

Isaiah 34

Judgment on the nations

Draw near, O nations, to hear,
and give attention, O peoples!

Let the earth hear, and all that fills it;
the world, and all that comes from it.

² For the LORD is enraged against all the nations,
and furious against all their host;
he has devoted them to destruction, has given them over for slaughter.

³ Their slain shall be cast out,
and the stench of their corpses shall rise;
the mountains shall flow with their blood.

⁴ All the host of heaven shall rot away,
and the skies roll up like a scroll.

All their host shall fall,
as leaves fall from the vine,
like leaves falling from the fig tree.

⁵ For my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens;
behold, it descends for judgment upon Edom,
upon the people I have devoted to destruction.

⁶ The LORD has a sword; it is sated with blood;
it is gorged with fat,
with the blood of lambs and goats,
with the fat of the kidneys of rams.

For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah,
a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

⁷ Wild oxen shall fall with them,
and young steers with the mighty bulls.
Their land shall drink its fill of blood,
and their soil shall be gorged with fat.

⁸ For the LORD has a day of vengeance,
a year of recompense for the cause of Zion.

⁹ And the streams of Edom shall be turned into pitch,
and her soil into sulfur;
her land shall become burning pitch.

¹⁰ Night and day it shall not be quenched;
its smoke shall go up forever.

From generation to generation it shall lie waste;
none shall pass through it forever and ever.

¹¹ But the hawk and the porcupine shall possess it,
the owl and the raven shall dwell in it.

He shall stretch the line of confusion over it,
and the plumb line of emptiness.

¹² Its nobles—there is no one there to call it a kingdom,
and all its princes shall be nothing.

¹³ Thorns shall grow over its strongholds,
 nettles and thistles in its fortresses.
 It shall be the haunt of jackals,
 an abode for ostriches.

¹⁴ And wild animals shall meet with hyenas;
 the wild goat shall cry to his fellow;
 indeed, there the night bird settles
 and finds for herself a resting place.

¹⁵ There the owl nests and lays
 and hatches and gathers her young in her shadow;
 indeed, there the hawks are gathered,
 each one with her mate.

¹⁶ Seek and read from the book of the LORD:
 Not one of these shall be missing;
 none shall be without her mate.
 For the mouth of the LORD has commanded,
 and his Spirit has gathered them.

¹⁷ He has cast the lot for them;
 his hand has portioned it out to them with the line;
 they shall possess it forever;
 from generation to generation they shall dwell in it.

Isaiah 35

The ransomed shall return

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
 the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
² it shall blossom abundantly
 and rejoice with joy and singing.
 The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
 the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
 They shall see the glory of the LORD,
 the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
 and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart,
 "Be strong; fear not!
 Behold, your God
 will come with vengeance,
 with the recompense of God.
 He will come and save you."

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
 For waters break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray,

⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Cross References

Matthew 24 v 21: For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

Matthew 24 v 29: Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

2 Peter 3 v 10: But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Revelation 6 v 12 to 14: ¹² When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, ¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. ¹⁴ The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

Psalm 102 v 25 to 27:

Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

²⁶ They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.

You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,

²⁷ but you are the same, and your years have no end.

Psalm 137 v 7:

Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites
the day of Jerusalem,

how they said, "Lay it bare, lay it bare,
down to its foundations!"

Lamentations 4 v 22:

²² The punishment of your iniquity, O daughter of Zion, is accomplished;
he will keep you in exile no longer;
but your iniquity, O daughter of Edom, he will punish;
he will uncover your sins.

Revelation 14 v 20: And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

Amos 1 v 11: Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of Edom,
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment,
because he pursued his brother with the sword
and cast off all pity,
and his anger tore perpetually,
and he kept his wrath forever.

Jeremiah 49 v 13: For I have sworn by myself, declares the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a horror, a taunt, a waste, and a curse, and all her cities shall be perpetual wastes."

Genesis 36 v 33: Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.

Isaiah 63 v 1:

Who is this who comes from Edom,
in crimsoned garments from Bozrah,
he who is splendid in his apparel,
marching in the greatness of his strength?
"It is I, speaking in righteousness,
mighty to save."

Revelation 19 v 13: He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

Revelation 8 v 7 to 12: ⁷ The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up. ⁸ The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. ⁹ A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. ¹⁰ The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹ The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter. ¹² The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

Luke 21 v 36: But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Isaiah 11 v 6 to 9:

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Romans 8 v 19 to 22: ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope
²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory
of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of
childbirth until now.

Acts 9 v 1, 2: But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high
priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the
Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Hebrews 12 v 12, 13: Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make
straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Matthew 11 v 4 to 6: ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind
receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and
the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

John 7 v 37 to 39: ³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone
thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart
will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him
were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Revelation 21 v 4: He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall
there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."