

ISAIAH – Chapter 33

Vs. 1 Woe to the destroyer – Assyrians.

Woe to he who is treacherous – those within Judah who tried to form alliances.

Neither will succeed in their efforts. The time of their judgment is already set. 2 Kings 18 & 19 give us the historical details of the fulfillment of God's message and plan.

Vs. 2-9 Record a prayer.

- 1) It is prayed by a minority who have waited for the Lord's deliverance rather than for assistance coming from elsewhere, vs. 2a.
- 2) They have longed for His grace (Isa. 30:18-19), for His strength, and His salvation/deliverance, vs. 2b.
- 3) They are confident that God will scatter the nations who have opposed Judah, vs. 3.
- 4) The plunder taken by those nations will be taken from them and given to those that they have plundered. Zech 14:1 The plundering will be as extensive as when locusts destroy everything in their path, vs. 4.
- 5) The exalted Lord will, in time, fill Zion with justice and righteousness. Isa. 9:7; 11:4; 16:5; 32:16

Stability, salvation, wisdom, and knowledge arrive when God's people, Israel, "fear Him" once again, vs. 5-6.
- 6) Those in Judah who thought they could achieve...are found weeping bitterly, vs. 7.
- 7) The end result of Judah's bad judgment is acknowledged, vs. 8-9.

Vs. 10 A time is coming – NOW – has arrived.

The God of Israel.

- 1) Will arise.
- 2) Will be exalted.
- 3) Will be lifted up.

Vs. 11 Judah has conceived chaff – they will give birth to stubble.

God's breath will consume them like fire.

Vs. 12 The majority (non-remnant) will be consumed in the anger of the Lord.

Verses 13-16 In contrast with the destruction of the destroyer (Assyria) and the treacherous majority, the righteous will live (in the far off future).

Verses 17-24 In a promised land of blessing.

Vs. 13 People everywhere (far away and near). Phil. 2:5-11

- 1) Hear what the God of Israel has done.
- 2) Acknowledge His might.

Vs. 14 Sinners in Zion ask, who can endure God's awesome judgment? They see God as an all-consuming fire. Heb. 12:29; Matt. 24:22

Vs. 15 Isaiah gives us the answer to the question:

- 1) He who walks righteously.
- 2) Speaks with sincerity.
- 3) He who rejects unjust gain.
- 4) Hands...hold no bribe.
- 5) Stops...hearing about bloodshed.
- 6) Doesn't look upon evil.

Psalm 15

NOTE: Living in the midst of a nation under the judgment of God, individuals are still taken note of by God!

Vs. 16 To the individual described in verse 15, this is the ultimate future that awaits them.

- 1) Dwell on the heights.
- 2) Find refuge behind (in) the impregnable rock.
- 3) Will be supplied with the provision from God.

Vs. 17 Messiah, the King, will be there and He will be seen with the eyes of those invited to be present.

The Promised Land, which to date remains our of reach and out of sight, will be seen, for it will have come!

Vs. 18-19 Those people, who in former times lived in your midst – unrighteous and prosperous, will be missing. Mt. 25:31-46; Lk. 17:26-30

Those who spoke with a stammering tongue...unintelligible invaders, destroyers, will also be missing. (Not only will **all**, the least to the greatest, know the Lord – they will also know each other.)

Vs. 20 Jerusalem will be at peace, secure, never to be “broken down and moved” again.

Vs. 21 In Jerusalem, the Lord will be a place of rivers...wide canals.

No warships will ever be present to frighten again.

Vs. 22 At that time and in that place, Israel will be rightly related to God, seeing the Lord Jesus as:

- 1) Judge
- 2) Lawgiver
- 3) King
- 4) Savior

Vs. 23 Israel (Judah) described as a warship no longer set for battle, will be dividing the spoils. Zech. 14:1

There will be so much plunder that the lame, who show up late, will still find much to carry home.

Vs. 24 At that time and in that place, sickness will be a thing of the past (Rom 8:10-11), for their iniquity will have been forgiven. Rom 11:26-27; Jer. 31:34; 33:8; 50:20

Israel will be rightly related to God, possessing her possessions! Obadiah 17