

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)
- H. Pronouncing *Woe* upon Assyria, and a *Future Hope* for Zion (33:1-24)
- I. Pronouncing the coming *Wrath* upon all Nations (34:1-17)

J. Proclaiming the *Blessings* of Israel’s Future Kingdom (35:1-10)

1. The *Rejuvenation* of the Land (35:1-2)

35 The wilderness and the desert will be *glad*,
and the Arabah will *rejoice* and *blossom*;

Like the crocus

² It will *blossom* profusely
and *rejoice* with *rejoicing* and *shout of joy*.

The *glory* of Lebanon will be given to it,
The *majesty* of Carmel and Sharon.

They will *see* the *glory* of the LORD,
The *majesty* of our God.

2. The *Reassuring* of the Dispirited and Fearful (35:3-4)

³ Encourage the *exhausted*, and strengthen the *feeble*.

⁴ 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.”

3. The *Restoration* of the Physically Disabled (35:5-6a)

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind will be *opened*
and the ears of the deaf will be *unstopped*.

⁶ Then the lame will leap like a *deer*,
and the tongue of the mute will *shout for joy*.

4. The *Rich Supply* of Water in the Land (35:6b-7)

For waters will *break forth* in the wilderness
and streams in the Arabah.

⁷ The scorched land will become a pool
and the thirsty ground *springs* of water;

In the haunt of jackals, its resting place,
grass becomes reeds and rushes.

5. The *Roadway* of the Redeemed (35:8-9)

⁸ A highway will be there, a roadway,
and it will be called the Highway of Holiness.

The unclean will not travel on it,
but it *will* be for him who *walks that way*,
and fools will not wander *on it*.

⁹ No lion will be there,
Nor will any vicious beast go up on it;

These will not be found there.
but the redeemed will *walk there*,

6. The *Return* and everlasting Joy of the Ransomed (35:10)

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD will *return*
and come with *joyful shouting* to Zion,
With *everlasting joy* upon their heads.

They will find *gladness* and *joy*,
and sorrow and sighing will *flee*
away.

Isaiah's *Description* of the Future Kingdom of Israel—A Summary

- A. *Isaiah describes* the land of the **kingdom of Israel** as **flourishing** with *abundance* and *productivity*. The **land** will “**rejoice and blossom**,” and certain **places** (**Carmel** and **Sharon**) will be characterized by “**glory**” and “**majesty**” (35:1-2a).
- B. *Isaiah declares* that **those** in the **kingdom** will **see** the **glory of the LORD**, and the **majestic presence of God** (35:2a).
- C. *Isaiah exhorts* the **believers**, to **encourage** those who are **weak and fearful** to be **courageous**, because **their God** will both **avenge** and **save them** (35:3-4).
- D. *Isaiah describes* how that **those** who are **suffering** from **disability** and **infirmity** at this time will be **healed** (35:5-6a).
- E. *Isaiah describes* that **water** will be **abundant** and **plentiful** in the **kingdom**:

For **waters** will “**break forth**” in the **wilderness**
And **streams** in the **Arabah**.
The **scorched land** will become a **pool**
And the **thirsty ground** **springs of water**, (35:6b-7)

- F. *Isaiah declares* that there will be a **roadway** in the **kingdom** for the **redeemed** to **walk in Israel**. It will be called the “**Highway of Holiness**” for **those** who “**walk that way** (35:8-9).”

The **unclean** will **not** travel on it,..
And **fools** will **not** wander *on it*.
No lion or **vicious beast** will **go up** on it; (35:8-9)

- G. *Isaiah declares* that the **ransomed of the LORD** will **return to Zion**, and that they will be characterized by “**joyful shouting**,” and “**everlasting joy**.” There they will find “**gladness and joy**, and **sorrow and sighing** will **flee away** (35:10).”

Personal Application

So, while we await the **coming** of this **amazing**
and **wonderful kingdom**, *what* do we do?

We do the **Will of God**.

Doing the will of God— Various Texts →

→ He (God) has told you, O man, what is **good**;
And **what does the LORD require** of you
But to **do justice**, to **love kindness**,
And to **walk humbly** with your God? (Micah 6:2)

→ **Rejoice** always; **pray** without ceasing; in everything **give thanks**;
for this is **God's will** for you in **Messiah Jesus**. (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

→ For this is the **will of God**, your **sanctification**; *that is*,
that you **abstain** from **sexual immorality**; that each of you know
how to **possess** his own vessel in **sanctification** and **honor**,
not in lustful passion, like the **Gentiles** who do **not know God**;
(I Thessalonians 4:3-5)

→ For the **grace of God** has **appeared**, bringing **salvation** to **all men**,
instructing us to **deny ungodliness** and **worldly desires**
and to **live sensibly, righteously** and **godly** in the **present age**,

looking for the **blessed hope** and the **appearing** of the **glory**
of our **great God** and **Savior, Messiah Jesus**, (Titus 2:11-13)

→ ...but **sanctify Messiah as Lord** in your **hearts**, always *being ready*
to make a **defense** to **everyone** who asks you to **give an account**
for the **hope** (**Messianic**) that is **in you**, yet with **gentleness** and **reverence**;
(I Peter 3:15)

→ Let us **not lose heart** in **doing good**, for in **due time** we will **reap**
if we do **not grow weary**. So then, while we have **opportunity**,
let us **do good** to **all people**, and especially to **those**
who are of the **household** of the **faith**. (Galatians 6:9-10)

→ Let us **hold fast** the **confession** of our **hope** without wavering,
for **He** who **promised is faithful**;
and let us consider how to **stimulate one another** to **love** and **good deeds**,

not forsaking our own **assembling together**, as is the habit of some,
but **encouraging one another**, and all the more
as you see **the day drawing near**. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

→ **Go therefore** and **make disciples** of **all the nations**,
baptizing them in the **name** of the **Father** and the **Son** and the **Holy Spirit**,
teaching them to observe all that **I commanded you**; and lo,
I am **with you always**, even to the **end of the age**." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Closing Comments