

Isaiah Lesson 35

Isaiah Chapter 35

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Introduction: Last week, the focus of chapter 34 is clearly about the Day of the Lord and more specifically the Tribulation culminating at Armageddon. The preceding chapter detailed the events resulting in the desolation which will be left in Edom after the Tribulation. This next chapter portrays the wonderful blessings which will come upon the land of Israel in the Millennium.

I. The Ransomed Shall Return

Isa 35:1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

Isa 35:2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

The deserts will rejoice for redeemed Israel in that day and blossom as a rose. Edom to the east will remain desolate after the Tribulation, however, Israel will blossom and flourish. Come the Millennium when the King of kings shall reign in Jerusalem, the land will become green and lush. The land of Israel will “blossom abundantly.”

Today, there is only a foreshadow of that there. Large areas of the land are semiarid at best and the southern portion of modern Israel is a desert. During the twentieth century, Jews returning to their land have accomplished this in some small measure. However, the land of Israel at this hour is mostly parched and arid. Lebanon to the north has always been a more verdant region with its historic forests.

Mount Carmel and the plains of Sharon are the immediate coastal areas of Israel and receives the coastal rains. They are in fact the green belt of modern Israel. In the Millennium, the entire land will flourish. The entire land will see the glory of God in that day! His blessing upon the land will be apparent.

Isa 35:3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Isa 35:4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

The verse is instructive “*Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.*” Feeble knees literally refers to wobbly legs or weak knees. It was a metaphor of being dispirited. The thought is to be encouraged. Lift your spirits. The message is no doubt to the redeemed Jews in the waning days of the Tribulation. They have witnessed the ravages of the Tribulation against their land and against their people.

At that time, the prophet urged them to lift their spirits and fear not. Why? Because their God would come with vengeance and retribution for their enemies. He would deliver them. The writer of Hebrews essentially quoted this verse in Hebrews 12:12 with the same thought of urging and encouraging those whose spirits were low. Evidently, anti-Semitism will reach its pinnacle against the Jewish people during the last half of the Tribulation. Yet, their Messiah, King, and Savior will come and completely deliver them.

Isa 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Isa 35:6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

Isa 35:7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

When Jesus Christ the Messiah returns, then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. This of course was fulfilled in a small portion during our Lord’s first earthly ministry.

Mat 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

Joh 9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

Joh 9:30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.

The clear implication is that the eyes of all blind people will be opened and all deaf will hear in that day. What a day that will be. Moreover, 6 then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing. Once again, there was a limited fulfillment of this in Jesus' first ministry. However, in that day there will be no handicapped people.

Mat 15:30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:

Mat 15:31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

(Joh 5:7) The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

(Joh 5:8) Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

(Joh 5:9) And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

All paraplegics will leap and those unable to speak will sing like a bird. Not only that, in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. There will be not only perfect health conditions in that day, but also the wildness and deserts of Israel will be watered and lush. . Conditions like unto Eden will prevail throughout the land of Israel in that day. That is a stark difference to the semiarid and desert conditions which prevail across much of the land today.

Southern Israel today is parched and virtual desert. In that day, it will be like an oasis. Whereas today and through much of biblical history, there has been a continual shortage of water; in that day, springs of cool water will abound. The habitat of the reptiles of the desert (lizards and snakes) will be transformed into pastures and wetlands.

Isa 35:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

Isa 35:9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

Isa 35:10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to

Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

In the Millennium, a super highway structure will be constructed leading to Israel. It will be called, "The way of holiness." This highway quite evidently will be for the return of Jews to their land. They will be the expressways to bring back all redeemed Jews of the diaspora. The redeemed Jews from the world around will return to their land in that day. Though they once foolishly had rejected their Messiah, now by the grace of God thru faith in Jesus Christ, they return to their land.

Gentiles will not be allowed on this road. It is only for redeemed Jews. No lions or any dangerous beast will be found there to endanger the Jews. The thought is that in returning to their land, Jews will travel in complete safety. Though there has been an incomplete return of Jews to their land since early in the 20th century, it has represented only a fraction of the Jews living in the diaspora. Moreover, that return was not in belief.

During the Tribulation, Israel will be converted to their Savior and upon His return, He will make it possible for them all to return in safety. Redeemed Israel in that day will come to Jerusalem singing and with "everlasting joy upon their heads." They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. The word translated as ransomed (hdp paw-daw') is otherwise overwhelmingly rendered as 'redeemed.'

No longer will sorrow or sighing await the Jewish people. In that day, they will sing praise to their Savior, King, and Redeemer. In a broader application, the same truths will apply for those gentiles both now and then who by faith have turned to the Redeemer of Israel. We too will go to Jerusalem with joy and singing praise to our Savior and Lord.

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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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