

Isa 3-5

### Pilgrimage Blessing

In the study of the Scripture, as in any other type of study, one is constantly in danger of going from one extreme to the other. Thus, there are ~~men~~ <sup>some</sup> who interpret the book of Isaiah in such a way as to find in it no picture of the Millennium at all. In order to do this, they have to explain away the clear meaning of many passages. The millennial reign of Christ is so clearly taught in this book that it is hard to see how anyone who is both intelligent and honest in his interpretation can reach the end of an honest <sup>24</sup> study of Isaiah's prophecies with ~~any other conclusion than~~ <sup>not seem</sup> that there ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> to be a millennial reign of Christ on this earth.

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This, however, must not lead us to go to the other extreme, and find the Millennium in every ~~possible statement which~~ <sup>possible</sup> Isaiah makes. As Isaiah looks forward to the future, he sees God's wrath upon sin and describes the terrible exile into which God will send His people as punishment for their disregard of His law. He brings comfort to the people of God, <sup>God</sup> as he looks beyond this and clearly points out the return from exile, the coming of Christ to die as the sacrifice for sin, the spread of the light of the gospel to the Gentiles, the protection of God over His people during their pilgrim journey, and the wonderful blessings of the millennial age. All these phases of future glory appear at one place or another in the book of Isaiah. We should strongly insist on its teachings regarding the Millennium when it deals with that theme, but should not attempt to twist passages dealing with other themes in such a way as to make them refer also to the Millennium. <sup>There is</sup>

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~~It is interesting to notice~~ a striking difference between the description of blessing in chapter 4:2-6 and that in 2:2-4. In chapter 2 we have a time when people <sup>can</sup> may sit out under their vine and under their fig tree, and no one

Satan

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