

*Is. 4:2 ¶ 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.*

Isaiah addresses the Messianic Kingdom in verses 2-6, a subject he first introduced in Isaiah 2:1-4. To allow us to understand the sequence of events, he uses the phrase, “*In that day*” (v.2). This confirms that what is addressed in Isaiah 4:2-6 transpires shortly after the Tribulation has ended, the Tribulation having been addressed beforehand in Isaiah 2:9-4:1.

*The Branch of the Lord* is Jesus the Messiah. He is the Son of God (having *come from God*—John 8:42), pointing to His deity and confirmed by other New Testament Scriptures such as Hebrews 1:8. Isaiah 11 gives additional input concerning *the Branch* (also read Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15, Zechariah 3:8, and 6:12-13). *The Branch* will be *beautiful and glorious* because He will not only be Savior, but also *King* (Revelation 19:16 and 20:4)—and a righteous *King* at that (Isaiah 9:6-7).

Note that *the fruit of the earth will one day be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel*. *The survivors of Israel will be* those Jewish believers who survive the Tribulation. In fact, only a *third* of the Jews who begin the Tribulation will be around when it ends (Zechariah 13:7-9). It is these *survivors* who will be *the fruit of the earth* (Isaiah 4:2), and they will all be believers in Jesus.

*Is. 4:3 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.*

All Jews who survive the Tribulation will be believers (Romans 11:26)—and they will be *holy*. The nation had previously been sinful, but at the end of the Tribulation and during the Millennium, all Jews living in their physical bodies will be *holy* due to accepting Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. They will sin at times during the Millennium, but they will be made *holy* in their person. Note: During our day, known as the Church age, believers become *holy* in their person (Ephesians 1:4; Hebrews 10:14a) the moment they accept Christ—before becoming completely *holy* in their behavior (Hebrews 10:14b). Becoming totally *holy* in our behavior will not occur until we see Jesus, but our behavior will increase in holiness while on earth as we pursue God’s heart.

The names of these Jewish believers who survive the Tribulation are *recorded* in *the book of life*—for more input concerning *the book of life*, read Psalm 69:28, Psalm 139:13-16; Philippians 4:3, Revelation 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, 20:12, 20:15, and 21:27. I believe that everyone’s *name* (Jew as well as Gentile) is recorded in this *book* (Psalm 139:16) and *blotted out* (Psalm 69:28) under one of two conditions. The first condition has to do with all of mankind that lives before the middle of the Tribulation begins. These, at the point of death, have their names erased (*blotted out*) from *the book of life* if they fail to accept Christ. The second condition has to do with those who live during the second half of the Tribulation. The moment they worship the Antichrist their *name* is erased from the book of life (Revelation 13:8; 17:8).

*Is. 4:4 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,*

One of the reasons the nation will be holy during the Millennium is because of a change of heart on the part of the Jewish women. This takes care of the situation mentioned in Isaiah 3:16-4:1, a problem that will be generated by the self centeredness of the female sector of that society. The male leadership, which creates an environment of *bloodshed*, will also be transformed (read

Isaiah 3:13-15). The Holy Spirit, using for good the suffering associated with the Tribulation, will bring about this change.

*Is. 4:5 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.*

The same *glory* of God (the Shechinah Glory) that manifested itself in the wilderness (Exodus 13:21-22, Numbers 14:14, Deuteronomy 1:33, and Psalm 78:14) in the form of *fire by night* and *cloud by day*, will again manifest itself during the Millennium. It will serve as a *wall* around Millennial *Jerusalem* (Zechariah 2:4-5), dwell in the holy of holies in the Millennial temple (Ezekiel 43:1-7), cover all the Millennial mountain, or *Mount Zion* (Isaiah 4:5-6), cover all of the land possessed by the Jews (Isaiah 35:1-2), and be present in Christ (Isaiah 11:10; 40:3-5). And just think. All believers will see this with their own eyes. Wow!

There will be *day* and *night* during the Millennium. There will be *no night* during the Eternal Order (Revelation 21:25).

*Is. 4:6 And there will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.*

During the Millennium, the glory of God will serve as a *shelter to give shade* to the people. It will not only protect them *from the heat by day*, but also serve as a *refuge and protection from the storm and the rain*.