



# ShalomAZ Ministries

*In Pursuit of Israel's Redemption*

## **“The Spectacular Dream that WILL Come True!”**

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### **Devotion and Discussion Questions**

**Key Texts (TLV):** Is 35:1-10; Is. 34:16; 29:16-19; 30:15; 33:7-9; 8:21-9:1

Previously we stood in the nightmare of Isaiah 34—the desolation that comes from a world flipped upside down, where humanity leans on its own understanding and calls that wisdom. But today, Isaiah opens before us something altogether different. Isaiah 35 is not wishful thinking. It's not poetic exaggeration. It is the spectacular dream that **will** come true. And I don't say that lightly. This passage is one of the most glorious, hope-filled visions in all of Scripture. It's a passage that doesn't just inform us—it awakens us. It invites us to see the world as God intends to set it right.

Isaiah has been preparing us for this moment. Again and again, he has told us to *seek the scroll*, to *investigate what the LORD has written*, to read it aloud and declare it. “*Seek from the scroll of Adonai and read*” (Isa. 34:16). The nightmare of Isaiah 34 and the dream of Isaiah 35 are not disconnected visions; they are two outcomes set before us. One is the fruit of trusting ourselves. The other is the fruit of trusting the LORD. Isaiah says, “Look at what is written. Look at where each path leads. And then respond.”

### **1. GOD WILL FLIP EVERYTHING RIGHT SIDE UP**

Isaiah reminds us that the problem isn't that God's world is broken beyond repair—it's that everything has been turned upside down. Humanity tells God what to do, denies His wisdom, and insists that He doesn't understand. “*Should what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘He has no understanding?’*” (Isa. 29:16). But the LORD says, “Hang on. I'm about to turn it over. What feels like a reversal to you is actually Me setting things right.” What looks strong now will become dust. What looks terrifying will pass like chaff. Apart from God, what feels like a flourishing garden will become desolation.

Then comes the great reversal. “*The wilderness and the dry land will be glad, the desert will rejoice and blossom like a lily*” (Isa. 35:1). What once looked like a nightmare becomes a dream of restoration. The desert doesn't merely survive—it rejoices. It rolls with joy. It bursts into song. Isaiah uses language of abundance, not scarcity. Blossoming profusely. Singing loudly. Joy multiplying. This is not cosmetic renewal. This is creation healed at its roots as sin reaches its end and God's reign is revealed.

### **2. God Heals the Broken and Calls Them Out of Hiding**

This restoration is deeply personal. Isaiah speaks to people whose hands hang limp and whose knees tremble. These are traumatized people—oppressed, anxious, weary, afraid to hope again. And the command is not condemnation; it's compassion: “*Strengthen the slack hands and steady the stumbling knees. Say to those with anxious hearts: ‘Be strong. Do not fear!’*” (Isa. 35:3–4). It's the voice of God calling former captives out from hiding. “You're safe now. You can come out.”

Why can they stop fearing? Because the LORD Himself is coming. “*Behold, your God... He will come and save you*” (Isa. 35:4). And when He does, healing breaks out everywhere. “*Then*

*the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing*" (Isa. 35:5–6). Why? Because water breaks forth in the desert. Life flows where death once ruled. The place that once absorbed all hope now overflows with it. God doesn't just remove oppression—He restores what oppression stole.

### **3. God Makes a Safe Road Home for the Redeemed**

In the midst of this former wilderness now healed and restored, the LORD builds a road—a raised road, a highway. *"A highway will be there... it will be called the Way of Holiness"* (Isa. 35:8). This is not a road for the proud or the predatory. The unclean ways of violence, exploitation, and terror cannot travel here. No lion. No ravenous beast. Nothing that steals or destroys can ascend this path. This is not a road walked by the self-righteous—it is walked by the redeemed. Those purchased from captivity. Those set free by grace.

And where does this road lead? Home. *"The ransomed of Adonai will return and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads"* (Isa. 35:10). What follows them is not fear, not sorrow, not grief—but joy. Gladness overtakes them. Sorrow and sighing are on the run! This is the dream that will come true. God sets before us the nightmare of self-reliance and the dream of trust. And He says again, "Choose life. Walk My way. Everything will be made right."

### **CONCLUSION**

Isaiah leaves us standing at a crossroads. One path leads to desolation. The other leads to joy that overtakes us. One is built on leaning on our own understanding. The other is built on trusting the LORD with all our heart. The dream of Isaiah 35 is not fantasy—it is destiny for those who trust Him. God is flipping everything right side up. He is healing the broken. He is building a safe road home. So the question is not whether the dream will come true. The question is whether we will walk in it. *"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength"* (Isa. 30:15). Step onto the road. Trust the One who is making all things new.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. In what ways do we see the "nightmare" of Isaiah 34 reflected in the world today?
2. What does it look like for God to flip something "right side up" in your own life?
3. Why is fear so powerful in keeping people hidden, and how does God's promise address that fear?
4. What stands out to you about the Way of Holiness described in Isaiah 35?
5. What would it look like for joy to "overtake" you rather than fear chasing you?

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

*Avinu Malkhenu*, Our Father, Our King, we thank You that You are not finished with this world or with us. Thank You for the promise that You are setting everything right. Strengthen weak hands. Steady trembling knees. Speak peace to anxious hearts. Help us trust You fully and walk the road You have prepared. Let Your living water flow through every dry place in our lives, and lead us home with joy.

*B'Shem Yeshua*, In Yeshua's Name, *Amen*.