

Last week in our discussion, we looked at the players during the time of the attempted Jerusalem siege by the Assyrians. The disobedient, disrespectful, unbelieving, Jewish leaders put their hope of protection and their possessions to buy that protection into the hands of the Egyptians. The Egyptians could do nothing to help them; they had nothing to offer, nothing to give. They were a nation on the decline and they, too, were in danger of being overrun and overtaken by the Assyrian armies. We saw God's judgment prophesied by Isaiah on the Assyrians, the destroyer of chapter 33, and also on the rebellious Jews who went down to Egypt for help when they should have believed and relied upon the Holy One of Israel. We also looked at the way God viewed the Faithful Remnant that inhabited Jerusalem at the time. They did believe that God was going to save them; they were not a party to the group that went down to Egypt to buy protection; and they were rewarded and protected by their gracious LORD. He became their strength, their sure foundation, and their wisdom and knowledge. This week we will study chapters 34 and 35 of Isaiah. Chapter 34 has to be prophecy about the great battle during the end times when all the nations will gather against Israel. This is the battle of Armageddon that will be fought in the Jezreel Valley where so many other battles have been fought throughout the centuries. In chapter 35, we will again explore what it will be like during the Millennial Kingdom after this last great battle of Armageddon has been fought and our Savior, Jesus Christ, has come back to this earth to rule and set up His kingdom.

Days 1 - 2 Coming: The Final Battle – Armageddon – Isaiah 34

We Believers of the present age are looking to the skies for our Savior to appear and to gather us up unto Himself and take us to be with Him forever. Before the great and terrible day of the LORD and the battle of Armageddon, we, who are His, will be taken out of this world. Sometime after this event of the Rapture, the man of perdition will be revealed to the inhabitants of this earth. The man of perdition will usher in the time of the Tribulation, the time of Jacob's trouble, or Daniel's 70th week. For those out of this Tribulation time who are looking for the Messianic King, the end time events will culminate in His coming from the skies. This King will descend upon Mt. Olivet and will defend, protect, and provide for those who are His. Those who are not His and who are coming against His Elect, the Faithful Remnant of Israel, He will destroy with the sword of His mouth. The armies of the earth gathered together to utterly wipe Israel off the face of the planet will be no match for the King of Kings, the LORD of Lords, the Christ. The LORD will set up His temple on Mt. Zion and the entire world will worship Him at Jerusalem.

Please read Isaiah chapter 34 and work on your double-spaced worksheet for this chapter in the appendix. Mark key words. I marked nations, sword, host(s), and the LORD has a day of vengeance and a year of recompense for the cause of Zion, Edom and Bozrah. Can you make any lists in the margins?

So far in our study of Isaiah, the book has spoken of judgment, judgment, judgment. In this chapter, who is the judgment against?

What would drive the world's nations to all gather against this tiny, tiny little country called Israel? I want you to draw the answer for this question from your vast stores of knowledge that you have acquired and of which we have talked about in great detail in class discussions or even from reading today's newspaper.

What does God call all the nations, all the peoples of the earth to hear in 34:1-4?

What words are chosen to describe this judgment in 34:2?

Please look up "indignation," and "wrath" for these corresponding references in your Strong's Concordance and record your findings here:

Indignation

Wrath

Read about the events of the heavens of this day in Isaiah 34:4 and then read Revelation 6:12-14. What are the similarities between the two sets of verses? Also read Matthew 24:29, Joel 2:10, 30-31 and Joel 3:15.

What will the LORD do to the armies of the earth that are gathered against Israel? See Isaiah 34:2-3.

What does it mean that His sword is satiated in heaven? (see 34:5)

Who are those from Edom in 34:5-7 and what do they represent? If you cannot remember about Edom, go back to your notes on Isaiah Part 2 and read about Edom. The references are in Isaiah 21:11-12.

Who or what is represented in the sacrificial animals of 34:5-7?

From last week's study, what was at the root of the Israelites' sin against God in asking Egypt for help?

Can Man please God when he doesn't rely on God, but relies on himself or on others first and foremost?

Where is Bozrah? What does the name "Bozrah" mean? See Isaiah 63:1-6.

What battle in the Scripture (before this time) is brought to remembrance with the description of the LORD'S day of vengeance and the LORD'S year of recompense in Isaiah 34:9-15? See Genesis 18 and 19 for a hint. If this passage is prophetic and projects into the future, what battle and nation do you think it speaks of (Revelation 17)?

What will the land of the Jezreel Valley look like once the battle is over?

What will God make certain of in 34:16?

Days 3-5 – Coming: The Millennial Kingdom – Isaiah 35

Please read Isaiah chapter 35 and work on your double-spaced worksheet for this chapter found in the appendix. Mark key words. I marked "glory," "recompense," "save," "redeemed," and "ransomed."

How is this chapter in contrast to chapter 34 just preceding it?

What will the earth be like when the Battle of Armageddon is over and the city of Babylon has been destroyed? What will the earth be like after the seal, trumpet and bowl judgments of Revelation?

What will have to happen to the earth before the Millennial Kingdom is set up?

What do the glory of Lebanon and the majesty of Carmel and Sharon have in common?¹

What does Paul say about all of nature in Romans 8:19-23?

In contrast to Paul's description, how does Isaiah describe nature in the Millennial Kingdom? See 35:1-2.

In comparison to some other time/place/creation of God's, what does this description of nature in the Millennial Kingdom sound like?

What hope did God give to encourage the exhausted, strengthen the feeble, and say to the anxious of heart in Isaiah 35:3-10?

Please read Isaiah 61:1-7

Can you pick out a division in these verses?

Jesus read this passage of Scripture when the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him in the synagogue in His own hometown of Nazareth in Luke 4:17-21. What part did Jesus read of this passage? What part did He not read from this passage? Why? What did He say when He closed the book and handed it back to the attendant?

¹ See Isaiah 33:9 and Isaiah 4 Week 1, classroom handout.

From what you know of Christ's kingdom when He was here on this earth the first time, what was evident in His ministry? See Luke 7:18-23.

Is the passage in Isaiah 35:1-6 talking about the first or the second coming of Christ or both comings?

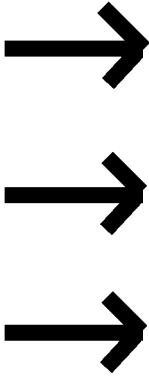
In the days of Isaiah, the King's Highway and other highways were heavily traveled, as they were the only means of getting from one place to another. These highways were often populated with thieves, robbers and evil-doers. Obviously, these highways were not secure or safe for travelers. In contrast to these highways, what will be the highway traveled during the Millennial Kingdom? See Isaiah 36:8. How will this Highway of Holiness be manifested? See Isaiah 35:8-10.

Who will use this highway? Also see Zechariah 14:16,17.

This ends the first major division of the book of Isaiah with the hope of the Millennial Kingdom given to the Believers. What a fitting end for the picture of judgment, judgment, judgment that we have seen all through these first 35 chapters. The small Remnant, who has remained faithful, are given hope for the future that God will right all things wrong and secure a place for them to dwell with their gracious loving LORD. Next week, plan to do the wrap-up on Isaiah Part 4 found in Lesson 4. Thanks for traveling this first section of the journey with me. Please know that the hope of the Remnant, and the great mercy of their Father through the Son are the main theme(s) of the next major section of Isaiah, chapters 40 through 66. Please stay tuned and plan on coming back for "the rest of the story."

THE FINAL BATTLE - ARMAGEDDON DURING THE TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD
Isaiah 34

Isaiah 34
Part 4
Lesson 3-1

The Rapture	The Tribulation	The Final Battle of Armageddon & His Second Coming	Extra 45-75 days
<p>1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 Christ will descend from heaven with a shout, the voice of the archangel, & the trumpet of God</p> <p align="center">↓</p> <p>The dead in Christ will shall rise</p> <p align="center">↓</p> <p>Those who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with the dead in Christ in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air</p> <p align="center">↓</p> <p>Thus, we shall always be with the LORD</p>	<p>2 Thessalonians 2:1-9 The man of perdition will be revealed during the first half of the Tribulation</p> <p>-the day of the LORD will not come unless the apostasy comes first & man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction</p> <p>Revelation 6-7, 8-10, 16 Worldwide judgment of God will fall on the inhabitants of the earth</p> <p>-Seven seal judgments</p> <p>-Seven trumpet judgments</p> <p>-Seven bowl judgments</p>	<p>Isaiah 34:1-4 all the nations of the earth will be called to witness God's final judgment upon them: indignation, wrath, utterly destroy, given over to slaughter; the Lord Himself will slaughter the armies of the earth, the land will be covered w/ blood, and the bodies will lay around to rot/smell.34:5-7 God will satisfy His justice & righteousness w/ His sword. Edom represents all of God's enemies who will be judged for their deeds. The nations will be represented in the sacrificial animals 34:8-17 the earth's streams turned to pitch, loose earth into brimstone, land burning pitch; smoke shall rise up forever; will be desolate; the wild animals will possess it; thorns, nettles thistles will come up in its fortified cities (Pride of man).</p> <p>Revelation 6:12-14</p> <p>Revelation 16:12-16</p> <p>Joel 2:10-32 read all Joel 3:17 read all Matthew 24:29-30</p>	<p>Daniel 12:11-12</p> <p>Is this the time after Jesus returns and He does some reconstruction on the devastated earth to set up His Millennial Kingdom???</p> <p align="center">  </p>

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THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM
Isaiah 35

Isaiah 35- Will be a time of peace vs. a time of judgment during the great and terrible day of the LORD
35:2-the glory of Lebanon and the majesty of Carmel and Sharon will be restored

Romans 8:19-23 there will be a revealing of the sons of God, the creation will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Those who believe will be adopted as sons, their bodies will be redeemed

Isaiah 35:1 the wilderness and the desert will be glad, the Arabah will rejoice & blossom and rejoice and shout joy

Genesis 1-3: sounds like the earth will be restored to the Garden of Eden

Isaiah 35:3-10 the exhausted will be encouraged, the feeble will be strengthened, God will exact vengeance on their enemies and will save them, the eyes of the blind will be opened, ears of the deaf will be opened, lame will leap like a deer, tongue of the dumb will shout for joy, waters will break forth in the wilderness and the streams will break forth in the Arabah, the scorched land will become a pool & the thirsty ground springs of water, in the haunt of the jackals, grass will become reeds & rushes, there will be a roadway of Holiness for the clean to travel on, the one who walks in His ways, not lion or viscious beast will be on this highway; the redeemed will walk on this highway, the ransomed of the LORD will return and come w/ joyful shouting to Zion where they will find gladness and joy; no more sorrow nor sighing (no tears), the peoples of the earth (and any of Israel that lives outside of Jerusalem?) will use this highway to come back every year for the feasts.

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