

Isaiah Lesson 34

Isaiah Chapter 34

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Introduction: : Last week in chapter 33 we studied about the warnings of the impending invasion of Assyria and more so to the greater context looking forward to the Day of the Lord in both its judgment in the Tribulation and the blessings.

The focus of chapter 34 is clearly about the Day of the Lord and more specifically the Tribulation culminating at Armageddon.

I. Judgment on the Nations

Isa 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.

Isa 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.

Isa 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.

The entire earth is directed to heed to the announcement that is about to take place. From Isaiah's day to present, there has never been a time when the indignation of God has been poured out upon all nations. The time frame when God will pour out His fury upon all nations is at the end of the Tribulation. The event is known as the Battle of Armageddon.

Verse 3 describes the details recorded in Revelation 19:17-18. Revelation 14:20 also speaks of the carnage of that day.

Rev 19:17 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;

Rev 19:18 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.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

Isaiah 11:4 notes how, in that day, Christ will slay the wicked with the breath of His lips. Isaiah then describes the carnage of the untold number of dead soldiers and their horses that will be destroyed in the mountains of Israel.

Isa 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.

Isa 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.

Isa 34:6 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.

These verses describe the closing days of the Tribulation. There appears to be two times during the Tribulation when climactic events take place in the heavens. One evidently is at the midpoint of the Tribulation. (See Revelation 6:12-14). The other is at the end of the Tribulation.

Rev 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

Rev 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Rev 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.

The event described here parallels that of Matthew 24:29.

Mat 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be

shaken:

Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

II Peter 3:11 also speaks of the heavens being dissolved. The context then is after the Millennium. Here, the time is just prior.

2Pe 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

There undoubtedly will be catastrophic changes in the heavens. The thought here is how the heavens will fade and then be rolled up like a scroll. The stars of the heavens fall evidently after the massive destruction of the stellar heavens. According to Matthew 24:29-30, these events announce the coming of Jesus Christ in power and great glory.

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Idumea is another name for Edom and speaks of the region to the east and south of Israel—modern day Jordan. The Battle of Armageddon seems to stretch across the region around Israel. Here, the implication is that it will stretch into Edom (Jordan). Isaiah 63:1-3 clearly is in the context of Armageddon. There, the Messiah is found returning from slaughter in Edom. The 1,600 furlongs spoken of in Revelation 14:20 pertains to the Battle of Armageddon. The southeastern area is Edom. There evidently will be several fronts in the Battle of

Armageddon. The battle on the eastern front will take place in Edom and especially at a town named Bozrah. (See Isaiah 63:1-3).

Isa 63:1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

Isa 63:2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

Isa 63:3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

It may be here that the 'kings of the east' are confronted by King Jesus, the King of kings.

II. Land Will Be Soaked in Blood

Isa 34:7 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.

Isa 34:8 For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

The mention of unicorns is unclear. The word so translated (Mar reh-ame') may refer to the great aurochs or wild bulls which are now extinct on earth. Or, they conceivably may be as folklore suggests, a one-horned type of steed. The greater point is that even the wild animals of the region along with the domestic livestock will find their grazing fields soaked with blood and the gore (fatness) from the slaughter during Armageddon.

The assembled armies of the world will be slain from Bozrah to Jerusalem to Megiddo. Indeed, the Battle of Armageddon will be the day of God's vengeance and retribution for how the nations have hated Israel over the years. The "controversy of Zion" may refer to the conflict between Jews and Arabs of recent times. During the Tribulation, the nations of the world under the leadership of the antichrist will side against Israel altogether. The pretext of their invasion may be to settle the controversy once and for all.

Isa 34:9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

Isa 34:10 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.

It is clear that this prophecy has never been fulfilled and it, like the early portion of the chapter, undoubtedly refers to the climactic days at the end of the Tribulation. The land in question again is Edom (southern Jordan). The immediate thought is the burning of crude oil. Scenes of that were previewed in the Gulf War in 1990 when Saddam Hussein ordered the oil fields in Kuwait set afire. There are tar sands in southern Jordan which may be set afire by the Battle of Armageddon.

The greater point is that area will be set on fire and burn. It will continue to burn forever night and day. The intense smoke will rise and be seen from a great distance. The fire will burn from generation to generation. The fire will be so intense that it will be inaccessible making the land of no use. It will burn forever. (Consider the definition of the word forever in regard to time.)

Apparently, this portion of the battlefield of Armageddon will be allowed by God to burn and be desolate in perpetuity as a reminder of how those who rebelled against God were dealt with. This, along with the ruins of Babylon, will apparently be left in their state of desolation after the Tribulation as a reminder of God's judgment during the Millennium.

Isa 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.

Isa 34:12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

Isa 34:13 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.

Edom will become a refuge of scavenging wild creatures. A cormorant may have been a pelican. A bittern likely was a hedgehog. The thought of God stretching out a line is an Old Testament idiom referring to a land surveyor. God will survey the desolation in Edom after Armageddon and find nothing but chaos and

devastation. Where once the military installations and palatial homes of the ruling class in Edom (Jordan or Arab states in general) had existed, there will in that day only be weeds, briars, lizards, and scavenging birds.

III. Even Animals will Bewail the Carnage

Isa 34:14 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.

Isa 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.

Isa 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.

The region where a major portion of the Battle of Armageddon is fought will be turned into a desolate land, inhabited only by wild creatures, especially scavengers. The fulfillment of this prophecy may look forward to Revelation 19:17-19.

Rev 19:17 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;

Rev 19:18 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.

Rev 19:19 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.

Redeemed Israel in the Tribulation may be herein directed to the New Testament book of Revelation to learn about what is going to happen. Not one of these promises will fail. Not one of the birds of prey foretold will fail to find their fill in that day. Such creatures will greatly prosper after the Battle of Armageddon. God has commanded it. His Spirit gathered the fowls of the heavens to the “supper of the great God” (Revelation 19:17-18).

Isa 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.

The chapter concludes by noting that God has surveyed the land of Edom for the birds of prey. It will be given to them in perpetuity to dwell therein during the Millennium.

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Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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