT OF DOUBT. *(See poem, "The Word")*
Dr. D. Aubigné, Swiss Historian of the Reformation
3. THE PROMISES OF GOD ARE A SHADE FROM THE HEAT OF WORRY.
Robert & Mary Moffatt in Africa - asking for communion set.
4. PRAYER IS A SHADE FROM THE HEAT OF TROUBLE.
Gen. Grant & Gen. S. O. Howard
5. THE CHURCH IS A SHADE FROM THE HEAT OF SECULARISM.
6. THE LORD'S DAY IS A SHADE IN THE HEAT OF A WEEK'S TOIL & LABOR.
Meth. Bishop. "THE SEVENTH DAY" BY A. J. HESCHEL.
7. THE JOYFUL SMILE OF A CHRISTIAN BELIEVER IS A SHADE IN THE HEAT OF LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENT.
Richard Williams of the Haganaiat mission - (B. I. Jones, 1900)

CONCLUSION: REV. 7:16, "NEITHER SHALL THE SUN LIGHT ON THEM,
NOR ANY HEAT."

This is a ^{world} ~~piece~~ too fair
To be the child of chance, and not of care.
No atoms casually together hurled
Could ever produce so beautiful a world.
(John Dryden, d. 1700)

The ear of faith can hear
"The cosmic melodies of the stars,
Like a harp of quivering silver strings,
Showing its heavenly harmonies
of celestial music on the earth."

When Richard Williams, a pioneer missionary,
was stranded on the beach by a high tide,
and at the beginning of the terrible privations which
terminated his life, he wrote in his diary:
"I bless and praise God that this ^{day} has been,
I think, the happiest of my life.
The fire of divine love has been burning on the
mean altar of my breast,
and the torch light of faith has been in full trim."
Later, when severe illness was added to his distress,
he could say,
"Not a moment sits wearily upon me.
Sweet is the presence of Jesus;
and, oh, I am so happy in His love."

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III. 1.

Presence of Christ

No distant Lord have I,
Loving afar to be.
Made flesh for me he cannot rest
Until He rests in me.

I envy not the Twelve.

Nearer to me is He.

The life He once lived here on earth
He lives again in me. →

III. 2.

The Bible ("The Anvil")

I paused last eve beside the blacksmith's door,
and heard the anvil ring, the vesper's chime,
and looking in I saw upon the floor
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.
"How many anvils have you had?" said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"
"Just one," he answered. Then with twinkling eye:
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."
And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word
For ages sceptic's blows have beat upon, ↓

Ascended now to God
my witness there to be,
His witness here am I because
His Spirit dwells in me.

→ O glorious Son of God,
Incarnate Deity,
I shall forever be with Thee,
Because Thou art with me.

But though the noise of falling blows was heard
The Anvil is unchanged; the hammers gone.

John Clifford, 1836-1923