

ISAIAH 34

All Poetry

(This revelation is about Edom (Idumea - wicked of the world in general) – Edom is a figurehead for nations that sell their birthright for pottage. This has to do with covenant breaking under stress. They sell their salvation for the expedient thing.)

A Verse 1

(and)

Come near, ye nations, to hear!
Harken, ye people!

Let the earth hear, and all that is therein,
Let the world hear, and all things that come forth of it.

B Verse 2

(For)
(and)

The indignation of the Lord is upon all nations,
His fury is upon all their armies.

He hath utterly destroyed them,
He hath delivered them to the slaughter.

C Verse 3

(and)

Their slain also shall be cast out,
Their stink shall come up out of their carcasses.

(and)

The mountains shall be melted with their blood,
(Their blood shall dissolve on the mountains, their fat decompose on the hills.)

(This is a problematic couple of verses – to make sense of the passage Pro. Gileadi made it congruous with its context using the parallelism of blood and fat, verses 6, 7 and reading “Hills” for “Hosts” of heaven.)

C Verse 4

(And)
(and)

All the hosts of heaven shall be rolled together as a scroll.
All the host(s) (starry hosts) shall fall down. (Morm. 9:2)

(and)

As a leaf falleth off from the vine,
As a falling fig from the fig tree. (D&C 88:87, Mark 13:25, Rev. 8:10)

D Verse 5

(For)

When my sword shall be bathed in heaven:

E

(Behold)
(and)

It shall come down upon Idumea, (Edom)
It shall come down upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

D Verse 6

A The sword of the Lord is filled with blood,
B The sword of the Lord is made fat with fatness.

C & B

(and)

A With the blood of lambs and goats,
B With the fat of the kidneys of rams.

(Recalls animal sacrifice at the Lord’s temples: Slaughter, blood, fat, blood of lambs and goats, and the fat of the kidneys of rams. Blood and Fat reserved for the Lord. UI pg. 307, 310)

A (For) The Lord (will hold) a sacrifice in Bozrah, (Capitol of Edom)
(and) The Lord (will hold) a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. (Edom)

a1 – nations/peoples (v.1)
b1 – hosts of the nations (v.2)
c – bloodshed (v. 3-4)
d – the Lord’s sword (v. 5)
e- Edom’s judgment (v. 5)
d – the Lord’s sword (v. 6)
c – bloodshed (v. 6)
b2 – beasts of Edom (v. 6)
a2 – Bozrah/Edom (v. 6)

(per Avraham Gileadi “The Literary Message of Isaiah)

Verse 7 (And) The unicorns (Wild Ox - Bison) shall come down with them,
(and) The bullocks with the bulls.

(Bison, Bulls, and Steer – symbols of the tribes of Joseph and Ephraim)

(and) Their land shall be soaked with blood,
(and) Their dust shall be made fat with fatness.

Verse 8 (For) It is the Day of the Lord’s Vengeance,
(and) It is the Year of Recompences for the Controversy of Zion.
(For it is the Lord’s Day of Vengeance, the Year of Retribution on behalf of Zion.)

Verse 9 (And) The streams thereof shall be turned to pitch (lava),
(and) The dust thereof shall be tuned into brimstone.

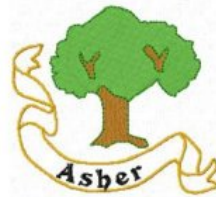
(Description of Sodom and Gomorrah)

Verse 10 It shall not be quenched night nor day,
The smoke thereof shall go up for ever.

From generation to generation it shall lie waste,
None shall pass through it for ever and ever.

Verse 11 (But) The cormorant and the bittern shall possess it, (hawks & falcons)
The owl also and the raven shall dwell in it.

(and) He shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion,
He shall stretch out upon it the stones of emptiness.
(It shall be surveyed with muddled measure and chaotic weight.)



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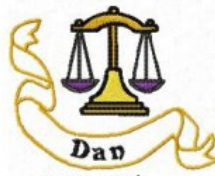
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