

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

The Branch of the Lord

ISAIAH 3 & 4

August 30, 2015

Sermon Text

Isaiah 3:1-4:6 For behold, the Lord GOD of hosts is taking away from Jerusalem and from Judah support and supply, all support of bread, and all support of water; [2] the mighty man and the soldier, the judge and the prophet, the diviner and the elder, [3] the captain of fifty and the man of rank, the counselor and the skillful magician and the expert in charms. [4] And I will make boys their princes, and infants shall rule over them. [5] And the people will oppress one another, everyone his fellow and everyone his neighbor; the youth will be insolent to the elder, and the despised to the honorable. [6] For a man will take hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying: "You have a cloak; you shall be our leader, and this heap of ruins shall be under your rule"; [7] in that day he will speak out, saying: "I will not be a healer; in my house there is neither bread nor cloak; you shall not make me leader of the people." [8] For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen, because their speech and their deeds are against the LORD, defying his glorious presence. [9] For the look on their faces bears witness against them; they proclaim their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves. [10] Tell the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds. [11] Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, for what his hands have dealt out shall be done to him. [12] My people—infants are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, your guides mislead you and they have swallowed up the course of your paths. [13] The LORD has taken his place to contend; he stands to judge peoples. [14] The LORD will enter into judgment with the elders and princes of his people: "It is you who have devoured the vineyard, the spoil of the poor is in your houses. [15] What do you mean by crushing my people, by grinding the face of the poor?" declares the Lord GOD of hosts. [16] The LORD said: Because the

daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with outstretched necks, glancing wantonly with their eyes, mincing along as they go, tinkling with their feet, [17] therefore the Lord will strike with a scab the heads of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will lay bare their secret parts. [18] In that day the Lord will take away the finery of the anklets, the headbands, and the crescents; [19] the pendants, the bracelets, and the scarves; [20] the headdresses, the armlets, the sashes, the perfume boxes, and the amulets; [21] the signet rings and nose rings; [22] the festal robes, the mantles, the cloaks, and the handbags; [23] the mirrors, the linen garments, the turbans, and the veils. [24] Instead of perfume there will be rottenness; and instead of a belt, a rope; and instead of well-set hair, baldness; and instead of a rich robe, a skirt of sackcloth; and branding instead of beauty. [25] Your men shall fall by the sword and your mighty men in battle. [26] And her gates shall lament and mourn; empty, she shall sit on the ground. [4:1] And seven women shall 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." [2] In that day the branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and honor of the survivors of Israel. [3] And he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, [4] when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning. [5] Then the LORD will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory there will be a canopy. [6] There will be a booth for shade by day from the heat, and for a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

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Sermon Application Questions	Sermon Outline
1. How does Isaiah 3:10 give Christians direction when living in a culture that is on a downward trend?	God shakes us free of our misplaced devotion and drives us to Jesus.
2. How is idolatry a common problem for us?	I. Idolatry is our sinful problem
3. What are common forms of Idolatry that we fall in to practicing?	II. God shakes us free of our misplaced devotion
4. Can you identify way that God might be shaking your misplaced devotion?	III. The Messiah is our refuge and restoration
5. Judah was a country that compromised it's values and original devotion in order to keep accumulating stuff, status, and security. Does this resonate with you personally? Nationally?	Prayer Requests This week our family will lift up requests for:
6. The text shows a disdain for taking the mantle of leadership. Why is this so and how does it relate to our day?	
7. What is characteristic of Messiah's leadership?	This week our family will praise the Lord for:
8. What comfort can be found in the promise of Messiah?	HFG Notes & Actions: Next HFG meeting is: