

Series: Isaiah 1-39  
Lesson: Isaiah Ch. 2-4 - Real Future  
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Isaiah 2-4 contrasts the reality to the potential in the relationship between God and Jerusalem.

**Potential** - *the bright future of the faithful.* (Isaiah 2:2-4, 4:2-6)

- A. 7 qualities of the future
  - a. Jerusalem will be a central focus of worship.
  - b. Jerusalem will have a world-wide influence.
  - c. The word of the LORD will go out.
  - d. World peace.
  - e. Agriculture will flourish.
  - f. The people will be forgiven of their sins.
  - g. Jerusalem will be a place of safety.

**Reality** - *this persists in human communities.* Isaiah 2:6-4:1

- B. **Idolatry** - substitution taking the place of the God
  - a. 2:6 - relying on other sources of truth.
  - b. 2:7a - relying on consumables and economics.
  - c. 2:7b - relying on military.
  - d. 2:8 - relying on achievement and personal sources of security.
- C. **Injustice** - Isaiah describes 3 aspects of injustice.
  - a. The people who are responsible - 3:1-10
  - b. The people who are being hurt - 3:12-15
  - c. The people who are benefiting 3:16-4:1
- D. **Impending Destruction** - what is coming to those who rely on idols and practice injustice.
  - a. Coming judgment described with a series of reversals - 2:12-22.
  - b. Isaiah mentions the symbol of strength and power - 2:12-16
  - c. The terror passages - 2:10, 19, and 21.