

## The Liberal Deviseth Liberal Things

Isaiah 32:1 – 33:24

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~ Isaiah is developing a wonderful progression in prophecy in our Spiritual Safari in this leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God. I repeatedly exhort many of you dear readers against lifting out a verse here, and a fractured verse there, or some disconnected passage without a proper, correct, and complete understanding, because that can, and usually does, lead to almost any wild and weird interpretation of whatever religious philosophy anyone cares to dream up and set forth – and that creates confusion. And God is not the Author of confusion. Don't be that.

Many people just throw out one or two Bible verses and form an entire personal theology from it. They have no interest in a sincere undertaking of the Bible systematically and completely. Well, God never gave the prophets chapter and verse. It was one straight line of Holy Writ. Isaiah forced the people to accept this entire section of Scripture in a package and, my dear readers, this is one area of the Bible where we also do just that – we consider the whole thing. In our last report, I admonished everyone not to read this Spiritual Safari through chapter thirty-five – or to read at your own risk; and I make that warning again: please do not read if you already know it all about the Bible. Excuse yourself from this report now, please; because we're eating the whole book, my friends. See, we're actually considering something that makes sense, and it isn't our theory or philosophy....

### XXXII

***1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.***

***2 And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.***

**3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.**

**4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.**

**5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.**

**6 For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.**

**7 The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right.**

**8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.**

~ Here we have the Person of the King introduced. The Lord Jesus Christ is He Who is to reign *IN THAT DAY*. This chapter hits an impossibly high note between the fifth and sixth series of woes. It shines an intensely bright light into the darkness of the day of Isaiah the prophet. See, there can be no Millennial Kingdom and absolutely *NO* blessing to this earth without the Lord Jesus Christ Personally sitting on the throne — physically in literal Jerusalem, friends. The character of the reign of Christ is righteousness; and Israel just doesn't happen to have that today. Christ is more than the King of ruling the law; He is our Salvation King — Lord and Savior — for those who have accepted Him down here in the real world, and have been made a part of the true and living church — the body of Christ. Christ is our place of standing and resting today — everything, friends — it's all about *Him*. Paul said, "... now we see through as a glass darkly, but *THEN* face to Face."

Understanding that premise is when our true spiritual values can be ascertained by God in our life. God will make it quite obvious to everyone if that which should have top priority in our life does, in fact, have top priority

in our life. Of course, all morality today is said to be opinion, and all moral landmarks had been removed from the nation Israel at the time in which we are studying. That's our problem today. Not only do we have no sense of right and wrong, but men who write what Isaiah wrote are labeled haters; and they are always relegated to the back burner. If you are a true child of God, then someday, somehow or another, you'll find out that you're not quite as clever and sophisticated as the criminal in the world is. Well, Christ has been made wisdom unto us – and Christ is greater than us all. That's the only way to have true wisdom. When that King reigns in righteousness, on a real throne, in the real Jerusalem – *THEN* the temple in Jerusalem will be rebuilt.

Verse five makes this report about as up-to-date as Isaiah could have made it. Rich men are, by and large, liberal at heart. In Israel, at the time in which we are studying, the conservative rich man already had wealth — and he was accumulating more all the time — so, he didn't care about the poor. The world does not care about the poor man, my friends – saying otherwise simply reveals that you're not living in reality. In fact, the rich man doesn't even want the poor man to have *dirt* to eat. They have huge budgets for poverty programs, but the programs only hurt the poor. You may be sure of one thing: the richer you are, the more liberal you can afford to be – because it pays. The rich man had a sumptuous table, but Lazarus was given only crumbs – and that rich man was a liberal – a Sadducee, friends. He was willing to give crumbs. Now, I hope you have stopped reading a long time ago, because I am going to repeat Isaiah now: “... *a liberal is a vile person.*” When seen in the true light, they are the villain; their actions are criminal. I didn't say that – Isaiah said that. Their hearts work iniquity, according to God's prophet....

***9 Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.***

~ In the future day, to which Isaiah refers, the blinders of hypocrisy are going to be removed, and all of these things Isaiah is talking about are going to be seen in their true light. There won't be any more of a front to put on. Those who call themselves “Christians,” but who are really just pretending to be something they aren't, will be exposed. Well, before Christ returns,

we know there is going to be a preceding day of great wrath - the Great Tribulation period. Those people won't survive. Isaiah says this in verse nine, because a Godly woman is always much more spiritually attuned to danger than any man. If you want a true evaluation of another person's human nature and personality, then have your wife talk with them for fifteen minutes and report back to you what she thinks. Even so, God says *IN THAT DAY* even the sensibility of womanhood will become so insensible that the women won't recognize the dangers of the Great Tribulation that has come upon them! That's quite interesting; at least, to me it is. Women of that day will be drunk with no sense whatsoever of the coming judgment and impending doom. They will be dead in their trespasses and sins, even while they live in an external mirage of pleasure. That's the tremendous picture Isaiah is painting....

***10 Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.***

***11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.***

***12 They shall lament for the teats, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.***

***13 Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city:***

***14 Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;***

***15 Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.***

~ Verse fifteen is a case where you need to pay attention, my beloved. The Spirit of God will be poured out upon in the Millennial Kingdom when Christ reigns on the throne in Jerusalem. That's not today. It will be a great time of spiritual blessing, and of men turning to Christ, too. We will get a much

more defined meaning of this in the Book of Joel, as Joel says, “*IN THAT DAY, saith the Lord, I will pour out My Spirit upon all men....*” Again, that’s not today; the Book of Joel is *one hundred percent* eschatological. These are things that will come in the Millennial Kingdom! On the Day of Pentecost, the Spirit was only poured out upon the elect, according to the foreknowledge of God. That’s the church today. Be careful and drink that truth down real slowly – it’s potent. Jesus said, “*... many are called, few are chosen.*” The Kingdom that is coming is *future*. Isaiah is looking right past the age of grace, where you and I live, and ushers us into the future in this passage. People sincerely do not understand the danger of grabbing a few verses of Scripture and trying to build a personal system of religious philosophy. If you just let the Word of God speak to you, as God wants to — precept upon precept, line upon line — then you’ll discover marvelous truths that you never would have known otherwise. This is pretty important stuff that I am advising you not to read....

***16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.***

***17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.***

***18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;***

***19 When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place.***

***20 Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass.***

### **XXXIII**

***1 Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealt treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.***

~ The sixth and final woe of Isaiah is pronounced on those who oppress God's people, and oppress the physical land of Israel *IN THAT DAY*, which is yet to come; and as it was in the days of Isaiah, when he wrote these prophecies. What we see in this section of Scripture is the remnant praying for deliverance. Verse one is Isaiah's equivalent of saying, "... *be ye not deceived, God is not mocked; whatsoever a man shall sow that shall he also reap.*" The spoiler coming against Jerusalem is Sennacherib. He became a problem during the reign of Hezekiah. God told Hezekiah, through Isaiah, not to fight back. God said He could handle all the revenge that Hezekiah had in his heart for Sennacherib. Specifically, God told Hezekiah, "... *avenge not yourself.*" God repays, friends. Turn your situation over to Him today and see what happens. He can handle it better than you and I can. Jerusalem is going to be destroyed again when antichrist rules by bringing the Roman Empire back to power. There is no way Israel is back in that land today according to prophecy. Finally, God will complete His plan and purpose for this age in which we live. Alright, in view of all of that, we have this prayer now....

***2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.***

***3 At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered.***

***4 And your spoil shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.***

***5 The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.***

***6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.***

***7 Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.***

~ Friends, I don't care how you slice it, here God is talking about those who were given a mission for Him on earth, but failed. This section of Scripture is absolute truth. There is no compromise to be made on any level. We talk about wanting world peace, but we're not obeying God's commands. So, it's out of the question for God. The message Isaiah was giving was for the individual, and it was: *RECOGNIZE GOD*. There are Godless Jews, just as there are Godless Gentiles today. God is a holy God, and He will be judging both accordingly *IN THAT DAY*. You won't find the moving of the Spirit of God in Jerusalem today any more than you'll find Him in a back alley in Hollywood. If you do not recognize we have a tremendous Godless movement presently in the world, then you are not living in reality. See, evil is real in this present, evil world. That's why Isaiah was getting out the Word of God to his people. These writings are a comfort to some — and a conviction to others. That's why I have so strongly urged everyone not to read these reports.

God's people today need to concern themselves more than they do with getting His Word out to the world in sound doctrine — as in, supporting the cause of Christ, in a manner that actually makes sense. Listen, friends; let me just be real for a moment: I realized a *LONG* time ago that my style of Bible teaching is not the way to make friends and influence people. My teaching does not compel others to do what I want them to do — but I am not giving my message here — this one is Isaiah's — and Isaiah's messages are God's messages. Govern yourself accordingly.

When we give out the Word of God, we are never giving our own message. In sections like this, concerning the judgment of God's own people by God Himself, it is not a pretty subject. What am I supposed to write about here? Current affairs in politics? No, our Spiritual Safari is all about teaching the Word of God — and, that's it. Honestly, because I always am honest with you dear readers, I don't know how much longer I can continue this way — but I am going to continue as long as God tells me to. I sure am glad I know that no one is reading these reports. This is the way I communicate with God. I turn in a report to Him almost every day, by the way. In our next report from this Spiritual Safari, you will be in a hopeless minority if you agree with a word I say. Don't read it, either. But may God richly bless all who do....

**8 The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man.**

**9 The earth mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits.**

**10 Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.**

**11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you.**

**12 And the people shall be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.**

**13 Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might.**

**14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?**

**15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;**

**16 He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.**

**17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.**

**18 Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the towers?**

***19 Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, that thou canst not understand.***

***20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.***

***21 But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.***

***22 For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.***

***23 Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey.***

***24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity ~***

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