

## The Prophecies of Isaiah <sup>50</sup>

### Lesson 21

In Part 1 of Vision 21, the Lord speaks to the land of the Negev. At the end of Israel's seven years of tribulation, she will attempt to run to Egypt for help but some people will strive to hamper Israel in all her efforts. The prophecy continues in Part 2 with warnings to Israel and all the nations.

#### Vision 21 – Part 2

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##### **Warning to Israel**

**Isaiah 31:1** Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, *And* rely on horses, *And* trust in chariots because they are many, *And* in horsemen because they are very strong, *But* they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD! <sup>2</sup> Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster, and does not retract His words, but will arise against the house of evildoers, *And* against the help of the workers of iniquity.

The Lord is warning Israel in advance against making an alliance with Egypt instead of looking to Him for salvation and safety. He will bring disaster upon her because He considers her alliance with Egypt a blatant sin.

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##### **Warning about Egypt**

**Isaiah 31:3** Now the Egyptians are men, and not God, and their horses are flesh and not spirit; So the LORD will stretch out His hand, *And* he who helps will stumble *And* he who is helped will fall, *And* all of them will come to an end together.

The Lord warns Israel that neither Egypt nor any other country is in a position to help her. That nation which tries to help Israel will feel the wrath of the Lord.

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##### **Warning Concerning War**

**Isaiah 31:4** For thus says the LORD to me, "As the lion or the young lion growls over his prey, *Against* which a band of shepherds is called out, *Will* not be terrified at their voice, nor disturbed at their noise, *So* will the LORD of hosts come down to wage war on Mount Zion and on its hill." <sup>5</sup> Like flying birds so the LORD of hosts will protect Jerusalem. He will protect and deliver *it*; He will pass over and rescue *it*.

In this passage, the Lord promises that Jerusalem will be safe forever, and so it will. Even when the Lord exiles the Jews during the days of Nebuchadnezzar, Jerusalem is left intact and safe.

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##### **Warning to Return**

**Isaiah 31:6** Return to Him from whom you have deeply defected, O sons of Israel. <sup>7</sup> For in that day every man will cast away his silver idols and his gold idols, which your hands have made as a sin.

The Lord knows that Israel will run to Egypt for help in spite of His warning; nevertheless, He warns her to return to Him and cast away all her sinful idol worship.

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### **Warning to Assyria**

**Isaiah 31:8** And the Assyrian will fall by a sword not of man, And a sword not of man will devour him. So he will not escape the sword, And his young men will become forced laborers. <sup>9</sup> "And his rock will pass away because of panic, And his princes will be terrified at the standard," Declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion and whose furnace is in Jerusalem.

When Assyria attempts to take Jerusalem, the Lord will protect the city and cause the destruction of the Assyrian army; its slaughter will be detailed in Isaiah chapter 37. The strength of Assyria will be crushed that day and the king will return to his home ashamed. His attempt to capture Jerusalem will cause him to feel the burning wrath of the Lord.

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### **Righteous King**

**Isaiah 32:1** Behold, a king will reign righteously, And princes will rule justly. <sup>2</sup> And each will be like a refuge from the wind, And a shelter from the storm, Like streams of water in a dry country, Like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land. <sup>3</sup> Then the eyes of those who see will not be blinded, And the ears of those who hear will listen. <sup>4</sup> And the mind of the hasty will discern the truth, And the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak clearly.

In this passage, the Lord uses Isaiah to prophesy His coming to reign on earth for 1,000 years as the righteous King of kings and Lord of lords with the help of His resurrected prince, King David. When Jesus sets up His Temple in the reconstructed Jerusalem district, He will carve out two portions of the land for the home of His prince who is the resurrected David, the father of Solomon. Ezekiel 37:25, referring to this prince says,

"And they shall live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons, and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant shall be their prince forever."

In that kingdom, the people of the whole world will experience a life of health, truth and clarity.

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### **Fools Nonsense**

**Isaiah 32:5** No longer will the fool be called noble, Or the rogue be spoken of as generous. <sup>6</sup> For a fool speaks nonsense, And his heart inclines toward wickedness, To practice ungodliness and to speak error against the LORD, To keep the hungry person unsatisfied And to withhold drink from the thirsty.

All the foolish nonsense of today's world will be eliminated at the onset of the 1,000 year kingdom of the Lord. Today the fools are looked on as nobles, but no fool will live during that time in the new kingdom.

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### **Rogue's Evil**

**Isaiah 32:7** As for a rogue, his weapons are evil; He devises wicked schemes To destroy the afflicted with slander, Even though the needy one speaks what is right.

The new kingdom of the Lord will not contain the rogue, that is, the likeable but unscrupulous, dishonest man.

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### **Noble Man's Plans**

**Isaiah 32:8** But the noble man devises noble plans; And by noble plans he stands. <sup>9</sup>

Rise up you women who are at ease, And hear my voice; Give ear to my word, You complacent daughters.

Near the end of Israel's seven years of tribulation, the foolish noblemen will still try to lead the complacent women to trust in their worldly plans. Israel warns these women not to trust the nobles when it is time for the Lord's return.

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### **Within A Year**

**Isaiah 32:10** Within a year and a few days, You will be troubled, O complacent daughters; For the vintage is ended, And the fruit gathering will not come. <sup>11</sup>

Tremble, you women who are at ease; Be troubled, you complacent daughters; Strip, undress, and put sackcloth on your waist, <sup>12</sup> Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine, <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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; <sup>15</sup> 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 the women see the noblemen standing to lead the nation with their false plans but the crops have failed and there is nothing to harvest and nowhere to turn for help, the Lord calls for the women to dress in mourning clothes and weep for the land filled with thorns and briars where the crops should be plentiful. The areas where the palace once stood along with the watch-tower and flocks will once again become a populated and jubilant city when the Lord pours out His Spirit from on high. It will occur when the Lord returns to reign for 1,000 years as king.

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### **Justice Dwells**

**Isaiah 32:16** Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, And righteousness will abide in the fertile field. <sup>17</sup> And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

During the Lord's reign, justice, righteousness, quietness, and confidence will characterize His kingdom and the world forever.

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### **Peaceful Habitation**

**Isaiah 32:18** Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places; <sup>19</sup> And it will hail when the forest comes down, And the city will be utterly laid low. <sup>20</sup> How blessed will you be, you who sow beside all waters, who let out freely the ox and the donkey.

Finally, the people of the world will live in peace when the Lord establishes His kingdom on earth. The people will live in secure dwellings and undisturbed resting places after the rest of the world is laid low at the coming of the Lord.

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### **Woe Destroyer**

**Isaiah 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.

Satan is called the destroyer during the time of Israel's seven years of tribulation because he attempts to gather all of mankind to fight against the Lord upon His returns. When the Lord returns, He will bind Satan in chains and secure him under a door at the bottom of the deepest ocean abyss. The Western Revived Roman Empire King is the treacherous one energized by Satan. The Lord will stop the Roman King and deal treacherously with him as he has with Israel.

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### **Gracious Lord**

**Isaiah 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. <sup>3</sup> At the sound of the tumult peoples flee; At the lifting up of Thyself nations disperse. <sup>4</sup> And your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar gathers; As locusts rushing about, men rush about on it.

The Lord never fails to offer His grace to those who will wait for Him. Israel, taking action herself, will try to flee from the destroyer instead of waiting for her Savior, the Lord. When the Lord arrives, the nations which have gathered to fight the Lord will be dispersed and the leftover resources will be gathered to supply the needs of the Jews during the first seven years of the new kingdom.

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### **Exalted Lord**

**Isaiah 33:5** The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. <sup>6</sup> And He shall be the stability of your times, A wealth of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; The fear of the LORD is his treasure.

Neither the noblemen nor the destroyer will be exalted when the Lord arrives. He, the Lord God, will be exalted and will dwell on the high mountain of Zion on His great white throne. His kingdom will end all injustice and will create a stable life filled with "salvation, wisdom and knowledge."

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### **Men Cry**

**Isaiah 33:7** Behold, their brave men cry in the streets, The ambassadors of peace weep bitterly. <sup>8</sup> The highways are desolate, the traveler has ceased, He has broken the covenant, he has despised the cities, He has no regard for man. <sup>9</sup> 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 king of the Revived Roman Empire will act as an ambassador of peace and will gather brave men in the streets when he breaks the seven year peace treaty with Israel. When he breaks the treaty and even though Israel's troubles have been growing, Israel will begin what the Bible calls the Great Tribulation which will last for three and one half years. During that time, all of the vegetation within the vicinity of Israel will wither away to facilitate Israel's trouble and cause her to turn to her only source of help, the Lord.

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### **Lord 's Consuming**

**Isaiah 33:10** "Now I will arise," says the LORD, "Now I will be exalted, now I will be lifted up. <sup>11</sup> "You have conceived chaff, you will give birth to stubble; My breath will consume you like a fire. <sup>12</sup> "And the peoples will be burned to lime, Like cut thorns which are burned in the fire. <sup>13</sup> "You who are far away, hear what I have done; And you who are near, acknowledge My might." <sup>14a</sup> Sinners in Zion are terrified; Trembling has seized the godless.

At just the right time, when the destroyer, the treacherous one, and all the evil ones of the earth are in place, the Lord will arise from His throne in heaven to make His entrance through the eastern skies. Those who are against the Lord will be consumed and burned; those who have not chosen to take part in the fight against the Lord will hear the report and acknowledge the Lord.

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### **Who Can**

**Isaiah 33:14b** "Who among us can live with the consuming fire? Who among us can live with continual burning?" <sup>15</sup> He who walks righteously, and speaks with sincerity, He who rejects unjust gain, And shakes his hands so that they hold no bribe; He who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed, And shuts his eyes from looking upon evil; <sup>16</sup> He will dwell on the heights; His refuge will be the impregnable rock; His bread will be given *him*; His water will be sure.

Who will survive the coming of the Lord? Those who are righteous, who turn from evil and who put their trust in the refuge of the Lord will survive.

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### **Your Eyes**

**Isaiah 33:17** Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; They will behold a far-distant land. <sup>18</sup> Your heart will meditate on terror: "Where is he who counts? Where is he who weighs? Where is he who counts the towers?" <sup>19</sup> You will no longer see a fierce people, A people of unintelligible speech which no one comprehends, Of a stammering tongue which no one understands.

When the righteous "see the King in His beauty", the terror of all the evil ones who once controlled the world will be extinguished and there will be nothing to fear again.

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### **Jerusalem Undisturbed**

**Isaiah 33:20** Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes shall see Jerusalem an undisturbed habitation, A tent which shall not be folded, Its stakes shall never be pulled up nor any of its cords be torn apart.

With the Lord sitting upon His throne in the city of Jerusalem, she will not be attacked again for 1,000 years. Jerusalem will be an undisturbed city where the Lord lives along with His prince David and all those who serve in the new Temple.

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### **No Boats No Ships**

**Isaiah 33:21** But there the majestic *One*, the LORD, shall be for us A place of rivers *and* wide canals, On which no boat with oars shall go, And on which no mighty ship shall pass-- <sup>22</sup> For the LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king;

He will save us—<sup>23a</sup> Your tackle hangs slack; It cannot hold the base of its mast firmly, Nor spread out the sail.

The Lord uses the metaphor of a ship which is unable to hoist its sail in reference to those who are defeated when He returns. The Lord is the victor, the judge, the lawgiver and most of all, the majestic One to Whom all can go and never fear an attack from a stranger who preys on the needy.

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### **No Sickness**

**Isaiah 33:23b** Then the prey of an abundant spoil will be divided; The lame will take the plunder. <sup>24</sup> And no resident will say, "I am sick"; The people who dwell there will be forgiven *their* iniquity.

When the ship of the evil one goes down, all of its surplus will be divided among the Jews. Ezekiel speak of this occurrence in his prophecy concerning the aftereffects of Armageddon.

**Ezekiel 39:9** "Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will go out, and make fires with the weapons and burn *them*, both shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears and for seven years they will make fires of them.

The lame Israel "will take the plunder" and use it for the first seven years of the 1,000 year kingdom. Then the residents of the new kingdom of the Lord will enjoy good health and forgiveness of their sins.