

# Isaiah Series Part 10

Chapters 33, 34, 35

“From Judgment to Joy”  
God’s Justice and Salvation

# Introduction

We live in a world of brokenness—nations rise and fall, injustice runs rampant, and many feel overwhelmed by the chaos. Isaiah's day was no different. Assyria threatened Judah, human schemes failed, and God's people needed assurance.

Isaiah 33–35 paint a vivid picture of God's purposes: judgment on the wicked, deliverance for His people, and a glorious future of joy. Like a three-act drama, it begins with prayer in crisis, moves through divine judgment, and ends with everlasting joy for the redeemed.

**Key Idea:** God's judgment is not the last word—His salvation and joy are.

# Hope in the Midst of Judgment (Chapter 33)

## 1. The Cry for Grace (33:1–6)

- The destroyer (Assyria, and ultimately all oppressors) will be destroyed.
- God's people cry, "Be our strength every morning."
- God Himself is their stability—wisdom, knowledge, salvation.

**Application:** In the uncertainties of life, we don't rest on human diplomacy or power but on God as our foundation.

# Hope in the Midst of Judgment (Chapter 33)

## 2. The Collapse of Human Power (33:7–16)

- Diplomats weep; treaties fail; the land mourns.
- God arises, scattering His enemies.
- The righteous will dwell securely because they walk uprightly.

**Application:** Earthly powers collapse, but righteousness endures.

# Hope in the Midst of Judgment (Chapter 33)

## 3. The Vision of the King in His Beauty (33:17–24)

- God's people will see “the King in His beauty”—a messianic hope pointing forward to Christ.
- The Lord is Judge, Lawgiver, King, and Savior (v. 22).
- Zion is forgiven, healed, and secure.

**Application:** Our hope is fixed not on human leaders but on Christ, the true King.

# God's Final Judgment on the Nations (Chapter 34)

## 1. A Call to All Nations (34:1–4)

- God summons the nations and the whole earth.
- Cosmic upheaval—stars fall, skies dissolve—symbolizes the seriousness of God's judgment.



# God's Final Judgment on the Nations (Chapter 34)

## 2. Edom as an Example (34:5–15)

- Edom, Israel's historic enemy, represents all opposition to God.
- The land becomes a wasteland, inhabited only by wild creatures.
- God's wrath is not partial but total against rebellion.



# God's Final Judgment on the Nations (Chapter 34)

## 3. The Certainty of God's Word (34:16–17)

- Search the Book of the Lord—every word stands.
- God's judgment is fixed and sure.

**Application:** God's judgment is certain and just. To ignore it is folly. But for God's people, judgment clears the way for renewal.





# God's Joyful Salvation for the Redeemed (Chapter 35)

After the stark desolation of chapter 34, chapter 35 bursts forth with joy and life—a vision of the world made new.

## **1. The Transformation of Creation (35:1–2, 6b–7)**

- The desert blossoms like the rose.
- Glory replaces barrenness; life springs up where death reigned.
- The curse is reversed—an echo of Eden restored.

# God's Joyful Salvation for the Redeemed (Chapter 35)

## 2. The Renewal of God's People (35:3–6a)

- Weak hands and knees are strengthened.
- Fearful hearts are encouraged: “Your God will come!”
- Miraculous healings—the blind see, deaf hear, lame leap, mute sing—fulfilled in Jesus’ ministry (Matt 11:5).



# God's Joyful Salvation for the Redeemed (Chapter 35)

## 3. The Highway of Holiness (35:8–10)

- A way of safety for the redeemed.
- No predators, no uncleanness—only the ransomed may walk there.
- Everlasting joy crowns the people of God; sorrow and sighing flee away.

**Application:** For those redeemed in Christ, this is our destiny—joy everlasting, security in God's presence, life abundant.

# Summary

## (Chapters 33, 34, 35)

**Chapter 33:** In crisis, God's people pray and see the King in His beauty.

**Chapter 34:** God's judgment falls on all who oppose Him.

**Chapter 35:** God restores creation and His people in everlasting joy.

### **Gospel Fulfillment:**

Jesus is the King in His beauty (33).

He bore the judgment of sin (34).

Through His resurrection, He brings new creation and everlasting joy (35).

# Conclusion

## (Chapters 33, 34, 35)

Imagine standing in a desert, dry and lifeless. Then, suddenly, flowers bloom, streams flow, and joy fills the air. That's the picture Isaiah gives us of God's work in Christ—moving us from the wasteland of sin and judgment into the garden of everlasting joy.

### **Final Call:**

For the believer—hold fast, your King is coming.

For the seeker—turn from judgment and enter the highway of holiness by faith in Christ.