

INITIATION INTO ISAIAH

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CHAPTER THIRTY-FIVE

THEME:

The blessings of the Millennium; picture of the Kingdom.

REMARKS:

This is a poetic gem. There is a high sense of poetic justice in his chapter which concludes the section on judgment. The fires of judgment have now burned out, the sword of justice is sheathed, the evening of earth-trouble is ended, and the morning of Millennial delights has come. This section closes on the high plane of peace on earth, plenty and prosperity. God's method has always been through suffering to peace, through the night to the dawn, through judgment to salvation.

The calm of this chapter is in contrast to the storms of judgments of the last chapter and those that preceded it. "**The winter is past—and the flowers appear on the earth**" (Song of Solomon 2:11-12).

OUTLINE:

1. **MATERIAL EARTH Will Be Restored—Curse of Sin Lifted.** (Body of Earth) Verses 1, 2
2. **MEN Will Be Renewed—Bodies Renewed.** Verses 3-9 (Soul of Earth)
3. **MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY Will Return to Zion.** Verse 10 (Spirit of Earth)

COMMENT:

Verse 1—**The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.**

We are informed that the deserts of the world are being enlarged each year. Drought and soil erosion are hastening this process. All of this will be reversed in the Millennium. This familiar and beautiful statement "**the desert shall . . . blossom as the rose**" is an apt and happy picture of the earth's future. Those who are familiar with the great desert area of the southwestern section of our country will be impressed with this statement. This outline was written while we were crossing the southeast section of Colorado where the drought has been so severe and where the vast grasslands have been eroded by sand storms.

Verse 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.

Paul says creation is groaning and travailing in pain today. In the Millennium all creation will rejoice.

Verse 3—Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Verse 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.

In the midst of the storm of judgment, God's people can rejoice because they will know that God will come and save them. The Church has the added hope and joy of never experiencing the Great Tribulation.

Verse 5—Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Verse 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.

Sickness, and disease and all affliction are the result of man's sin. These will be lifted in the Kingdom. Our Lord sent these credentials of the Messiah to John the Baptist (read Matthew 11:2-6).

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 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:

He returns to the benefits that will come to the earth. "The way of holiness" has been mentioned before (Isaiah 19:23), note also the reference here to wild animals (Isaiah 11:6-8).

Verse 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.

This not only includes Israel but it will include the redeemed who enter the Millennium upon the earth.

And it shall come to pass, that everyone that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain (Zechariah 14:16-17).

Thus ends the first major division with all the blessings of the Millennium. The reader is urged to read Psalm 150 to conclude this section.

PSALM 150

1 Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

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