ISAIAH – Chapter 34

Overview of chapter - the tribulation period:

- Vs. 2 The Lord's indignation is against all the nations. He has utterly destroyed them.
- Vs. 4 All the host of heaven will wear away.
- Vs. 6 The sword of the Lord is filled with blood.
- Vs. 8 The Lord has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense <u>for the cause of</u> Zion.
- Vs. 1 The chapter begins with an invitation listen up... For the God of Israel is just about to...vs. 8 for the cause of Zion!
- Vs. 2 For, the Lord is about to start the "mother of all wars."

Him against the entire world net of Israel. Rev. 6:12-17; Dan. 12:1; Mt. 24:21-22; Isa. 13:3-9; 24:1, 3-6, 19-21; 63:6

He will utterly destroy them...given them over to slaughter.

- Vs. 3 The bodies of the slain will cover the landscape. Ezk. 38:14-23, 39:1-29 (?) Is the dwelling in safety referring to the end of the millennium or the 2nd stage of the beginning of the tribulation?
- Vs. 4 During the tribulation period, the heavens will...wear away, be rolled up, and wither away. Joel 2:1-2, 9-11, 30-32; 3:12-17; Zech. 14:2-7; Mt. 24:29-31
- Vs. 5-7 God's judgment will fall upon "the people whom I have devoted to destruction" (Rom. 9:21-24), with Edom being singled out. Ezk. 35; 36:5

Edom – see notes on Isa 21:11-12

Bozrah was the capital of Edom

Vs. 8 Zion; Judah; Israel is a people for God, unique and special. Amos 3:2

It can only be said of Israel. Jer 31:35-37

God has scheduled a day (time) when Israel will be permanently established among the nations. This day follows a seven year preparation period, called the Tribulation. Zech 14:1; Isa 61:1-3; 63:1-6

Vs. 9-10 Edom's streams shall be turned to pitch...earth-brimstone...land-burning pitch. Rev 19:1-6

The land of Edom (geographical) will be turned into a wilderness; the kingdom of Edom – destroyed. Mt. 25:45-46; 2 Pet 3:10

Vs. 11-15 Similar to the fate of Babylon (Isa 13:19-22; 14:22-23) and Assyria. Zeph. 2:13-15

Edom will come to nothing. Not a trace will be left to remember them by.

1.	Wild birds will inhabit the empty land.	vs. 11
2.	It's nobles – gone.	
	It's princes – seen as nothing, humans.	vs. 12
3.	It's defenses overgrown with thorn bushes.	vs. 13a
4.	Jackals, ostriches, desert creatures, wolves,	
	goats, and night monsters will make their homes	
	there.	vs. 13b-14
5.	Tree snakes and hawks, who have abundant	
	food, will nest and feed with no interference	vs. 15

Vs. 16 The "book of the Lord" (Bible) has recorded God's will and plan. Every animal mentioned will be there (prophecy is to be taken literally).

God's Holy Spirit has gathered them there. Gen 7:7-9

The humans alive at the time of the fulfillment need only look into the Bible to see what will happen next.

Vs. 17 Edom is given up by Divine Lot, measured off with a divine measure to be forever the horrible place. Malachi 1:1-5