

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

IV. Isaiah’s *Dire Warnings* to Ephraim and Judah (Chapters 28-35)

- A. Pronouncing *Woe* upon the Leaders of **Ephraim** and **Judah** (28:1-29)
- B. Pronouncing *Woe* upon **Ariel**—Jerusalem (29:1-24)
- C. Pronouncing *Woe* upon **Judah** for their **Alliance** with **Egypt** (30:1-17)
- D. Promising a *Time* of Future **Restoration** for **Israel** (30:18-26)
- E. Predicting the coming *Indignation* of **God** (30:27-33)

F. Pronouncing further *Woe* upon those Trusting in **Egypt** (31:1-9)

G. Proclaiming the *Reign* of the **Messianic King** (32:1-20)

1. A *Reign* characterized by **Righteousness** and **Justice** (32:1)

32 Behold, a **king** will *reign righteously*
and **princes** will *rule justly*.

2. A *Reign* characterized by **Refreshment** and **Renewal** (32:2-4)

2 Each will be like a *refuge* from the **wind**
and a *shelter* from the **storm**,

Like **streams of water** in a **dry country**,
Like the *shade of a huge rock* in a **parched land**.

3 Then the **eyes** of those who **see** will **not** be **blinded**,
and the **ears** of those who **hear** will **listen**.

4 The **mind** of the **hasty** will **discern** the **truth**,
and the **tongue** of the **stammerers** will hasten to **speak** clearly.

3. A *Reign* that will **reveal** everyone’s **True Character** (32:5-8)

5 **No longer** will the *fool* be called **noble**,
Or the *rogue* be spoken of as **generous**.

6 For a *fool* speaks **nonsense**,
and his *heart* inclines toward **wickedness**:

to practice **ungodliness** and to **speak error against** the LORD,
to keep the **hungry person unsatisfied**
and to **withhold drink** from the **thirsty**.

⁷ As for a **rogue**, his **weapons** are **evil**;
He **devises wicked schemes**

to **destroy the afflicted** with **slander**,
even though **the needy one** speaks what is **right**.

⁸ But the **noble man** **devises noble plans**;
and by **noble plans** he **stands**.

4. A **Rebuke** of the **Complacent Women** of Jerusalem (32:9-15)

- a. **predicting** a time of **trouble** and **scarcity** (32:9-10)
- b. **pleading** for them to **humble themselves** (32:11-12)
- c. **portraying** a land **neglected** and **abandoned** (32:13-14)
- d. **promising** a **renewal** through the “**outpouring**” of the **Spirit** (32:15)

⁹ **Rise up**, you **women** who are **at ease**,
And hear my voice; give **ear to my word**,
You **complacent daughters**.

¹⁰ Within a **year** and a **few days**;
You will be troubled, **O complacent daughters**
for the **vintage** is **ended**,
and the **fruit gathering** will **not come**.

¹¹ **Tremble**, you **women** who are **at ease**;
Be troubled, you **complacent daughters**;

Strip, undress and put **sackcloth** on **your waist**,
¹² **Beat your breasts** for the **pleasant fields**, for the **fruitful vine**,

¹³ For the **land of my people** *in which thorns and briars* shall come up;
Yea, for all the **joyful houses** *and for the jubilant city*.

¹⁴ Because the **palace** has been **abandoned**, the **populated city forsaken**.
Hill and **watch-tower** have become **caves forever**,
a delight for **wild donkeys**, a pasture for **flocks**;

¹⁵ **Until the Spirit** is **poured out** upon **us** from **on high**,
and the **wilderness** becomes a **fertile field**,
and the **fertile field** is considered as a **forest**.

5. A **Reign** bringing **Peace** and **Security** (32:16-20)

¹⁶ Then **justice** will dwell in the **wilderness**
and **righteousness** will abide in the **fertile field**.

¹⁷ And the **work** of **righteousness** will be **peace**,
and the **service** of **righteousness**, **quietness** and **confidence** forever.

¹⁸ Then **my people** will live in a **peaceful habitation**,
and in **secure dwellings** and in **undisturbed** resting places;

¹⁹ and it will **hail** when the **forest comes down**,
and the **city** will be utterly **laid low**.

²⁰ How **blessed** will you be, you who **sow** beside **all waters**,
Who let out **freely** the **ox** and the **donkey**.

Personal Application

Many Social Justice Warriors (SJWs) declare,
“**No Justice no Peace**,” but, there will be
no lasting Justice or Peace without Righteousness→

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(32:16-17)

→**No lasting Justice or Peace without Obedience to God’s Word
of Righteousness**—our *basis* for what is **just** and **unjust**

“...what **great nation** (Israel) is there that has **statutes** and **judgments** as **righteous**
as this **whole law** which I am **setting before you today?**”...

So the **LORD commanded** us to **observe all** these **statutes**,
to **fear** the **LORD our God** for **our good always** and for our **survival**, as *it is today*.

It will be **righteousness for us** if we are careful to **observe**
all this **commandment** before the **LORD our God**,
just as **He commanded** us. (Deuteronomy 4:8, 6:24-25)

The **precepts** of the **LORD** are **right**, **rejoicing** the **heart**;
the **commandment** of the **LORD** is **pure**, **enlightening** the **eyes**. (Psalm 19:8)

Let my tongue **sing** of **Your word**,
for **all Your commandments** are **righteousness**. (Psalm 119:172)

All Scripture is inspired by **God** and profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**,
for **correction**, for **training in righteousness**;

so that the **man of God** may be **adequate**,
equipped for every **good work**. (II Timothy 3:16-17)

→ **No lasting Justice or Peace**, until the **eternal Reign** of the
Righteous King (Messiah) (9:6-7)

32 Behold, a **king** will **reign righteously**
and **princes** will **rule justly**. (32:1)

“Behold, **the days** are coming,” declares **the LORD**,
“When I will raise up for **David** a **righteous Branch**;

and **He** will **reign as king** and act **wisely**
and do **justice** and **righteousness** in the land.

“In **His days** **Judah** will be **saved**, and **Israel** will dwell **securely**;
and this is **His name** by which **He** will be called,
‘The **LORD our righteousness**.’ (Jeremiah 3:5-6)

→ **No lasting Justice or Peace**, until there is an “**outpouring**” of
the **Spirit** upon **man**, resulting in **true Spiritual Renewal**

Until the **Spirit** is **poured out upon us** from on **high**,..

Then **justice** will dwell in the **wilderness**
and **righteousness** will abide in the **fertile field**. (32:14a, 16)

Moreover, I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** within you;
and I will **remove** the **heart of stone** from your flesh
and give you a **heart of flesh**.

I will put **My Spirit** **within you** and cause you to **walk in My statutes**,
and you will be careful to **observe My ordinances**. (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

...for the **kingdom of God** is not **eating** and **drinking**,
but **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy** in the **Holy Spirit**. (Romans 14:17)

But the **fruit** of the **Spirit** is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,**
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is **no law**.
(Galatians 5:22-23)

Closing Comments