

“Arrogance and Idolatry”

Isaiah 2-4:1

The Last Days V. 2:1-5 parallel passage *Micah 4:1-3*

“The Last Days” – In prophetic writing almost always refers to the end times.

“Judge” – Hebrew *sapat* – World order and administrative governmental system.

Isaiah describes Zion or Jerusalem as the center of spiritual worship, commerce, world government, education, knowledge and peace. Since these things did not and have not yet happened most likely this happens only in the end times.

Purpose – Hope, walk in the ways of God for this will come to pass.

Idolatry V. 2:6-22

What is Idolatry?

A worship or putting anything before God.

V. 6 – Judah has been influenced by the pagan religious systems of the Philistines (occult worship) and the East (eastern mysticism, and ancient humanism).

Isaiah compares the things man worships to God: treasures and possessions, the tall buildings and pagan gardens, the fortified cities, the tall ships, the craftsmanship.

All these things are meaningless and empty and will be thrown to the rats and bats.

Romans 1:18-31

Arrogantly Worshiping Self and Leaders V. 3:1-15

God says that all the idols will be taken away: provisions, wealth, military might, fortifications, government, and all leaders. This will leave Judah desolate, vulnerable, with no leaders but women and children.

Pride was the great sin of Judah. They looked at themselves, their own accomplishments, and all that was around them and compared that to the other nations becoming prideful.

Proverbs 8:13, 16:18-19, 29:23

National Pride V. 3:16- 4:1

“Daughters of Zion” – This is the nation of Judah.

Isaiah describes Judah as a haughty women full of arrogance, pride and indulgence flirting with other nations to gain favor. In the Day of Judgement Judah will be stripped bare of all it now worships to reveal it’s spiritual poverty and open sores (spiritual dysfunction).

1 Peter 5:1-11, Proverbs 29:26

Discussion Questions

What Idols do we worship today?

In what ways are we guilty of worshipping self and leadership?

How can we have national pride without falling into national worship?

Homework

Read *Isaiah 4-5*

Answer the following questions:

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

Identify at least one personal idol in your life and surrender that to God daily this week.