

The Final Woe

Isaiah 33

A final woe pronounced on all who spoil God's people and land

A. Prayer For Deliverance (Isaiah 33:1-6)

1. From the spoiler(s) (33:1)

Psalm 94:1, Galatians 6:7

2. For the people (33:2)

Isaiah 25:9, Psalm 27:14

3. From the problem (33:3-4)

Psalm 138:7

4. For the presence of God (33:5-6)

a. Nationally (v 5)

b. Individually (v 6)

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B. Plaintive Cry of the Ambassadors Who Failed

(Isaiah 33:7-12)

1. The False Peace (33:7)

2. The False God (33:8)

3. The False Blessing (33:9)

4. The False Deliverance (33:10-12)

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C. Petition For All to Consider God's Dealings (Isaiah 33:13-19)

- 1. A command to listen for Gentiles and Israel alike
(33:13)**
- 2. A warning to sinners (33:14)**
- 3. A welcome to the righteous (33:15-19)**
 - a. The righteous defined (v 15)**
 - b. Six blessings promised the righteous (vv16-19)**

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D. Praise to God for Final Deliverance (Isaiah 33:20-24)

- 1. For the restoration of Jerusalem (33:20-21)**
- 2. For the restoration of righteousness over the earth (33:22)**
- 3. For the victory over the enemy (33:23)**
- 4. For the restoration of people's souls (33:24)**

Our Hope in the Final Battle

Isaiah 34

The Christian has hope to look beyond present troubles

I. The Indignation of the Lord (Isaiah 34:1-15)

A. A universal judgment (34:1)

Isaiah 34:1

Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

Psalms 49:1

Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

I. The Indignation of the Lord (Isaiah 34:1-15)

B. The intensity of the judgment (34:2)

Isaiah 34:2

For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

Isaiah 13:5

They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

Jeremiah 30:7

Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

I. The Indignation of the Lord (Isaiah 34:1-15)

C. The results of the judgment (34:3-4)

1. On the earth (v 3)

Isaiah 34:3

Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

Matthew 8:11

But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

I. The Indignation of the Lord (Isaiah 34:1-15)

C. The results of the judgment (34:3-4)

2. In the heavens (v 4)

Isaiah 34:4

And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

Revelation 6:14

And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

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D. The object of the judgment (34:5)

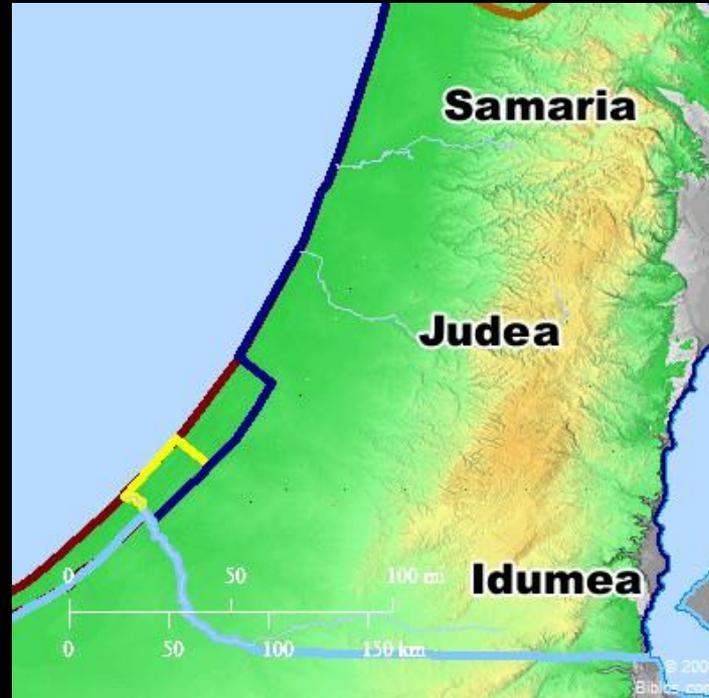
Isaiah 34:5

For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

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D. The object of the judgment (34:5)

Idumea = Edom (descendants of Esau)



Romans 9:13

As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

I. The Indignation of the Lord (Isaiah 34:1-15)

E. The implication of the judgment (34:6-7)

Isaiah 34:6-7

6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

7 And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

Zephaniah 1:7

Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

I. The Indignation of the Lord (Isaiah 34:1-15)

F. The executor of the judgment (34:8)

Isaiah 34:8

For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

I. The Indignation of the Lord (Isaiah 34:1-15)

Revelation 19:17-21

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

I. The Indignation of the Lord (Isaiah 34:1-15)

Revelation 19:17-21 - continued

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

I. The Indignation of the Lord (Isaiah 34:1-15)

G. The picture of the judgment (34:9-15)

1. Volcanic fire (vv 9-10)

Isaiah 34:9-10

9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

I. The Indignation of the Lord (Isaiah 34:1-15)

G. The picture of the judgment (34:9-15) - continued

2. A desolate wilderness (vv 11-15)

a. A dwelling place for unclean birds (v 11)

Isaiah 34:11

But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

I. The Indignation of the Lord (Isaiah 34:1-15)

G. The picture of the judgment (34:9-15) - continued

2. A desolate wilderness (vv 11-15)

b. Man's government and institutions destroyed (vv 12-14)

Isaiah 34:12-14

12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

13 And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls.

14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.

I. The Indignation of the Lord (Isaiah 34:1-15)

G. The picture of the judgment (34:9-15) - continued

2. A desolate wilderness (vv 11-15)

c. No recovery (v 15)

Isaiah 34:15

There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

II. The Intention of the Lord (Isaiah 34:16-17)

A. Check out my Word (34:16)

Isaiah 34:16

Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

B. Choice of destiny given man (34:17)

Isaiah 34:17

And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

Titus 2:13

**Looking for that blessed hope, and the
glorious appearing of the great God and our
Saviour Jesus Christ;**