

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 _____.
- b. Jerusalem will have a world-wide _____.
- c. The word of the _____ will go out.
- d. There will be world _____.
- e. Agriculture will _____.
- f. The people will be _____ of their sins.
- g. Jerusalem will be a place of _____.

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 _____.
- b. 2:7a - relying on consumables and _____.
- c. 2:7b - relying on _____.
- d. 2:8 - relying on _____ and personal sources of _____.

C. **Injustice** - Isaiah describes 3 aspects of injustice.

- a. The people who are _____ 3:1-10.
- b. The people who are being _____ 3:12-15

- c. The people who _____ 3:16-4:1
- D. Impending Destruction - what is coming to those who rely on idols and practice injustice.
 - a. The coming judgment is described with a series of reversals - 2:12-22
 - b. Isaiah mentions symbols of strength and power - 2:12-16
 - c. The terror passages - 2:10, 19, and 21.