

# A Shelter of Shade

## Isaiah 1-4:6

Chapter 1: \_\_\_\_\_

*His Word*

*My Response*

**2** Listen, O heavens, and hear, O earth;  
For the LORD speaks, “Sons I have reared and brought up,  
But they have revolted against Me.

**4** Alas, sinful nation,  
People weighed down with iniquity,  
Offspring of evildoers,  
Sons who act corruptly!  
They have abandoned the LORD,  
They have despised the Holy One of Israel,  
They have turned away from Him.

**5** Where will you be stricken again,  
As you continue in *your* rebellion?

The whole head is sick,  
And the whole heart is faint.

**6** From the sole of the foot even to the head  
There is nothing sound in it,  
*Only* bruises, welts, and raw wounds,  
Not pressed out or bandaged,  
Nor softened with oil.

**7** Your land is desolate,  
Your cities are burned with fire,  
Your fields\_ strangers are devouring them in your presence;  
It is desolation, as overthrown by strangers.

**8** And the daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard,  
Like a watchman’s hut in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.

*His Word*

*My Response*

**9 Unless the LORD of hosts  
Had left us a few survivors,  
We would be like Sodom,  
We would be like Gomorrah.**

**10 Hear the word of the LORD,  
You rulers of Sodom;  
Give ear to the instruction of our God,  
You people of Gomorrah.**

**11 “What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?”  
Says the LORD.  
“I of burnt offerings of rams,  
And the fat of fed have had enough cattle.  
And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs, or goats.**

**12 “When you come to appear before Me,  
Who requires of you this trampling of My courts?**

**13 “Bring your worthless offerings no longer,  
Incense is an abomination to Me.  
New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies\_  
I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly.**

**14 “I hate your new moon festivals and your appointed feasts,  
They have become a burden to Me.  
I am weary of bearing them.**

**15 “So when you spread out your hands in prayer,  
I will hide My eyes from you,  
Yes, even though you multiply prayers,  
I will not listen.  
Your hands are covered with blood.**

**16 “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;  
Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight.  
Cease to do evil,**

**17 Learn to do good;  
Seek justice,  
Reprove the ruthless;  
Defend the orphan,  
Plead for the widow.**

*His Word*

*My Response*

18 “Come now, and let us reason together,”  
Says the LORD,  
“Though your sins are as scarlet,  
They will be as white as snow;  
Though they are red like crimson,  
They will be like wool.

19 “If you consent and obey,  
You will eat the best of the land;

20 “But if you refuse and rebel,  
You will be devoured by the sword.”  
Truly, the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

21 How the faithful city has become a harlot,  
She *who* was full of justice!  
Righteousness once lodged in her,  
But now murderers.

22 Your silver has become dross,  
Your drink diluted with water.

23 Your rulers are rebels,  
And companions of thieves;  
Everyone loves a bribe,  
And chases after rewards.  
They do not defend the orphan,  
Nor does the widow’s plea come before them.

Chapter 2: \_\_\_\_\_

His Word

My Response

5 Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

6 For Thou hast abandoned Thy people, the house of Jacob,  
Because they are filled *with influences* from the east,  
And *they are* soothsayers like the Philistines,  
And they strike *bargains* with the children of foreigners.

7 Their land has also been filled with silver and gold,  
And there is no end to their treasures;  
Their land has also been filled with horses,  
And there is no end to their chariots.

8 Their land has also been filled with idols;  
They worship the work of their hands,  
That which their fingers have made.

9 So the *common* man has been humbled,  
And the man *of importance* has been abased,  
But do not forgive them.

22 Stop regarding man, whose breath *of life* is in his nostrils;  
For why should he be esteemed?

## Chapter 3:

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*His Word*

*My Response*

**1** FOR behold, the Lord GOD of hosts is going to remove from Jerusalem and Judah  
Both supply and support, the whole supply of bread,  
And the whole supply of water;

**2** The mighty man and the warrior,  
The judge and the prophet,  
The diviner and the elder,

**3** The captain of fifty and the honorable man,  
The counselor and the expert artisan,  
And the skillful enchanter.

**4** And I will make mere lads their princes  
And capricious children will rule over them,

**5** And the people will be oppressed,  
Each one by another, and each one by his neighbor;  
The youth will storm against the elder,  
And the inferior against the honorable.

**6** When a man lays hold of his brother in his father's house,  
*saying*, "You have a cloak, you shall be our ruler,  
And these ruins will be under your charge,"

**7** On that day will he protest, *saying*, "I will not be *your* healer,  
For in my house there is neither bread nor cloak;  
You should not appoint me ruler of the people."

**8** For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen,  
Because their speech and their actions are against the LORD,  
To rebel against His glorious presence.

**9** The expression of their faces bears witness against them.  
And they display their sin like Sodom;  
They do not *even* conceal *it*.  
Woe to them!  
For they have brought evil on themselves.

**10** Say to the righteous that *it will go well with them*,  
For they will eat the fruit of their actions.

*His Word*

*My Response*

11 Woe to the wicked! *It will go badly with him,*  
For what he deserves will be done to him.

12 O My people! Their oppressors are children,

And women rule over them.

O My people! Those who guide you lead *you* astray,  
And confuse the direction of your paths.

13 The LORD arises to contend,  
And stands to judge the people.

14 The LORD enters into judgment with the elders and princes of His people,  
“It is you who have devoured the vineyard;  
The plunder of the poor is in your houses.

15 “What do you mean by crushing My people,  
And grinding the face of the poor?”  
Declares the Lord GOD of hosts.

16 Moreover, the LORD said,  
“Because the daughters of Zion are proud,  
And walk with heads held high and seductive eyes,  
And go along with mincing steps,  
And tinkle the bangles on their feet,

# A Visit with Ezekiel

## Part 1

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### His Word

### My Response

**1** THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
**2** “Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations,

**3** and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem,  
“Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite,  
your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

**4** “As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut,  
nor were you washed with water for cleansing;  
you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths.

**5** “No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you,  
to have compassion on you.  
Rather you were thrown out into the open field,  
for you were abhorred on the day you were born.

**6** “When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood,  
I said to you *while you were* in your blood,  
‘Live!’ I said to you while you were in your blood, ‘Live!’

**7** “I made you numerous like plants of the field.  
Then you grew up, became tall, and reached the age for fine ornaments;  
*your* breasts were formed and your hair had grown.  
Yet you were naked and bare.

**8** “Then I passed by you and saw you,  
and behold, you were at the time for love;  
so I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness.

I also swore to you and entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine,”  
declares the Lord GOD.

**9** “Then I bathed you with water,  
washed off your blood from you, and anointed you with oil.

**10** “I also clothed you with embroidered cloth,  
and put sandals of porpoise skin on your feet;  
and I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk.

11 “And I adorned you with ornaments,  
put bracelets on your hands,  
and a necklace around your neck.

12 “I also put a ring in your nostril,  
earrings in your ears,  
and a beautiful crown on your head.

13 “Thus you were adorned with gold and silver,  
and your dress was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth.  
You ate fine flour, honey, and oil; so you were exceedingly  
beautiful and advanced to royalty.

14 “Then your fame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty,  
for it was perfect because of My splendor which I bestowed on you,” declares the Lord  
GOD.

*Part 2* \_\_\_\_\_

15 “But you trusted in your beauty  
and played the harlot because of your fame,  
and you poured out your harlotries on every passer-by who might be *willing*.

16 “And you took some of your clothes,  
made for yourself high places of various colors,  
and played the harlot on them,  
which should never come about nor happen.

17 “You also took your beautiful jewels  
*made* of My gold and of My silver,  
which I had given you,  
and made for yourself male images that you might play the harlot with them.

18 “Then you took your embroidered cloth and covered them,  
and offered My oil and My incense before them.

19 “Also My bread which I gave you,  
fine flour, oil, and honey with which I fed you,  
you would offer before them for a soothing aroma;  
so it happened,” declares the Lord GOD.



20 “Moreover, you took your sons and daughters  
whom you had borne to Me,  
and you sacrificed them to idols to be devoured.  
Were your harlotries so small a matter?

21 “You slaughtered My children,  
and offered them up to idols by causing them to pass through *the* fire.

22 “And besides all your abominations and harlotries  
you did not remember the days of your youth,  
when you were naked and bare and squirming in your blood.

23 “Then it came about after all your wickedness  
(‘Woe, woe to you!’ declares the Lord GOD ),

24 that you built yourself a shrine and made yourself a high place in every square.

25 “You built yourself a high place at the top of every street,  
and made your beauty abominable;  
and you spread your legs to every passer-by to multiply your harlotry.

26 “You also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your lustful neighbors, and  
multiplied your harlotry to make Me angry.

*God will stretch out His hand against His women*

27 “Behold now, I have stretched out My hand against you  
and diminished your rations.  
And I delivered you up to the desire of those who hate you,  
the daughters of the Philistines,  
who are ashamed of your lewd conduct.

28 “Moreover, you played the harlot with the Assyrians  
because you were not satisfied;

you even played the harlot with them  
and still were not satisfied.

29 “You also multiplied your harlotry with the land of merchants,  
Chaldea, yet even with this you were not satisfied.””

30 “How languishing is your heart,” declares the Lord GOD,  
“while you do all these things, the actions of a bold-faced harlot.

**31 “When you built your shrine at the beginning of every street and made your high place in every square, in disdain of money, you were not like a harlot.**

**32 “You adulteress wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband!**

**33 “Men give gifts to all harlots,  
but you give your gifts to all your lovers  
to bribe them to come to you from every direction for your harlotries.**

**34 “Thus you are different from those women in your harlotries,  
in that no one plays the harlot as you do,  
because you give money and no money is given you;  
thus you are different.”**

**35 Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD.**

**36 Thus says the Lord GOD,  
“Because your lewdness was poured out  
and your nakedness uncovered through your harlotries with your lovers  
and with all your detestable idols,  
and because of the blood of your sons which you gave to idols,**

**37 therefore, behold,  
I shall gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure,  
even all those whom you loved *and* all those whom you hated.  
So I shall gather them against you from every direction and expose your nakedness to  
them that they may see all your nakedness.**

*God will judge His women*

**38 “Thus I shall judge you,  
like women who commit adultery or shed blood are judged;  
and I shall bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy.**

**39 “I shall also give you into the hands of your lovers,  
and they will tear down your shrines,  
demolish your high places, strip you of your clothing,  
take away your jewels, and will leave you naked and bare.**

**40 “They will incite a crowd against you,  
and they will stone you and cut you to pieces with their swords.**

**41 “And they will burn your houses with fire  
and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women.**

**Then I shall stop you from playing the harlot,  
and you will also no longer pay your lovers.**

**42 “So I shall calm My fury against you,  
and My jealousy will depart from you,  
and I shall be pacified and angry no more.**

**43 “Because you have not remembered the days of your youth  
but have enraged Me by all these things,  
behold, I in turn will bring your conduct down on your own head,”  
declares the Lord GOD,  
“so that you will not commit this lewdness on top of all your *other* abominations.**

**44 “Behold, everyone who quotes proverbs will quote *this* proverb concerning you,  
saying, ‘Like mother, like daughter.’**

**45 “You are the daughter of your mother,  
who loathed her husband and children.  
You are also the sister of your sisters,  
who loathed their husbands and children.  
Your mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite.**

**46 “Now your older sister is Samaria,  
who lives north of you with her daughters;  
and your younger sister, who lives south of you,  
is Sodom with her daughters.**

**47 “Yet you have not merely walked in their ways  
or done according to their abominations;  
but, as if that were too little,  
you acted more corruptly in all your conduct than they.**

**48 “As I live,” declares the Lord GOD,  
“Sodom, your sister, and her daughters,  
have not done as you and your daughters have done.**

**49 “Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom:  
she and her daughters had  
arrogance,  
abundant food,  
and careless ease,  
but she did not help the poor and needy.**

*His Word*

*My Response*

50 “Thus they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore I removed them when I saw *it*.”

51 “Furthermore, Samaria did not commit half of your sins, for you have multiplied your abominations more than they. Thus you have made your sisters appear righteous by all your abominations which you have committed.

52 “Also bear your disgrace in that you have made judgment favorable for your sisters.

Because of your sins in which you acted more abominably than they, they are more in the right than you.

Yes, be also ashamed and bear your disgrace, in that you made your sisters appear righteous.

### *Part 3*

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*His Word*

*My Response*

53 “Nevertheless, I will restore their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and along with them your own captivity,

54 in order that you may bear your humiliation, and feel ashamed for all that you have done when you become a consolation to them.

55 “And your sisters, Sodom with her daughters and Samaria with her daughters, will return to their former state, and you with your daughters will *also* return to your former state.

56 “As *the name of* your sister Sodom was not heard from your lips in your day of pride,

57 before your wickedness was uncovered, so now you have become the reproach of the daughters of Edom, and of all who are around her, of the daughters of the Philistines\_ those surrounding *you* who despise you.

58 “You have borne *the penalty of* your lewdness and abominations,” the LORD declares.

59 For thus says the Lord GOD,  
“I will also do with you as you have done,  
you who have despised the oath by breaking the covenant.

60 “Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you  
in the days of your youth,  
and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.

61 “Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters,  
*both* your older and your younger;  
and I will give them to you as daughters,  
but not because of your covenant.

62 “Thus I will establish My covenant with you,  
and you shall know that I am the LORD,

63 in order that you may remember and be ashamed,  
and never open your mouth anymore because of your humiliation,  
when I have forgiven you for all that you have done,” the Lord GOD declares.

### *Back to Isaiah 3*

#### *God will judge His women*

17 Therefore the Lord will afflict the scalp of the daughters of Zion with scabs,  
And the LORD will make their foreheads bare.”

18 In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of *their*  
anklets, headbands,  
crescent ornaments,

19 dangling earrings,  
bracelets, veils,

20 headdresses, ankle chains,  
sashes, perfume boxes,  
amulets,

21 finger rings, nose rings,

22 festal robes, outer tunics,  
cloaks, money purses,

**23 hand mirrors  
undergarments,  
turbans, and veils.**

**24 Now it will come about that instead of  
sweet perfume there will be putrefaction;**

**Instead of a belt, a rope;**

**Instead of well-set hair, a plucked-out scalp;**

**Instead of fine clothes, a donning of sackcloth;**

**And branding instead of beauty.**

**25 Your men will fall by the sword,  
And your mighty ones in battle.**

**26 And her gates will lament and mourn;  
And deserted she will sit on the ground.**

***Chapter 4:1* FOR seven women will take hold of one man in that day, saying,  
“We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes,  
only let us be called by your name; take away our reproach!”**

***Chapter 4:2-6*** \_\_\_\_\_

**2 In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious,  
and the fruit of the earth *will* be the pride and the adornment  
of the survivors of Israel.**

**3 And it will come about that he who is left in Zion  
and remains in Jerusalem  
will be called holy - everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem.**

**4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion,  
and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst,  
by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning,**

*His Word*

*My Response*

**5 then the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy.**

**6 And there will be a shelter to *give* shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.**

*Closing Thoughts and Application*