

## ISAIAH 33

### *Your Eyes Will See the King*

#### *The Destroyer Destroyed*

1 Ah, you destroyer, who yourself have not been destroyed, you traitor, whom none has betrayed! When you have ceased to destroy, you will be destroyed, And when you have finished betraying, they will betray you.

#### *Yahweh Rises to Be Exalted*

2 Yahweh, be gracious to us. We wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation (יְשׁוּעָה) in the time of trouble. 3 At the tumultuous noise peoples flee. When you lift yourself up, nations are scattered, 4 and your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar gathers. As locusts leap, it is leapt upon. 5 Yahweh is exalted, for he dwells on high. He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, 6 and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. The fear of Yahweh is Zion's treasure.

7 Behold, their heroes cry in the streets. The envoys of peace weep bitterly. 8 The highways lie waste. The traveler ceases. Covenants are broken. Cities are despised. There is no regard for man. 9 The land mourns and languishes. Lebanon is confounded and withers away. Sharon is like a desert, and Bashan and Carmel shake off their leaves.

10 Now I will arise, says Yahweh. Now I will lift myself up. Now I will be exalted. 11 You conceive chaff. You give birth to stubble. Your breath is a fire that will consume you. 12 And the peoples will be as if burned to lime, like thorns cut down, that are burned in the fire.

13 Hear, you who are far off, what I have done. And you who are near, acknowledge my might. 14 The sinners in Zion are afraid. Trembling has seized the godless:

Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?

15 He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands lest they hold a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking on evil, 16 he will dwell on the heights. His place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks. His bread will be given him. His water will be sure.

#### *Your Eyes Will See the King*

17 Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty. They will see a land that stretches afar. 18 Your heart will muse on the terror:

Where is he who counted. Where is he who weighed the tribute? Where is he who counted the towers?

19 You will see no more the insolent people, the people of an obscure speech that you cannot comprehend, stammering in a tongue that you cannot understand.<sup>1</sup> 20 Behold Zion, the city of our appointed feasts! Your eyes will see Jerusalem, an untroubled habitation, an immovable tent, whose stakes will never be plucked up, nor will any of its cords be broken. 21 But there Yahweh in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, where no galley with oars can go nor majestic ship can pass. 22 For Yahweh is our judge. Yahweh is our lawgiver. Yahweh is our king. He will save us.<sup>2</sup>

23 Your cords hang loose. They cannot hold the mast firm in its place or keep the sail spread out. Then prey and spoil in abundance will be divided. Even the lame will take the prey. 24 And no inhabitant will say,

I am sick.

The people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See *Speaking in Foreign Languages*.

<sup>2</sup> Fill in the blank: “\_\_\_\_\_ is my judge. \_\_\_\_\_ is my lawgiver. \_\_\_\_\_ is my king. \_\_\_\_\_ will save me.”

<sup>3</sup> The only way God may save anyone is through the substitutionary death of the Messianic king, Jesus.

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