

Isaiah 35 - The Restoration of Israel; The Future of Israel's Land

I. Prophecies of condemnation (Is 1:1–35:10)

- (3) Condemnation of the world (Is 24:1–35:10)
 - (C) Tribulation and Kingdom (Is 34:1–35:10)
 - (b) Kingdom (35:1-10)
 - (i) Agricultural productivity (35:1-4)
 - (ii) Healing (35:5-6a)
 - (iii) Agricultural productivity (35:6b-7)
 - (iv) Second Exodus (35:8-10)

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- (b) Kingdom (35:1-10)
 - (i) Agricultural productivity (35:1-4)

1 The wilderness and the desert will rejoice, And the desert will shout for joy and blossom;
Like the crocus

1 The wilderness and the desert will be glad, And the Arabah will rejoice and blossom; Like
the crocus

1 "The desert and the dry land will rejoice; the desert will celebrate and blossom. Like
crocuses,

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

2 It will blossom profusely And rejoice with joy and jubilation. The glory of Lebanon will be
given to it, The majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the LORD, The
majesty of our God.

2 It will blossom profusely And rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy. The glory of Lebanon
will be given to it, The majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the LORD,
The majesty of our God.

2 it will burst into bloom, and rejoice with gladness and shouts of joy. The glory of Lebanon
will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.

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 productivity and bounty of the Land (Cf. Is 30:23-26; 65:21-24; Jer 31:1-6,11-14; Ezek 34:25-31; 36:8-15; Joel 2:18-27; 3:18)

The Cause: The Second Coming

- 3 Strengthen the exhausted, and make the feeble strong.
- 3 Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble.
- 3 Strengthen the feeble hands, and support the stumbling knees.
- 3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

- 4 Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; The retribution of God will come, But He will save you."
- 4 Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you."
- 4 Say to those with anxious hearts, 'Be strong, do not be afraid! Here is your God— he will bring vengeance, he will bring divine retribution, and he will save you.'
- 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.

(ii) Healing (35:5-6a)

- 5 Then the eyes of those who are blind will be opened, And the ears of those who are deaf will be unstopped.
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- 5 "Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf unblocked;
- 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

(iii) Agricultural productivity (35:6b-7)

- 6 Then those who limp will leap like a deer, And the **tongue of those who cannot speak will shout for joy**. For waters will burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.
- 6 Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah.
- 6 then the lame will leap like deer, and the tongues of speechless people will sing for joy. Yes, waters will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams will run through the desert;
- 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.

- "...tongue of those who cannot speak will shout for joy" - *mogilalos* [LXX], only here in the OT [LXX], and only in Mark 7:32 in the NT (see note there, where this prophecy is fulfilled)

— The word's presence in the LXX is significant because Isaiah predicted that Messiah would loose the tongues of the dumb when He came (v37)

7 The scorched land will become a pool And the thirsty ground springs of water; In the haunt of jackals, its resting place, Grass *becomes* reeds and rushes.

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7 the burning sands will become a pool, and the thirsty ground fountains of water. In the haunts of jackals there will be a verdant resting place with reeds and rushes."

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.

(iv) Second Exodus (35:8-10)

8 A **highway** will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, But it *will* be for the one who walks *that* way, And fools will not wander *on it*.

8 A highway will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, But it *will* be for him who walks *that* way, And fools will not wander *on it*.

8 "A highway will be there—yes, there— and people will call it 'The Holy Way'. As for unclean people, they will not journey on it, but it will be for whomever is traveling on that Way— not even fools will get lost.

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.

- "...highway" - the way of God, the way of holiness

9 No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious animal go up on it; They will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk *there*,

9 No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk *there*,

9 No lions will be there— no—nor will any ferocious beasts get up on it, and they will not be found there. "But the redeemed will walk there,

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:

10 And the redeemed of the LORD will return And come to Zion with joyful shouting, And everlasting joy will be on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, And sorrow and

sighing will flee away.

10 And the ransomed of the LORD will return And come with joyful shouting to Zion, With everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

10 and the LORD's ransomed ones will return and enter Zion with singing. Everlasting joy will rest upon their heads, gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and mourning will flee away."

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.