

Is. 32:12 Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine,
This judgment results in the women beating their *breasts* due to a deficiency of food and material possessions.

Is. 32:13 For the land of my people in which thorns and briars shall come up; Yea, for all the joyful houses, and for the jubilant city.

Thorns and briars grow in place of the normal crops as a result of God's judgment. The women will also *beat* their *breasts* (v.12) because *joyful houses* and *jubilant cities* within Judah will no longer exist (v.13).

Is. 32:14 Because the palace has been abandoned, the populated city forsaken. Hill and watch-tower have become caves forever, A delight for wild donkeys, a pasture for flocks;

God's judgment results in *palace* and *city* being unoccupied. The word, "*forever*," has a different application in the Hebrew than that to which we are accustomed, for it can point to "a long indeterminable time" within the framework of the Old Testament Scriptures. Therefore, the desolation mentioned in this verse will not last throughout eternity, for God revealed to Isaiah that it would cease. The notes associated with Isaiah 56:3 and 65:18 discuss this topic in more detail.

Is. 32:15 Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fertile field And the fertile field is considered as a forest.

When God's judgments have accomplished their goal (by bringing the Jews to repentance at the end of the Tribulation); *the Spirit* will be *poured out upon* the nation (also read Joel 2:28). (Joel 1:13-2:29 describes the devastation that will occur during the Tribulation, resulting in the repentance and national regeneration of the Hebrew people.) As a result of *the Spirit* being *poured out upon* spiritually regenerated Israel (Isaiah 32:15), the land will *blossom* with vegetation (also read Isaiah 30:23-25, 35:1-2, 65:21-23, Jeremiah 31:12, Ezekiel 34:25-27, 36:34-35, Joel 2:18-27, 3:18, Amos 9:13).

Is. 32:16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, And righteousness will abide in the fertile field.

The *justice* and *righteousness* that will characterize the Millennial Kingdom (addressed also in Isaiah 32:1) are established after the national regeneration of the Jewish nation. This national regeneration will be due to their repentance followed by the outpouring of the Holy *Spirit* (addressed in verse 15).

Is. 32:17 And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

Peace..., *quietness*, and *confidence* will also characterize the Kingdom due to the righteous environment created by the Messiah.

Is. 32:18 Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places;

The Kingdom will bring about stability and security for the Jews.

Is. 32:19 And it will hail when the forest comes down, And the city will be utterly laid low.

The city addressed here is the Babylon of the Tribulation (the rebuilt Babylon of old), which will be destroyed at the end of the Tribulation. The following verses give more input concerning the subject: Isaiah 13:1-5, 19-22; 14:22-23; Jeremiah 50 and 51.

Is. 32:20 How blessed will you be, you who sow beside all waters, Who let out freely the ox and the donkey.

The inhabitants of the Kingdom will *sow* and reap bountiful blessings, one of the reasons being the abundant water supply. Their land will be so productive that the animals will be permitted to wander without restriction. Even if they should trample a large quantity of vegetation, that which remains will prove to be more than sufficient.

Isaiah 33

Is. 33:1 Woe to you, O destroyer, While you were not destroyed; And he who is treacherous, while others did not deal treacherously with him. As soon as you shall finish destroying, you shall be destroyed; As soon as you shall cease to deal treacherously, others shall deal treacherously with you.

Many commentaries place the events of this chapter in Isaiah's day when the Assyrians invaded Judah. However, statements are made in several of these verses that confirm they transpire during the end times. It should be much fun as we search the meaning of Isaiah's words for proper context.

As Isaiah begins this chapter, he again addresses conditions that will exist due to Israel's signing the covenant with the Antichrist. He addressed this *covenant* in chapters 28-29, discussed the covenant with *Egypt* in chapters 30-31, and is now back to the *covenant* with the Antichrist in chapter 33. Of all the woe's addressed in chapters 28-35, this is the only *Woe* directed toward a Gentile—the Antichrist in particular. He will *deal treacherously* against the Jews by breaking the *covenant* with Israel during the second half of the Tribulation (Isaiah 28:18-19; Daniel 9:27) and destroying *two-thirds* of the Jewish population (Zechariah 13:8-9). However, he will be confronted with more than he can handle at the Second Coming and *shall be destroyed* (also read 2 Thessalonians 2:8-10). The phrase, "*As soon as you shall cease to deal treacherously, others shall deal treacherously with you,*" confirms that after Christ kills the Antichrist at His Second Coming, and the Antichrist goes to hell, that he will be treated *treacherously* by those who inhabit that place of torment (the notes associated with Isaiah 14:9-10 tie in well here).

Is. 33:2 O Lord, be gracious to us; we have waited for Thee. Be Thou their strength every morning, Our salvation also in the time of distress.

This verse contains the prayer of the believing remnant of the Jews at the end of the Tribulation. This remnant is willing to wait on the Lord (Isaiah 25:9; 30:18; 28:16—the phrase, "*not be*

disturbed," in 28:16, actually means, "not in a hurry"), as it waits in *Bozrah* for the Second Coming of the Lord (Micah 2:12-13; Isaiah 34:1-7; 63:1-6; Habakkuk 3:3).

Is. 33:3 At the sound of the tumult peoples flee; At the lifting up of Thysself nations disperse.

In response to the prayers of the remnant (v.2), Jesus will return and fight against the Gentile nations who have joined themselves with the Antichrist to annihilate the Jews. These nations will *flee* and be dispersed.

Is. 33:4 And your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar gathers; As locusts rushing about, men rush about on it.

When the Gentile armies who war against the Jews are destroyed, they will leave much *spoil*.

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

The Lord will be *exalted* when He returns and defeats His enemies. He then establishes the Millennial Kingdom, filling *Zion with justice and righteousness*.

Is. 33:6 And He shall be the stability of your times, A wealth of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; The fear of the Lord is his treasure.

Jesus, ruling from Jerusalem, will *be the stability of the Millennium*. Therefore, *A wealth of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge* will permeate the environment. *The fear of the Lord* will be the *treasure* of those who inhabit the Kingdom.

Is. 33:7 Behold, their brave men cry in the streets, The ambassadors of peace weep bitterly.

Verses 7-12 describe the conditions that will exist at the end of the Tribulation when the Antichrist and his armies attack. Verse 7 describes the state of the Jews who have entered into the covenant with the Antichrist. *The brave men* (the Hebrew word for "*brave men*" is Ariel) *cry in the streets*, and *The ambassadors of peace* (the Jews who helped negotiate the covenant of *peace* with the Antichrist) will *weep bitterly* due to having been betrayed. Obviously, it is the Antichrist who breaks the *covenant* (Daniel 9:27).

Is. 33:8 The highways are desolate, the traveler has ceased, He has broken the covenant, he has despised the cities, He has no regard for man.

The ability to travel will cease, which is another reason for Jesus prophesying that the Jews should *flee* from Jerusalem during the middle of the Tribulation (read Matthew 24:15-16) rather than at the end. The Antichrist will destroy *the cities* and have *no regard for man*. (The notes associated with Isaiah 64:10 tie in well here.)

Is. 33:9 The land mourns and pines away, Lebanon is shamed and withers; Sharon is like a desert plain, And Bashan and Carmel lose their foliage.

The land will mourn and pine away; and even *Lebanon...*, *Sharon...*, *Bashan*, and *Carmel*, the best agricultural areas, will be unproductive.

Is. 33:10 "Now I will arise," says the Lord, "Now I will be exalted, now I will be lifted up.

Jesus will *arise* and destroy those bringing about the conditions mentioned in verses 7-9. He will do so at the Second Coming. As a result, He *will be exalted* and *lifted up*.

Is. 33:11 "You have conceived chaff, you will give birth to stubble; My breath will consume you like a fire.

The fruit of the enemy will be *stubble*, which the Lord will easily consume at the Second Coming. Again we see from Scripture that those who *bless* the Jews *will be blessed*, while those who *curse* the Jews will be cursed—as was promised in the Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3). What Great Britain reaped from failing to support the Jews in the 1940's is just one example of God's commitment to His covenant with Abraham.

Is. 33:12 "And the peoples will be burned to lime, Like cut thorns which are burned in the fire.

The enemy will be consumed by *fire* at the Second Coming.