

BOOK OF ISAIAH

Outline

Chapters 33-36

1. **CHAPTER 33** More about the approaching Assyrian army, but God promises they will NOT take Jerusalem. He will defend the city.

Verse 6 "And **wisdom** and **knowledge** shall be the **STABILITY** of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure."

Question: What kind of wisdom and knowledge brings STABILITY to a nation and to an individual? (*Hint: See Hosea 4:6, Proverbs 2:6, 4:7*)

Verse 10 "Now will I **RISE**, saith the Lord; now will I be exalted; now will I **LIFT UP MYSELF**."

Remember: Jesus said in the New Testament, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." (John 2:19) God, through His prophet Isaiah, uses **RESURRECTION terminology** when speaking of His coming to the defense of the city of Jerusalem. This is also a foreshadowing of the Lord Jesus' **GLORIOUS ARISING** in **VICTORY** following His sacrificial atonement for our sins at Calvary's cross!

Verse 17 "Thine eyes shall **SEE THE KING** in HIS BEAUTY; they **SHALL BEHOLD** the **land** that is very far off."

What a promise! One day, **WE SHALL SEE THE KING**, the unveiled **REVELATION** of **ALL JESUS IS**, without the constraints of our own mortality and carnal nature! **IT'S GONNA BE MIND-BLOWING!** We shall dwell with **HIM** in that land, **BEULAH LAND (MARRIED LAND)**! The Church, His Redeemed, will eternally be His spotless, wrinkleless **BRIDE!** (Ladies, that's not talking about age spots or sun wrinkles, though we won't have those either!)

Verse 22 "For the Lord is our **JUDGE** (Supreme Court--**Judicial Branch**), the Lord is our **LAW-GIVER** (Congress--**Legislative Branch**), the Lord is our **KING** (President--**Executive Branch**); He will save us."

IMPORTANT VERSE IN THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION! THIS VERSE INSPIRED THE MODEL FOR OUR 3 BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT!

Verse 24 "And the inhabitant shall NOT say, I am **SICK**..."

Through scripture interpreting scripture we are assured that we will have **NO MORE SICKNESS**--either physical sickness or sickness of the human spirit.

2. **CHAPTER 34** Isaiah gives a futuristic view of God's judgment upon the nations, in particular, **Edom**, the lineage of **Esau** who refused passage to his **brother Jacob's people**, the Israelites, when they were being delivered from Egyptian bondage. (Numbers 20:14-21) The prophet Obadiah, later in the Old Testament, is a book devoted to the judgment upon Edom. The Edomites had assisted some of Israel's enemies in attacking Jerusalem in the past, so it seems the age-old family bitterness

between the two brothers continued in their descendants. It's the old "Hatfields and McCoys" story from the Bible!

Verse 2 "For the indignation of the Lord is upon **ALL NATIONS**, and his **FURY** upon **ALL THEIR ARMIES**: He hath utterly **DESTROYED THEM**, He hath delivered them to the **SLAUGHTER**."

It is said in the book of Revelation that the day is coming when:

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever."

BUT...this day will be preceded by a great "**SLAUGHTER**." The prophet Ezekiel speaks of the End Times, when Israel will be attacked by the chief Prince, Gog, but Gog's armies will "**fall upon the mountains of Israel**."

"And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land."
(Ezekiel 39:12)

In the Book of Revelation, the End Times battle is also portrayed as a **slaughter**:

*"And the winepress was trodden without (outside) the city, and **BLOOD came out of the winepress, even UNTO THE HORSE BRIDLES**, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs."* (Rev. 14:20)

That distance of blood is about **200 MILES!** Many Bible scholars believe that these "slaughters" are metaphors for the **SPIRITUAL SLAUGHTER** of sin and the demonic powers of darkness--the "**seven months burying**" being representative of God's number of perfection/completion in overcoming sin and evil--the unfathomable amount of **BLOOD** representative of the immensity of the spiritual warfare. Other scholars believe that these scriptures are both symbolic of the spiritual but will also have a **PHYSICAL** fulfillment in a literal, End-Time, blood-bath of a battle.

Verses 5-6 "For my **sword** shall be bathed in heaven: behold it shall come down upon Idumea (Edom), and upon **the people of my CURSE, to judgment**. The **sword of the Lord is filled with BLOOD**, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the Lord hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a **GREAT SLAUGHTER** in the land of **Idumea (EDOM)**."

Just as God judged Edom long ago and this land is **NON PRODUCTIVE** and **DESOLATE** to this day (proof of the integrity of Isaiah's prophecies), this **JUDGMENT** of **EDOM** also foreshadows the **FINAL JUDGMENT** on all of those who have **rejected Jesus Christ**, which results in receiving **God's CURSE**. Those who are **without** Christ are **spiritual EDMITES**.

3. **CHAPTER 35** This wonderful passage lifts to the future of **ALL** of God's people: **THE BEST IS YET TO COME!** The Christian will finish the race and enter into **GLORY!**

Verse 1 "...and the desert shall **REJOICE**, and **BLOSSOM** as the rose."
In **REDEMPTION**, God gives us "**RIVERS of Living Water**."

Our personal, **spiritually "dry"** places become watered by His Living Water. We **BLOSSOM, because of Him.** As with Aaron's rod of long ago, He makes us to blossom AND bear **FRUIT--Eternal Fruit!** As with Aaron's High Priestly office, through Calvary, Jesus has made us "Kings and Priests before our God."

Verse 3 "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees."

God, in our salvation, **STRENGTHENS** us in HIS **RIGHTEOUSNESS!** WE ARE **STRONG** IN HIM!

Verse 8 "And an HIGHWAY shall be there, and a WAY, and it shall be called THE WAY of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the REDEEMED SHALL WALK THERE."

This is a **WONDERFUL** scripture! The **HIGHWAY** or **THE WAY** of holiness is **JESUS CHRIST.** He said, "I am **THE WAY**, the truth and the Life." He alone makes us Holy and able to **WALK IN RIGHTEOUSNESS--all the way INTO ETERNITY!** HALLELUJAH! It is so **EASY to receive Christ**, just simple, child-like faith, that even "fools" can't mess it up! What's more, **this highway is also a PLACE** in God that we have through Jesus Christ, a **secure place**, where "that wicked one toucheth him not." (I John 5:18). The lion in this scripture represents Satan as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour and the ravenous beast as the demonic spirits. But God's **HIGHWAY** is safe from the evil and the demonic!

4. **CHAPTER 36** A retelling of the story when King Sennacherib of Assyria sent one of his generals, Rabshakeh, to taunt the Jews on the wall of the city of Jerusalem during the reign of King Hezekiah of the Southern Kingdom Judah. We read about this in II Kings 18, 19 and in II Chronicles 32. Rabshakeh verbally terrorized the Jews and told them that no God had been able to deliver the previous nations Assyria had conquered. This was true, however they had not gone into battle against the **ONE TRUE AND LIVING GOD** before! Rabshakeh was even so bold to tell them that the God they serve **TOLD ASSYRIA** to come against them!

Verse 21 "But they (the Jews on the wall) held their peace, and answered him (Rabshakeh) NOT A WORD; for the king's commandment was, saying, ANSWER HIM NOT."

Lesson: Sometimes, when engaging the enemy, don't say anything! Eve should have never engaged the serpent in conversation! When the demonic is attempting to play with our minds, the best defense is SILENCE--turn a DEAF EAR to it when you know it is contradicting the will of God!

Verse 22 THE RESPONSE: They **RENT** their clothes! This is the best military strategy when the enemy is threatening: **Silence and RENT OURSELVES!**

Question: What is the modern day application of renting our clothes in response to demonic attacks?