

# Isaiah Chapters 32-33 – A Reign of Righteousness; A Prayer in Deep Distress; Impending Judgment on Zion; The Land of the Majestic King!

## OBSERVATION

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## INTERPRETATION

## APPLICATION

### NO CLASSES NEXT WEEK!!! 9/17-18

#### IS HE WORTHY? - Chris Tomlin

*Do you feel the world is broken? (We do); Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do); But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do); Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do); Is all creation groaning? (It is) Is a new creation coming? (It is); Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is) Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is):*

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave. He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. Is He worthy? Is He worthy Of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? (He is)*

*Does the Father truly love us? (He does). Does the Spirit move among us? (He does). And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? (He does). Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does).*

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave. He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.*

*From every people and tribe (People and tribe). Every nation and tongue (Every nation and tongue). He has made us a kingdom and priests to God To reign with the Son.*

*Is He worthy? Is He worthy Of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is! He is! Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is, He is. He is worthy! He is worthy! He is!*

#### GENERAL OUTLINE OF ISAIAH: Referred to as the “Fifth Gospel” since the third century!

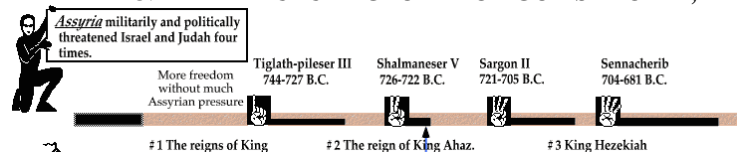
*Possible date of kings reign” - Uzziah, - 792-740; Jotham, - 750-736; Ahaz, - 735-720 Northern Kingdom of Israel falls to Assyria in 722BC; Hezekiah, - 715-699/686; Manasseh – 687-642*

*Isaiah's time of prophecy - About a minimum of 40 years and possibly more than 60 years!*

*In the tenth year of Nabopolassar (616 BC) the Babylonians defeated the Assyrian army.*

*Cyrus takes Babylon. In October (539 BC), the Persian king Cyrus took Babylon.*

- I. THE ASSYRIAN PERIOD - CONFLICT AND VICTORY ([Isa 1-39](#))
  - A. PROPHECIES CONCERNING JUDAH AND JERUSALEM ([Isa 1-12](#))
  - B. PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE NATIONS ([Isa 13-27](#))
  - C. DELIVERANCE FOUND NOT IN EGYPT, BUT IN THE LORD ([Isa 28-35](#))
  - D. HISTORICAL INTERLUDE ([Isa 36-39](#))
- II. THE BABYLONIAN PERIOD - HOPE FOR TROUBLED TIMES ([Isa 40-66](#))
  - A. THE ONE TRUE GOD VERSUS IDOLS ([Isa 40-48](#))
  - B. LORD'S SERVANT WILL BRING SALVATION THROUGH SUFFERING ([Isa 49-57](#))
  - C. THE FUTURE GLORY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, THE NEW ZION ([Isa 58-66](#))



#### Isaiah – Bible Timeline

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| 739 BC | Isaiah Complains of Zion's Corruption            | <a href="#">Isaiah 1 - 5</a>                       |
| 739 BC | Isaiah's Vision and Commission                   | <a href="#">Isaiah 6</a>                           |
| 735 BC | Isaiah's Prophecy of Immanuel                    | <a href="#">Isaiah 7</a>                           |
| 734 BC | Uriah/Zechariah Verification                     | <a href="#">Isaiah 8</a>                           |
| 730 BC | Isaiah Prophecies a Child Is Born                | <a href="#">Isaiah 9</a>                           |
| 730 BC | Isaiah Prophecies Judgments Upon Israel          | <a href="#">Isaiah 9:8</a>                         |
| 730 BC | Isaiah Prophecies Judgment on Assyria            | <a href="#">Isaiah 10</a>                          |
| 730 BC | Isaiah Prophecies The Root of Jesse              | <a href="#">Isaiah 11</a>                          |
| 730 BC | Isaiah's Joyful Thanksgiving                     | <a href="#">Isaiah 12</a>                          |
| 725 BC | Isaiah Prophecies against the Nations            | <a href="#">Isaiah 13 - 22</a>                     |
| 725 BC | Isaiah's Valley of Vision                        | <a href="#">Isaiah 22</a>                          |
| 725 BC | Isaiah's Burden of Tyre                          | <a href="#">Isaiah 23</a>                          |
| 725 BC | Devastation on the Earth                         | <a href="#">Isaiah 24</a>                          |
| 725 BC | Isaiah's Songs of Praise                         | <a href="#">Isaiah 25 - 27</a>                     |
| 725 BC | Isaiah's Further Warnings                        | <a href="#">Isaiah 28 - 32</a>                     |
| 725 BC | <b>Isaiah Prophecies a King Shall Reign</b>      | <b><a href="#">Isaiah 32</a></b>                   |
| 725 BC | <b>Isaiah Declares God's Judgments</b>           | <b><a href="#">Isaiah 33, 34</a></b>               |
| 725 BC | Isaiah Declares the Joyful Will Flourish in Zion | <a href="#">Isaiah 35</a>                          |
| 712 BC | Hezekiah's Illness and Healing                   | <a href="#">2 Kings 20, Isaiah 38</a>              |
| 711 BC | Hezekiah Shows Treasures                         | <a href="#">2 Kings 20:12, Isaiah 39</a>           |
| 711 BC | Isaiah Prophecies Captivity and Restoration      | <a href="#">Isaiah 40 - 66</a>                     |
| 701 BC | Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem                  | <a href="#">2 Kings 18, Isaiah 36, 2 Chron. 32</a> |
| 701 BC | Hezekiah's Prayer                                | <a href="#">2 Kings 19, Isaiah 37</a>              |

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*A King Will Reign in Righteousness*  
**Isa 32:1 Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, And princes will rule with justice.**

**Isa 32:2 A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, And a cover from the tempest, As rivers of water in a dry place, As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.**

**Isa 32:3 (Physical condition of man) The eyes of those who see will not be dim, And the ears of those who hear will listen.**  
**Isa 32:4 Also the heart of the rash will understand knowledge, And the tongue of the stammerers will be ready to speak plainly.**

**CHAPTER 32 - THEME: *The coming King, the coming Tribulation, and the coming Spirit.*** This chapter is a bright note between the fifth and sixth woes; it is a ray of light to the remnant of God's people in a dark place in that day. It has been some time since the person of the King has been before us, but we find Him introduced again at this point, for there can be no Millennium or blessing to this earth without Him.

**v. 1** In the previous chapter, God assured that the Assyrians would be judged, and Judah would be delivered. But God didn't want only to remove the threat; He also wanted near term to bless the Godly remnant in Judah with a righteous king, so the promise is made: ***Behold, a king will reign in righteousness!*** Hezekiah, who reigned during the Assyrian threat, as well as his great-grandson, Josiah were righteous kings, in a limited way (**2Ki 22:2**). It is written of Hezekiah, *And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done . . . He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any who were before him. For he held fast to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses (2Ki 18:3; 2Ki 18:5-6). A king will reign in righteousness: The only King that can fulfill all in this prophecy is the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. **Jer 23:5** announces this about our Messiah: “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. And princes will rule with justice: It wasn't enough - it is never enough - to have a righteous king. The king must have helpers, ***princes*** under him, who will also ***rule with justice***. The Hebrew word for ***princes*** can mean any ruler under a king. In that the righteous King, points to Jesus, then who are Jesus' ***princes***? We believers are! His people are His ***princes!*** *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light (1Pe 2:9). And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth. (Rev 5:10).* Many of the seemingly unnecessary trials and pains of this life have a wonderful purpose in His coming Kingdom, training us to be ***princes***, faithfully ruling with King Jesus!*

**vs. 2-4** The blessings of restoration from the King. Men in the Kingdom Age will be comforting and protecting one another. The spiritual renewal will be like ***rivers of water in a dry place***, like the ***shadow of a great rock in a weary land***. By God's blessing, ***those who see*** could see better than ever, and ***those who hear will listen***. The more glorious reign of Jesus is all these things for us as well. He is a shelter from the storm (***a cover from the tempest***), ***as rivers of water in a dry place***, and like ***the shadow of a great rock in a weary land***. It is evident, in the fullest sense these words cannot be applied to any man. GOD alone can do all that is promised here.” ***The heart of the rash will understand knowledge***: The spiritual renewal will promote trust in God's Word, and because of that, hearts will be changed. God will also bless in miraculous ways (***the tongue of the stammerers will be ready to speak plainly***).

**v. 1** God reminds the remnant their wickedness and bad kings and enemies will not always rule of them. A King who reigns in righteousness is coming. Jesus is coming back to establish His Kingdom on earth! This what we have been praying for. We need to watch and pray!

**vs. 2-4** What a day the Kingdom Age is going to be! Men will care for one another! Leaders will care for those who are less fortunate! The eyes will see and the ears will hear for those who will listen! The hearts of the hasty will understand and knowledge. All will be able to speak clearly! That's what we desire to see!

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## INTERPRETATION

## APPLICATION

*Isa 32:5 The foolish (vile) person will no longer be called generous (liberal), Nor the miser said to be bountiful;*

*Isa 32:6 For the foolish person will speak foolishness, And his heart will work iniquity: To practice ungodliness, To utter error against the LORD, To keep the hungry unsatisfied, And he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.*

*Isa 32:7 Also the schemes of the schemer are evil; He devises wicked plans To destroy the poor with lying words, Even when the needy speaks justice.*

*Isa 32:8 But a generous man devises generous things, And by generosity he shall stand.*

*Complacent Women Warned of Disaster*

*Isa 32:9 Rise up, you women who are at ease, Hear my voice; You complacent daughters, Give ear to my speech.*

*Isa 32:10 In a year and some days You will be troubled, you complacent women; For the vintage will fail, The gathering will not come.*

*Isa 32:11 Tremble, you women who are at ease; Be troubled, you complacent ones; Strip yourselves, make yourselves bare, And gird sackcloth on your waists.*

*Isa 32:12 People shall mourn upon their breasts For the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.*

*Isa 32:13 On the land of my people will come up thorns and briers, Yes, on all the happy homes in the joyous city;*

*Isa 32:14 Because the palaces will be forsaken, The bustling city will be deserted. The forts and towers will become lairs forever, A joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks—*

*Isa 32:15 Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful field is counted as a forest.*

*vs. 5-8* The blessings of righteousness and integrity from the king. *The foolish person will no longer be called generous . . . the foolish person will speak foolishness:* The spiritual renewal during the Kingdom Age will be exposed for all to see. No more would there be deception by appearances; if a man were foolish, he would be exposed as foolish. *Wicked plans:* It is planning for one’s own advantage at whatever cost to others. *But a generous man devises generous things:* Not only would the foolishness of the foolish be exposed, but so would the generosity of the generous. Righteousness and wickedness would each be seen for what they were, and regarded accordingly. “Wickedness shall be discovered and punished wheresoever it is, and virtue shall be manifested and rewarded, and all things shall be managed with sincerity and simplicity.”

*vs. 9-11* The *women who are at ease* and the *complacent daughters* had to get ready for the righteous king. *At ease* is the same word used later in the chapter, where God promises *secure dwelling places (Isa 32:18)*. *Complacent* is the same word used in later in the same chapter, where God promises *peaceful habitation*. Isaiah says there is nothing wrong with feeling secure and undisturbed as long as one’s trust is solidly based on the Lord. Instead of an indulgent, self-focused life, they would be required to *tremble, be troubled*, and put on the clothing of mourning.

*vs. 12-14* *For the vintage will fail, the gathering will not come. People shall mourn upon their breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.* The tough times touched everyone (*all the happy homes in the joyous city, the palaces will be forsaken*).

*v. 15* *Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high:* God used the invasion from Assyria, the tough times, and the humble mourning of the people to prepare them for an outpouring of His Spirit. *Until:* It was only the *Spirit* of God that could make the difference; the tough times would last *until* the Spirit was poured out.: *The wilderness becomes a fruitful field:* When the Holy Spirit is poured out, what was barren and desolate before is now full of life and fruitfulness. True fruitfulness comes from the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. *And the fruitful field is counted as a forest:* When the Holy Spirit is poured out, what was good before (*a fruitful field*) miraculously becomes even better (*a forest*).

*vs. 5-8* The rich, for the most part, are liberal. They already have their wealth which is not being greatly taxed, but the middle-man is being taxed to pay for new projects that the rich are promoting. The human heart is desperately wicked. In that future day, all will be seen in its true colors. There will be no false values. Every man will be seen for what he is. All of this will take place when the King comes who will reign in righteousness.

*vs. 9-11* A call to prepare for the coming of the Spirit. The women at ease are called to repent. Before the righteous king would come, the people had to prepare themselves. How prepared are we for His second coming!

*vs. 12-14* The whole land mourns. Because of the Assyrian invasion to come, God would use the tough economic times to wake Judah up.

*v. 15* God wanted to do more than scatter a few drops of His mercy and blessing; He wanted His Spirit to be poured out upon His people. *From on high:* This is where the true outpouring of the Holy Spirit comes. It doesn’t come from among men, or because of men’s efforts. It comes from heaven, *from on high*, when the desolation ends.

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## INTERPRETATION

## APPLICATION

Isa 32:16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, And righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

Isa 32:17 The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

Isa 32:18 My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places,

Isa 32:19 Though hail comes down on the forest, And the city is brought low in humiliation.

Isa 32:20 Blessed are you who sow beside all waters, Who send out freely the feet of the ox and the donkey.

O Lord, Be Gracious to Us - Isa 33:1 Woe to you who plunder, though you have not been plundered; And you who deal treacherously, though they have not dealt treacherously with you! When you cease plundering, You will be plundered; When you make an end of dealing treacherously, They will deal treacherously with you.

Isa 33:2 O LORD, be gracious to us; We have waited for You. Be their arm every morning, Our salvation also in the time of trouble.

Isa 33:3 At the noise of the tumult the people shall flee; When You lift Yourself up, the nations shall be scattered;

Isa 33:4 And Your plunder shall be gathered Like the gathering of the caterpillar; As the running to and fro of locusts, He shall run upon them.

Isa 33:5 The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness.

Isa 33:6 Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the LORD is His treasure.

vs. 16-20 Blessings brought by the Spirit. *Justice . . . righteousness . . . peace . . . quietness and assurance forever*: When God’s Spirit is poured out among His people, this is what it is like. This means that we shouldn’t be satisfied with what claims to be of the Spirit, but isn’t marked by the fruit of the Spirit. This means that if we lack these things, we can come and ask the LORD to pour out His Spirit upon us. *My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings . . . though hail comes down on the forest, and the city is brought low in humiliation*: When God’s Spirit is poured out, we live on a principle higher than circumstances. If others feel the pelting *hail*, or *are brought low in humiliation*, it doesn’t matter to those blessed by the poured-out Spirit of God.

33 v. 1 The LORD comes in judgment and graciousness. Woe to plundering Assyria. *Woe to you who plunder*: This prophecy, spoken before the Assyrian invasion, shows that this seemingly unstoppable army will in fact be stopped. Those who did the plundering *will be plundered*, and will be dealt with *treacherously* by others. Jesus spoke of this same principle in Mat 7:1-2: *Judge not, that you not be judged. For with what judgment you judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the same measure you use, it will be measured back to you*. God has every right to deal with us as we have dealt with others.

vs 2-4 . *O LORD, be gracious to us*: In light of the Assyrian threat and the longed for deliverance of a righteous king, God’s people no longer look to the Egyptians, they no longer look to themselves. Now, they look to the LORD, and cry out, “*O LORD, be gracious to us.*” *We have waited for You. Be their arm every morning*: God’s people aren’t trusting in themselves anymore. They are waiting on the LORD, and looking to *His arm every morning. When You lift Yourself up, the nations shall be scattered*: God’s people have a *confident* expectation in the LORD. Their prayer is filled with wonderful expectancy. *Like the gathering of the caterpillar*: Judah’s plunder would be gathered and stripped the way swarms of locusts would consume a nation very quickly

vs. 5-6 . *The LORD is exalted*: The tough times were hard, but they brought God’s people to a different, better view of who He is. Because they have been brought low, they see that *the LORD is exalted. He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness*: God’s people pray this in *anticipation* of the answer. You don’t have to wait until God does it all to give Him thanks. You can, by faith, give Him thanks ahead of time! *The fear of the LORD is His treasure*: Honor, respect, and reverence towards the LORD is *His treasure*. It is a gift God gives us, not so we will cower in fear, but so we will rightly honor Him.

vs. 16-20 That is always true, *the work of righteousness is peace. Righteousness is being right with man. Godliness is being right with God, but righteousness is being right with my fellow man. The effect of righteousness is peace. If you’re living in a right relationship with man, which depends upon living in a right relationship with God, then you have peace. The effect of that is peace in your heart, in your life, also it gives quietness and assurance forever!*

v. 1 The near term picture of the treacherous dealer was King Sennacherib (2 Kings 18:13-37). The LORD promises to take care of the treacherous dealers. (Rom.12:19) *Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. Therefore, we in our own situations should let the LORD take care of it. Only He knows enough to make the right kind of judgment.*

vs. 2-4 The prayer of God’s people. God always hears the prayers of the minority. God promises grace, protection and restoration to His remnant. We need to respond to this encouragement to pray!

vs. 5-6 The praise of God’s people! The tough times brought the people to a clearer view of who God is. They see Him exalted! They see their land filled with *justice and righteousness!* *Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the LORD is His treasure. How awesome!*

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*Isa 33:7 Surely their valiant ones shall cry outside, The ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.*  
*Isa 33:8 The highways lie waste, The traveling man ceases. He has broken the covenant, He has despised the cities, He regards no man.*  
*Isa 33:9 The earth mourns and languishes, Lebanon is shamed and shriveled; Sharon is like a wilderness, And Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits.*

*Isa 33:10 "Now I will rise," says the LORD; "Now I will be exalted, Now I will lift Myself up.*  
*Isa 33:11 You shall conceive chaff, You shall bring forth stubble; Your breath, as fire, shall devour you.*  
*Isa 33:12 And the people shall be like the burnings of lime; Like thorns cut up they shall be burned in the fire.*  
*Isa 33:13 Hear, you who are afar off, what I have done; And you who are near, acknowledge My might."*

*Isa 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites: "Who among us shall dwell with the devouring (consuming) fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?"*  
*Isa 33:15 He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, He who despises the gain of oppressions, Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, And shuts his eyes from seeing evil:*  
*Isa 33:16 He will dwell on high; His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; Bread will be given him, His water will be sure.*

*vs. 7-9* The LORD's judgment brings the earth low. *Their valiant ones shall cry outside . . . The earth mourns and languishes:* When the judgment of the LORD comes to the earth, everyone is brought low before Him. The **valiant ones shall cry**, and the **ambassadors of peace** - who trusted in other nations instead of the LORD - *shall weep bitterly*. Even the mighty *Lebanon*, with her majestic forests of cedar, *is shamed and shriveled*. The Hebrew word translated *valiant ones* appears only this one time in the Bible. "The word *erellam*, which we translate *valiant ones*, is very difficult; no man knows what it means. *Kimchi* supposes that it is the name of the angel that smote the Assyrian camp! The *Vulgate*, and my Old MS., translate it *seers*; and most of the Versions understand it this way. None of the MSS. give us any help.

*vs. 10-13* The LORD announces His fire of judgment. *Now I will rise:* As the whole earth is brought low by the judgment of the LORD, at the same time, the LORD lifts Himself up. *And the people shall be like the burnings of lime; like thorns cut up they shall be burned in the fire:* God's judgment will come like fire, and the wicked and worthless works of man will be like *chaff* and *stubble* that is quickly and ferociously burned in the fire. *The burning of lime* stresses the thoroughness of the destruction.

*vs. 14-16* Fearful sinners and blessed saints. *The sinners in Zion are afraid:* Of course they are! The judgment of the LORD is coming! Those who were not afraid to practice their sin are now afraid when righteous judgment comes upon their sin. : *"Who among us shall dwell with the devouring (consuming) fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?"* How shall we be able to endure, or avoid the wrath of that God, who is a consuming fire; who is now about to destroy us utterly by the Assyrians, and will afterwards burn us with unquenchable fire? He is a holy God, and He intends to judge in that day. *He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly . . . He will dwell on high:* Though the *sinners* and *hypocrites* are terrified at the coming judgment of the LORD, the LORD's righteous ones are comforted that God is coming to set things right. *Your eyes will see the King in His beauty:* The LORD will bless His righteous ones. They will have a *place of defense, a fortress*, and *bread* and *water* will not fail them. But far above these material blessings, they will *see the King in His beauty*. In the most immediate sense, this may have referred to Hezekiah; but in the ultimate sense, to our Beautiful Savior Jesus. Beyond all the material glory, splendor, and comfort of heaven, this is the greatest glory of heaven: not to be personally glorified, but to *see the King in His beauty*. It isn't only seeing *the King*; it is seeing Him *in His beauty*. It can be said that we occasionally catch a "glimpse" of our King Jesus, and even sometimes have a glance at *His beauty*. But the highest experience we could have now is like nothing compared to what we will experience when we *see the King in His beauty*. Paul said of our present walk, *For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known (1Co 13:12).*

*vs. 7-9* Near term, Judah will be devastated by Assyria. Sennacherib had broken his covenant with Hezekiah, after Judah had paid Assyria with silver and gold. (*2 Kings 18:16*). No matter how much man longs for and attempts to attain peace, lasting peace is beyond his reach. Only the Prince of Peace can bring it about!

*vs. 10-13* As great and mighty as was God's miraculous deliverance of Jerusalem in Isaiah's day, it cannot compare to the deliverance that Jesus Christ procured for every believer, on the Cross when He destroyed death and sin for all mankind!

*vs. 14-16 Heb 12:29* *For our God is a consuming fire.* Maturity in the life of a believer is all about saying to the LORD, You know what I need, better and more than I do. Therefore, You be the consuming fire within me so that all that is left after the fire, is just like You!

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*Isa 33:17 Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; They will see the land that is very far off.*  
*Isa 33:18 Your heart will meditate on terror: "Where is the scribe? Where is he who weighs? Where is he who counts the towers?"*  
*Isa 33:19 You will not see a fierce people, A people of obscure speech, beyond perception, Of a stammering tongue that you cannot understand.*  
*Isa 33:20 Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet home, A tabernacle that will not be taken down; Not one of its stakes will ever be removed, Nor will any of its cords be broken.*  
*Isa 33:21 But there the majestic LORD will be for us, A place of broad rivers and streams, In which no galley with oars will sail, Nor majestic ships pass by*  
*Isa 33:22 (For the LORD is our Judge, The LORD is our Lawgiver, The LORD is our King; He will save us);*  
*Isa 33:23 Your tackle is loosed, They could not strengthen their mast, They could not spread the sail. Then the prey of great plunder is divided; The lame take the prey.*  
*Isa 33:24 And the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick"; The people who dwell in it will be forgiven their iniquity.*

*vs. 17-24* Heaven is precious to us for many reasons. We long to be with loved ones who have passed before us and whom we miss so dearly. We long to be with the great men and women of God who have passed before us in centuries past. We want to walk the streets of gold, see the pearly gates, see the angels round the throne of God worshipping Him day and night. However, none of those things, precious as they are, make heaven really “heaven.” What makes heaven really heaven is the unhindered, unrestricted, presence of our LORD, and to *see the King in His beauty* will be the greatest experience of your eternal existence. Part of the *beauty of the King* in heaven will be the scars He retains from His suffering for our sake on this earth. After Jesus rose from the dead in His glorified body, His body uniquely retained the nail prints in His hands and the scar on his side (*Joh 20:24-29*). In *Zec 12:10*, Jesus speaks prophetically of the day when the Jewish people, turned to Him, see Him in glory: *then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. Zec 13:6* continues the thought: *And one will say to him, "What are these wounds between your arms?" Then he will answer, "Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."*  
*Your heart will meditate on terror*: The revealing of the King will be the greatest glory for the child of God, but it will be greatest terror for the one who has set their heart against or apart from God. In vain, they will look to the *scribe or he who weighs or he who counts the towers* for help, but there will be none. *You will not see a fierce people, a people of obscure speech*: Though the northern nation of Israel was demolished by the Assyrians (*a people of obscure speech, beyond perception*), the southern nation of Judah would be delivered (*you will not see*). Isaiah mixes the pictures of the LORD’s ultimate deliverance on the day of judgment, and the soon coming deliverance from the Assyrians. Praise to God for final deliverance. Zion is delivered and blessed. *Look upon Zion . . . your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation*: In the midst of the Assyrian threat, God will preserve Jerusalem. *Not one of its stakes will ever be moved! A place of broad rivers and streams*: God’s blessing on Zion would bring *broad rivers and streams* to this once barren, desert land. A *broad river* would usually give a path to an enemy coming on a ship? But, no, because *there the majestic LORD will be for us . . . no galley with oars will sail, nor majestic ships pass by. For the LORD is our Judge . . . He will save us*. Those *majestic ships* turned out to be not so *majestic* after all. *Your tackle is loosed, they could not strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail*. It was foolish to ever fear the *majestic ships* instead of trusting the *majestic LORD*. Although they shall have from God the security of a great river, yet they shall be freed from the disadvantage of it. The enemies may come against them in ships; for no galleys nor ships of the enemy’s shall be able to come into this river to annoy them. *The lame take the prey . . . the people who dwell in it will be forgiven their iniquity*

*v. 17-24* Wow! Note the Land of the Majestic King in the Kingdom Age! Jerusalem – a quiet home! A permanent place of worship! A place of broad, safe rivers! The LORD being our Judge, our Lawgiver, our King and our Savior! When God saves, He does it in unlikely ways. It is an unexpected blessing that the *lame take the prey*. It is an unexpected blessing that people can be *forgiven their iniquity*. The *majestic LORD* brings unexpected blessing! A glorious prospect which is held out for Jerusalem. The eye of faith looks beyond the immediate hard circumstances to the glorious prospect of the future. This is the day when the King will be in Jerusalem. The Prince of peace will then bring peace to the earth.