

Isaiah 32

A king will reign in righteousness

Behold, a king will reign in righteousness,
and princes will rule in justice.
² Each will be like a hiding place from the wind,
a shelter from the storm,
like streams of water in a dry place,
like the shade of a great rock in a weary land.
³ Then the eyes of those who see will not be closed,
and the ears of those who hear will give attention.
⁴ The heart of the hasty will understand and know,
and the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak distinctly.
⁵ The fool will no more be called noble,
nor the scoundrel said to be honourable.
⁶ For the fool speaks folly,
and his heart is busy with iniquity,
to practise ungodliness,
to utter error concerning the LORD,
to leave the craving of the hungry unsatisfied,
and to deprive the thirsty of drink.
⁷ As for the scoundrel—his devices are evil;
he plans wicked schemes
to ruin the poor with lying words,
even when the plea of the needy is right.
⁸ But he who is noble plans noble things,
and on noble things he stands.

Complacent women warned of disaster

⁹ Rise up, you women who are at ease, hear my voice;
you complacent daughters, give ear to my speech.
¹⁰ In little more than a year
you will shudder, you complacent women;
for the grape harvest fails,
the fruit harvest will not come.
¹¹ Tremble, you women who are at ease,
shudder, you complacent ones;
strip, and make yourselves bare,
and tie sackcloth around your waist.
¹² Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields,
for the fruitful vine,
¹³ for the soil of my people
growing up in thorns and briars,
yes, for all the joyous houses
in the exultant city.
¹⁴ For the palace is forsaken,
the populous city deserted;
the hill and the watchtower

will become dens forever,
a joy of wild donkeys,
a pasture of flocks;
¹⁵ until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high,
and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.
¹⁶ Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.
¹⁷ And the effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.
¹⁸ My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.
¹⁹ And it will hail when the forest falls down,
and the city will be utterly laid low.
²⁰ Happy are you who sow beside all waters,
who let the feet of the ox and the donkey range free.

Isaiah 33

O Lord, be gracious to us

Ah, you destroyer,
who yourself have not been destroyed,
you traitor,
whom none has betrayed!
When you have ceased to destroy,
you will be destroyed;
and when you have finished betraying,
they will betray you.

² O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you.
Be our arm every morning,
our salvation in the time of trouble.
³ At the tumultuous noise peoples flee;
when you lift yourself up, nations are scattered,
⁴ and your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar gathers;
as locusts leap, it is leapt upon.
⁵ The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high;
he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness,
⁶ and he will be the stability of your times,
abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge;
the fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure.
⁷ Behold, their heroes cry in the streets;
the envoys of peace weep bitterly.
⁸ The highways lie waste;
the traveller ceases.
Covenants are broken;

cities are despised;
 there is no regard for man.
⁹ The land mourns and languishes;
 Lebanon is confounded and withers away;
 Sharon is like a desert,
 and Bashan and Carmel shake off their leaves.

¹⁰ "Now I will arise," says the LORD,
 "now I will lift myself up;
 now I will be exalted.

¹¹ You conceive chaff; you give birth to stubble;
 your breath is a fire that will consume you.

¹² And the peoples will be as if burned to lime,
 like thorns cut down, that are burned in the fire."

¹³ Hear, you who are far off, what I have done;
 and you who are near, acknowledge my might.

¹⁴ The sinners in Zion are afraid;
 trembling has seized the godless:
 "Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire?
 Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?"

¹⁵ He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly,
 who despises the gain of oppressions,
 who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe,
 who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed
 and shuts his eyes from looking on evil,
¹⁶ he will dwell on the heights;
 his place of defence will be the fortresses of rocks;
 his bread will be given him; his water will be sure.

¹⁷ Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty;
 they will see a land that stretches afar.

¹⁸ Your heart will muse on the terror:
 "Where is he who counted, where is he who weighed the tribute?
 Where is he who counted the towers?"

¹⁹ You will see no more the insolent people,
 the people of an obscure speech that you cannot comprehend,
 stammering in a tongue that you cannot understand.

²⁰ Behold Zion, the city of our appointed feasts!
 Your eyes will see Jerusalem,
 an untroubled habitation, an immovable tent,
 whose stakes will never be plucked up,
 nor will any of its cords be broken.

²¹ But there the LORD in majesty will be for us
 a place of broad rivers and streams,
 where no galley with oars can go,
 nor majestic ship can pass.

²² For the LORD is our judge; the LORD is our lawgiver;
 the LORD is our king; he will save us.

²³ Your cords hang loose;
they cannot hold the mast firm in its place
or keep the sail spread out.
Then prey and spoil in abundance will be divided;
even the lame will take the prey.
²⁴ And no inhabitant will say, "I am sick";
the people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity.

Cross References

2 Kings 18 v 3 to 6: ³ And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. ⁴ He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it (it was called Nehushtan). ⁵ He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. ⁶ For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses.

Jeremiah 23 v 5: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

2 Kings 19 v 2: And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz.

1 Peter 2 v 9: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

1 Corinthians 11 v 21: For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk.

Revelation 5 v 10: and you have made [us] a kingdom and priests to our God, and [we] shall reign on the earth."

Matthew 7 v 1, 2: "Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

Daniel 9 v 27: "And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."