

Isaiah 4:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

Analysis

The 'branch of the LORD' (Hebrew 'tsemach YHWH') is messianic terminology (cf. Isaiah 11:1; Jeremiah 23:5; Zechariah 3:8), pointing to Christ as the shoot from Jesse's root. The parallelism between 'branch of the LORD' and 'fruit of the earth' may indicate both divine and human nature, anticipating incarnation. For the remnant ('them that are escaped of Israel'), this Branch becomes 'beautiful and glorious'—reversing judgment's shame with restored glory through Messiah.

Historical Context

Following exile's devastation, this prophecy promised future restoration. Typologically fulfilled in post-exilic return, ultimate fulfillment awaits Christ's kingdom establishment.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does Christ as the 'branch of the LORD' fulfill hopes for both spiritual and physical restoration?
2. What does it mean to be among 'them that are escaped'—the elect remnant—in our generation?

Interlinear Text

בַּיּוֹם	וְהָיָה	וְהָיָה	וְהָיָה	וְהָיָה	וְהָיָה
In that day	H1931	H1961	shall the branch	of the LORD	be beautiful
H3117			H6780	H3068	H6643
וְלִכְבוֹד	וְפֵרִי	הָאֲרֶץ	לִגְאֻלֹּן	וְלִתְפָאָרֶת	
and glorious	and the fruit	of the earth	shall be excellent	and comely for	
H3519	H6529	H776	H1347	H8597	
לְפָלִיטָתָם	יִשְׂרָאֵל:				
them that are escaped	of Israel				
H6413	H3478				

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 23:5 (References Lord): Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Zechariah 6:12 (References Lord): And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

Zechariah 3:8 (Parallel theme): Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

Isaiah 27:6 (References Israel): He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

Joel 2:32 (References Lord): And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Jeremiah 33:15 (Parallel theme): In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

Isaiah 53:2 (Parallel theme): For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

Psalms 72:16 (Parallel theme): There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

Jeremiah 44:14 (Parallel theme): So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (Glory): For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.