

# The Book of Isaiah

## Chapters 28-33

### The 6 Woes Concerning Ephraim, Judah, and Jerusalem

#### Chapter 33

#### WOE # 6 The Judgment of Assyria

**(vs. 1)** As communicated in the introduction the historically truth is Sennacherib will get what he deserves. He that lives by the sword will die by the sword (Matt. 26:52).

This 6<sup>th</sup> and final woe deal specifically with Assyria. Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, gained power by treachery, therefore he will fall by treachery (vs. 1). Sennacherib spoiled other nations - now he will be spoiled. He will become the victim of the same evil he inflicted on others.

- **Poetic Justice:** God will turn the tables on Sennacherib and he will get what's coming to him according to the principle of sowing / reaping. In essence, God was saying "you come against My people, and I will come against you. You poke your finger at the apple of My eye, I will poke you in the eye! (Zechariah 2:8).

As in other parts of Isaiah, Isaiah 33 as a dual application - The destruction of Judah's enemies and God's deliverance of His people both *historically* and *prophetically*.

**The Rebellious Nations Defeated (vss. 2-9):** God reassures Judah, "I've got this!" He will defeat the nations that come against Judah. This is a prophetic utterance of assurance to the people of God.

**(vs. 2)** The cry of the remnant within the walls of Jerusalem. As history bears out both in 2 Kings 19 and Isaiah 37 God hears their prayer. As He will hear the prayer of the future remnant.

**(vss. 3-4)** The nations will flee at the "lifting up of thyself" the Lord! (**Isaiah 64:2; Jeremiah 33:9**)

**(vss. 5-6)** When the LORD is exalted, dwelling on high in Zion then wisdom and knowledge will be their stability and strength of salvation (**Isaiah 11:1-9; Isaiah 2:1-5**)

(vss. 7-9) The prophetic cry against all those who say peace but conceive lies will be dealt with upon the return of the Lord. The nations and their ambassadors that contrived a covenant with Israel under the false pretense of peace will be dealt with, for the Lord will rise and destroy the armies of the antichrist (**Psalm 83; Zech. 14:1-3**).

(vs. 9) Notice the destruction of Lebanon, Sharon Bashan and Carmel during the great and terrible Day of the Lord will be regenerated once the kingdom is established (see Isaiah 35:2)

### **The Return of the Lord and the Reward of the Righteous (vss. 10-16):**

(vs. 10) The Lord will arise to have His “day” “Now will I rise” – One day the world powers will topple at the coming of the LORD. (Zeph. 3:8)

(vs. 11-12) The enemies of the Lord will conceive chaff and bring forth stubble and your own breath as fire shall devour you... (All of Psalm 2 cf. Isaiah 9:16-18; Matthew 3:7-12)

(vs. 13) The call of the righteousness remnant to “hear” and “acknowledge” the might of the Lord.

**“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Mt 10:28)**

(vs. 14-16) The right to rule in the coming kingdom is the issue (**Matthew 20:20-23**). The subject of who will be allowed to be in the Kingdom is an issue of conduct in the tribulation period (**Matthew 19:28-30; Psalm 15; Psalm 24:1-6**).

### **Having Eyes to See (17-21):**

(vs. 17) The righteous remnant having endured to the end shall see the Lord coming and delivering and establishing His Kingdom in Jerusalem, Zion. In that day they “shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off”. There is also the issue for the martyred during the tribulation that saw as in setting affections on the coming King and His glorious reign as David did (**Psalm 24**).

**(vs. 18)** Those unbelieving however that do not behold the Lord “high and lifted up” as Isaiah himself did shall “mediate terror”!

**(vs. 19)** They shall not see any longer the “fierce people” of a “stammering tongue” and shall be overtaken by their enemies. This is in reference to those heathen nations of none speaking Hebrew, like the Babylonians (**Isa. 28:11 cf. Zeph. 3:8-9**).

**(vs. 20)** The admonition is once again to “look upon Zion” for Jerusalem will finally be that city of peace and its tabernacle shall never be removed, for the tabernacle of God is with man (Rev. 21:3).

### **Jerusalem the City of Peace (21-24):**

**(vss. 21, 23)** Today Jerusalem is landlocked but Zechariah 14:4-8 indicates at the second advent an earthquake will create a deep valley between the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea forming a broad river (**Ezek. 47:1-12; Rev. 22:1**).

This land and this river will not be troubled with war ships. This is both literal and figurative describing the peace that will encompass the land of Israel (See Isaiah 66:12-13).

**(vs. 22)** Looking at the time when the LORD is their “Judge” “Lawgiver” and “King”

**(vs. 24)** For God’s people shall not say, “I am sick” for the people shall be forgiven of their iniquities (See Rev. 22:2-3; Ezekiel 47:12).

The miraculous signs of healing our Lord did in healing the blind, deaf and dumb was testament to the fact that He was the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. When John the Baptist questioned the authenticity of Jesus as the Messiah Jesus responded to those whom John sent, “Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.” (Lu 7:22 cf. Mt 11:4-5) quoting from Isaiah 35!