

ISAIAH 33

All Poetry

(To the King of Assyria – Sennacherib – Promised to spare Jerusalem if a tribute was paid – He instead continued his attacks - See 2 Kings 18: 13-16, Isa. 37: 38)

Verse 1

(and) A Woe to thee that spoilest!
B Thou wast not spoiled.

(and) A Woe to thee that dealest treacherously!
(and) B They dealt not treacherously with thee.

B When thou shalt cease to spoil,
A Thou shalt be spoiled!

B When thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously,
A They shall deal treacherously with thee!

(Prayer of the Righteous Vs. 2-6)

Verse 2

O Lord, be gracious unto us,
We have waited for thee.

O Lord, be thou (our strength) of arm every morning (daily prayer).
O Lord, be thou our salvation also in time(s) of trouble.

Verse 3

At the noise of the tumult (thy thunderous voice) the people fled,
At the lifting up of thyself (thine uprising) the nations were
scattered.

Verse 4

(And) (Their) spoil (was) gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar,
They (ran) upon (it) to and fro (like insatiable) locusts.

(See Joel 1: The invading armies are compared to four varieties (or stages of growth) of locusts that take every last piece of anything of value, and make barren all the land.)

Verse 5

The Lord is exalted, for he dwelleth on high,
The Lord hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

Verse 6

(And) Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy (time of
trial), and the strength of thy salvation,
The fear of the lord is (thy) treasure.

Verse 7

Behold (the Assyrian oppressors):

Their valiant ones shall cry without, (in public)
Their ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.

Verse 8

(Their) highways lie waste,
(Their) wayfaring man ceaseth. (travel is at an end)

(They have) broken the covenant, (treaties)
(They have) despised the cities, (1QIsa "cities", MT "signatories")
(They have) regarded no man.

Verse 9

The earth mourneth and languisheth,
Lebannon is ashamed and hewn down.

(Lebannon - the loftiest and most celebrated mountain range)

(and)

Sharon is like a wilderness (dry waste),
Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits (denuded - treeless, dry).

(The plains (Sharon) - Hill country (Bashan) - Rocky Mountains (Carmel))

Verse 10

Now will I rise, saith the Lord:

Now will I be exalted,
Now will I lift up myself.

A Verse 11

(A curse of burning)

Ye shall conceive chaff and bring forth stubble,
Your (own) breath, as fire, shall devour you!

("Conceive" - create & bring to life - "Chaff" and "Stubble" instruments of chaos - useless husks of grain - wickedness - your own schemes and wickedness will devour you)

B Verse 12 (And)

(Nations/Sinners of Zion)

The people shall be as the burnings of lime,
The people shall be as thorns cut up to be burned in the fire.

(Lime - plaster - was made in a kiln lighted by thorn bushes - it took intense heat to extract lime from bones - King of Edom - See Amos 2:1-2, punishment with fire)

C Verse 13

(Those far off/near) (and)

Hear, ye that are far off, acknowledge what I have done.
Hear, ye that are near, acknowledge my might.

B/A Verse 14

(Nations/Sinners of Zion)

(Curse of burning)

The sinners in Zion are afraid,
Fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites (godless).

Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire?
Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

(Wicked - Burned in Fire but the Righteous - Dwell in Everlasting Burnings - "Everlasting Burnings" having to do with the "Glory" of the Lord, living in his presence - See Ps. 15, 24)

- Verse 15
(and) (They) that walk righteously,
(They) that speak uprightly (honestly),
(They) that despise the gain of oppressions (extortion),
(They) that shake (their) hands from holding of bribes,
(They) that stop (their) ears from hearing of blood (murder),
(They) that shut (their) eyes from seeing evil (wickedness).
- Verse 16
(They) shall dwell on high,
(Their) place of defense shall be the munitions (cliffs) of rocks.

Bread shall be given to (them),
(Their) waters shall be sure.
- Verse 17
*Thine eyes shall see the King in his Beauty,
Thine eyes shall behold the Land That is Very Far Off.*

("King in his Beauty" = "King in his Glory", "land that is very far off" = "expanse of the earth")
- Verse 18
Thine heart shall meditate (recount the) terror:

(You will look back on mortality and recall your fears of evil, enemies, and death)

Where is the scribe (those who conducted the census)?
Where is the receiver (those who levied the taxes)?
Where is he that counted the towers (those who appraised the towers)?
- Verse 19
Where are the fierce people (oppressors of Assyria):

A people of a deeper speech than thou (could) perceive?
A people of a stammering tongue that thou (could) not understand?
- Verse 20
Look upon Zion; look upon the City of our Solemnities:

*Thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation,
Thine eyes shall see A Tabernacle that shall (never) be taken down.*

Not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed,
Neither shall any of the cords thereof ever be broken.
- Verse 24 (And)
(This verse belongs here – Per AG)
The inhabitants shall not say, "I am sick."
The people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

(Illness done away with – Iniquity done away with - Illness/Iniquity linked)

Verse 21 (But) **There the Glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams:**

Within which shall be no galley with oars, (war ship)
Within which shall no gallant ship pass thereby. (Majestic fleet)

Verse 23 (Their) taklings (riggings) are loosed; they (can) not well strengthen their mast. (flag staff)

(Their) taklings (riggings) are loosed; they (can) not spread the sail. (the ensign)

(and) Now is the great spoil divided,
Even the lame shall take part of the plunder.

Verse 22 (For) The Lord is our Judge,
The Lord is our Lawgiver.

(This verse belongs Here per - AG)

The Lord is our King,
He will save us!



Phoenicians man their ships in service to Assyrian king Sennacherib, during his war against the Chaldeans in the Persian Gulf