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CHAPTER 33- "JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM"

(v1) Woe to Jerusalem's enemies

(v2-9) Jerusalem's cry for help

(v10-25) God cleanses Jerusalem & establishes His Kingdom

CHAPTER 34- "GOD AGAINST THE NATIONS"

(v1-4) Judgment against the nations (Rev. 19:17-21)

(v5-7) Judgment against Edom

(v8-17) Day of the LORD's vengeance

34:10 smoke shall ascend forever. Revelation forecasts this destiny for final Babylon, the great end-time world empire (Rev. 14:10,11; 18:18; 19:3).

34:11–15 Various forms of animal and bird life symbolize the depopulated condition into which the nations fall after God's judgment upon them (13:21,22; 14:23).

34:11,13 pelican ... owl ... raven ... ostriches. The presence of unclean birds was a sign of desolation and wilderness. Similar symbolism portrays the final state of Babylon in the future (Rev. 18:2; cf. 13:21; Jer. 50:39; Zeph. 2:13,14).1

CHAPTER 35- "KINGDOM BLESSINGS"

(v1-2) Nature rejoices

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(v3-7) The LORD saves, the LORD heals

(v8-10)Highway of Holiness

(v3) Hebrews 12:¹² Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵ looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; ¹⁶ lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.²

(v8) Isaiah 40:³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the LORD;

Make straight in the desert

A highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted

And every mountain and hill brought low;

The crooked places shall be made straight

And the rough places smooth;

The glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

And all flesh shall see *it* together;

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."3

(Matthew 3:3- John the Baptist; John 14:6- Christ "the way")

¹John F. MacArthur, Jr., *The MacArthur Study Bible*, (Dallas: Word Publishing) 1997. 2*The Holy Bible, New King James Version*, (Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson, Inc.) 1982.

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