

# Isaiah

## “The Evangelical Prophet”

### IV. Isaiah’s *Dire Warnings* to Ephraim and Judah (Chapters 28:1-35:10)

- 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)
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- F. Pronouncing further *Woe* upon those Trusting in Egypt (31:1-9)
- G. Proclaiming the *Reign* of the Messianic King (32:1-20)
- H. Pronouncing *Woe* upon Assyria, but *Security* for Zion (33:1-24)

### I. Pronouncing the Coming *Wrath* upon *all Nations* (34:1-17)

#### 1. The *Dire Appeal* to the Nations (34:1)

**34 Draw near, O nations, to *hear*, and *listen*, O peoples!  
Let the earth and all it contains *hear*,  
and the world and all that *springs* from it.**

#### 2. The *Destruction* of their Armies (34:2-3)

<sup>2</sup>For the **LORD’s indignation** is against all the **nations**,  
and **His wrath** against all their **armies**;  
**He has utterly destroyed** them,  
**He** has given them over to **slaughter**.

<sup>3</sup>So their **slain** will be **thrown out**,  
and their **corpses** will give off their **stench**,  
and the **mountains** will be **drenched** with their **blood**.

#### 3. The *Diminishing* of the Heavens (34:4)

<sup>4</sup>And all the **host of heaven** will **wear away**,  
And the **sky** will be **rolled up** like a **scroll**;

All their **hosts** will also **wither away** as a **leaf withers** from the **vine**,  
or as *one withers* from the **fig tree**.

#### 4. The **Doom** of **Edom** (34:5-10)

- a. a **people** “**devoted** to **destruction**” (34:5)
- b. a **land** “**soaked**” in **blood** (34:6-8)
- c. a **land** of “**unquenchable**” **burning** (34:9-10)

<sup>5</sup> For **My sword** is **satiated** in **heaven**,  
behold it shall descend for **judgment** upon **Edom**  
and upon the **people** whom I have **devoted to destruction**.

<sup>6</sup> The **sword** of the **LORD** is filled with **blood**,  
it is sated with **fat**, with the **blood** of **lambs** and **goats**,  
with the **fat** of the **kidneys** of **rams**.

For the **LORD** has a **sacrifice** in **Bozrah**  
and a **great slaughter** in the land of **Edom**.

<sup>7</sup> Wild **oxen** will also fall with **them** and **young bulls** with **strong ones**;  
thus their land will be **soaked** with **blood**,  
and their **dust** become **greasy** with **fat**.

<sup>8</sup> For the **LORD** has a **day of vengeance**,  
a year of **recompense** for the **cause of Zion**.

<sup>9</sup> Its **streams** will be turned into **pitch**, and its **loose earth** into **brimstone**,  
and its **land** will become **burning pitch**.

<sup>10</sup> It will **not** be **quenched** night or day;  
its **smoke** will **go up forever**.

From **generation to generation** it will be **desolate**;  
**None** will **pass** through it **forever** and **ever**.

#### 5. The **Desolation** of the **Land** (34:11-15)

<sup>11</sup> But **pelican** and **hedgehog** will possess it,  
and **owl** and **raven** will dwell in it;

and **He** will stretch over it the **line of desolation**  
and the **plumb line** of **emptiness**.

<sup>12</sup> Its **nobles**—there is **no one** there **whom** they may proclaim **king**—  
and all its **princes** will be **nothing**.

<sup>13</sup> **Thorns** will come up in its *fortified towers*,  
**nettles** and **thistles** in its *fortified cities*;  
It will also be a haunt of **jackals** *and* an abode of **ostriches**.

<sup>14</sup> The desert **creatures** will meet with the **wolves**,  
the **hairy goat** also will cry to **its kind**;

Yes, the **night monster** will settle there  
and will find **herself** a **resting place**.

<sup>15</sup> The **tree snake** will make its **nest** and lay **eggs** there,  
and it will hatch and gather *them* under its **protection**.

Yes, the **hawks** will be **gathered there**, every one with **its kind**.

6. The *Directive* to seek **Prophetic Confirmation** (34:16-17)

<sup>16</sup> **Seek** from the **book** of the **LORD**, and ***read***:

**Not one** of **these** will be **missing**; **none** will **lack its mate**.

For **His mouth** has **commanded**, and **His Spirit** has **gathered them**.

<sup>17</sup> **He** has **cast the lot** for them, and **His hand** has **divided** it to them by **line**.  
they shall ***possess it forever***;  
from **generation** to **generation** they will  **dwell in it**.

## Personal Application

**Terrible Judgments** are **coming**, and they  
are **devastating**, but **these things I know**—

→1. *I know* from scripture that **God** is **just**, and **His judgments** are **just** and **righteous**.

**Abraham** came **near** (to the **Lord**) and said,  
“Will **You** indeed **sweep away** the ***righteous*** with the ***wicked***?...”

Far be it from **You!** Shall not the **Judge** of **all the earth** deal **justly?**  
(Genesis 18:23a, 25b)

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And **He** will ***judge*** the **world** in **righteousness**;  
**He** will execute ***judgment*** for the **peoples** with **equity**. (Psalm 9:8)

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And I saw **heaven *opened***, and behold, a **white horse**,  
and **He** who sat on it *is* called **Faithful** and **True**,  
and in **righteousness** **He judges** and **wages war**. (Revelation 19:11)

→2. *I know* that **God** has shown great **tolerance** and **perseverance** towards a **sinful**,

rebellious, and **decadent humanity**. However, there will be a time when **man's iniquity** and **evil** reach **full measure**, and a **righteous** and **holy God** must bring **judgment** against **sin**.

Then **the LORD** saw that the **wickedness of man** was **great** on the **earth**, and that **every intent** of the **thoughts of his heart** was **only evil** continually... and **He** was **grieved** in **His heart**.

**The LORD** said, "I will **blot out man** whom I have created from the **face** of the **land**, from **man to animals** to **creeping things** and to **birds** of the sky; for I am **sorry** that I have **made them**." (Genesis 6:5-7)

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Or do you think **lightly (O man)** of the **riches** of **His kindness** and **tolerance** and **patience**, not knowing that the **kindness of God** leads you to **repentance**?

But because of **your stubbornness** and **unrepentant heart** you are **storing up wrath** for yourself in the **day of wrath** and **revelation** of the **righteous judgment of God**, who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO **HIS DEEDS**: (Romans 2:4-6)

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Therefore having **overlooked** the **times of ignorance**, **God** is **now declaring** to **men** that **all people** everywhere should **repent**,

because **He** has **fixed a day** in which **He** will **judge** the **world** in **righteousness** **through a Man** whom **He** has **appointed**, having furnished **proof** to **all men** by **raising Him** from the **dead**." (Acts 17:30-31)

→3. **I know** that I do **not fully** understand the **judgments of God**. For **God** is **infinite** in **wisdom**, **knowledge**, and **understanding**, and that **His judgments** are "**unsearchable**," and **His ways** are "**unfathomable**" (Romans 11:33).

Therefore do **not** go on **passing judgment** before the **time**, **but wait** until the **Lord comes** who will both bring to **light** the things **hidden** in the **darkness** and **disclose** the **motives of men's hearts**; and then each man's **praise** will come to **him** from **God**. (I Corinthians 4:5)

For the **LORD** knows the **way** of the **righteous**,  
But the **way** of the **wicked** will **perish**. (Psalm 1:6)

→4. **I know**, just as we **read tonight**, that **God** will **avenge** **His people**, and bring **judgments** against **those** who have **persecuted** and **harmed them**.

For the **LORD** has a **day of vengeance**,  
a year of **recompense** for the **cause of Zion**. (Isaiah 34:8)

Say to those with **anxious heart**, "Take **courage**, **fear not**.  
Behold, **your God** will come **with vengeance**;  
the **recompense** of **God** will come, but **He** will **save you**." (Isaiah 35:4)

## Closing Thoughts

