

THROUGH THE BIBLE

ISAIAH 32-35

There is a Jewish legend that in the beginning God created ten portions of love, joy, peace, and beauty.

Then He poured out nine of the ten portions on Jerusalem... It is the most *fascinating* city on Earth!

Even from a secular point-of-view Jerusalem is intriguing. It's the crossroads between *modern and ancient - east and west - Christian, Jewish, Muslim*.

Enter the Old City, and you step 2000 years back in time - *yet at the same time* - you realize Jerusalem is the future focal point of God's plan for the ages. A visit to Jerusalem is *a back to the future* experience.

One day Jesus will rule the universe from Jerusalem.

Psalms 48 says of Jerusalem, "Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole Earth, is mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King." Jerusalem is a beautiful city - a delightful city - it's God's holy city!

Yet the city has a bloody and brutal history. One historian counts as many as 27 different occasions when Jerusalem was conquered by foreign armies. Many of her defeats included carnage and destruction.

It's been said to walk the streets of Jerusalem is to walk on top of "the world's largest graveyard."

With privilege comes responsibility, and over and over through the years, God judge the highly privileged city for its rebellion, and failure to live up to its calling.

Ironically, the name “**Jerusalem**” means “**city of peace.**” But over its 4000 year history the city’s peaceful periods have been few and far between.

Tonight we pick up the book of Isaiah in the midst of six woes or warnings to King Hezekiah’s Jerusalem.

The invader at the time was the Assyrians.

But Isaiah’s prophecy goes far beyond the immediate threat. It speaks to the Jerusalem of the last days - the city surrounded by the nations of the world.

Remember, the book of Isaiah is like chocolate-vanilla swirl ice cream. Ever had a bowl of chocolate-vanilla swirl?... *It’s the snack choice of heaven!*

In each spoonful you get a little chocolate and a little vanilla - a blend. Likewise in Isaiah, each spoonful tastes of judgment and blessing. Isaiah is a blend of *God’s impending judgment and His future blessing.*

You might say Isaiah is a swirl of **woes** and **wows**.

We begin tonight in Chapter 32, “**Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice.**” This King is no surprise, He is our Lord Jesus.

Revelation 19:16 tells us that when Jesus returns to this Earth, like a warrior of old, He’ll have a name tatted down His thigh, “**King of kings and Lord of lords.**”

This King is expected!

But what might surprise you are the princes who reign with Jesus? Believe it or not, *that’s you and me!*

Luke 19 tells the parable of three servants entrusted with their Master's resources. Those who invested the resources wisely were rewarded. The Master said to each one, "Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities."

I don't even need ten cities. If I can rule a little town in the Hawaiian Islands I'll be fine. But our reward is *to rule! Faithfulness now means authority in the kingdom.*

Revelation 5:10 quotes the voices of the redeemed from all the ages! "(You) have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

Verse 2 "A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, and a cover from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Isaiah foresees a man who's *a refuge, a shelter, an oasis, a foundation.* This is a tall order of a mere man - unless that man is the God-man, Christ Jesus.

Chapter 32 begins informing us, *the King is coming!*

"The eyes of those who see will not be dim, and the ears of those who hear will listen. Also the heart of the rash will understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers will be ready to speak plainly."

This means there's hope for us! There's hope for the *dim*, and *deaf*, and *impulsive*, and *the tongue-tied*.

When Zach was a little guy I took him shopping for a new baseball glove. He paused at the display rack, bowed his head, and prayed for a few seconds.

When he raised his head and pointed to a glove.

I bought him the baseball glove... but as we were leaving the store he had second thoughts. He told me, “Dad, I’m not sure I chose the right glove. I don’t really know how God speaks to you on baseball stuff?”

And this is our problem, isn’t it? It’s easy to discern God’s will on moral matters - *just open your Bible*. But *who do I marry - or what job do I take - or which college do I attend* - these are more difficult decisions.

Yet here’s an encouragement. God promises to help our eyes to see - and ears to hear... Rather than allow us to act rashly, or let our lips stammer trying to find an answer... “*The ears of those who hear will listen.*”

If you’re listening - God will see to it that you hear!

I believe God wants us to know His will more than we do. Personally, I put a lot more confidence in God’s ability to speak, than in my ability to hear. Isaiah is saying He’ll get the message through, if I really listen.

Verse 5 “*The foolish person will no longer be called generous, nor the miser said to be bountiful...*”

When Jesus returns there’ll be no more masks.

Everyone will be known for who they are - not who they purport to be. Whenever Jesus rules hypocrisy vanishes. Truth reigns and genuineness prevails.

“*For the foolish person will speak foolishness, and his heart will work iniquity: to practice ungodliness, to utter error against the LORD, to keep the hungry unsatisfied, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. Also the schemes of the schemer are*

evil; he devises wicked plans to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaks justice.

But a generous man devises generous things, and by generosity he shall stand.” One day every heart will be exposed. There’ll be no more pretense. Evil people will be revealed as evil. Generous people will be known for their generosity. There’ll be no more acting the part.

I love how John Wayne summed up his acting career “No matter my character, I always play John Wayne.”

And this should be true of every Christian. No matter my situation or circumstances I’m a Christian first!

As the old man once said, “If you ain't who you iz; then you iz who you ain't!” Let that never be said of us.

The true mark of Christianity is genuineness!

Verse 9 “Rise up, you women who are at ease, hear my voice; you complacent daughters, give ear to my speech.” Usually women are more sensitive than men when it comes to spiritual matters, but in Isaiah’s day it was the opposite. There were hard-hearted women.

Hugh Lewis wrote a country song with a memorable lyric. He would sing, “She’s so cold, I’m turning blue.”

This could’ve been sung to the women of Jerusalem.

“In a year and some days you will be troubled, you complacent women; for the vintage will fail, the gathering will not come. Tremble, you women who are at ease; be

troubled, you complacent ones; strip yourselves, make yourselves bare, and gird sackcloth on your waists.” Sackcloth was a sign of remorse. And the women of Jerusalem needed to repent of apathy.

It’s like the young girl who said, “The number one problem in this country is apathy, *but who cares!*”

It’s been stated of the church, “10% of people are actively engaged in progressive change; 10% are actively engaged in resisting change; and the other 80% just sit there.” Do you *just sit there*, or really care?

How many of us have grown complacent toward the people around us going to Hell? Are we apathetic toward our own worship, or our own spiritual growth?

It’s time we wake-up to what matters to God!

“People shall mourn upon their breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. On the land of my people will come up thorns and briers, yes, on all the happy homes in the joyous city; because the palaces will be forsaken, the bustling city will be deserted.

The forts and towers will become lairs forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks...” The Jewish cities around Jerusalem will be abandoned. They’ll become the home for nomadic flocks and wild animals.

Remember Revelation 12 speaks of Daniel’s 70th week - what the Bible calls “Great Tribulation” It’s the final seven years before Jesus returns. At the midpoint, Satan gets booted from heaven. He retaliates by attacking God’s people, Israel. The armies of the world flood into the holy land and surround Jerusalem. The Jews are forced to flee in mass, south into the desert.

Recall Isaiah 14 spoke of the Jews escaping to the rock city of Petra on the border between Moab and Edom. A once thriving, bustling metropolis - *metro Jerusalem* - will be abandoned, and be a ghost town.

Verse 15 “Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is counted as a forest.” And in those last days God will pour out His Holy Spirit on Israel.

In Acts 2 Peter quoted Joel, a prophet who lived in Isaiah’s day, “And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh...”

Peter had connected the dots. What happened at Pentecost was the same outpouring of the Spirit that Amos had predicted for the last days. It was *different timing and a different people - but the same power...*

One day that power will come upon the Jews. Paul says in Romans 11, in the end “all Israel will be saved.”

“Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.”

There’s no peace apart from righteousness. When what’s right gets ignored, there’s no quiet or peace.

“My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places, though hail comes down on the forest, and the city is brought low in humiliation. Blessed are you who sow beside all waters, who send out freely the feet of the ox and the donkey.” God will protect His people even in the storm.

Isaiah 33 describes God's judgment on the invaders of Jerusalem. In Hezekiah's day it was Assyria. In the Last Days it's the nations led by the Antichrist.

“Woe to you who plunder, though you have not been plundered; and you who deal treacherously, though they have not dealt treacherously with you!

When you cease plundering, you will be plundered; when you make an end of dealing treacherously, they will deal treacherously with you.” Isaiah is speaking to the Assyrian general, Sennacherib. Hezekiah, king of Judah, had tried to buy his protection. Yet Sennacherib took his money, and still attacked. It was “*treachery*.”

And this too will be the Antichrist's MO. He'll deal “*treacherously*” with Israel of the last days. He'll sign a covenant... then violate its terms and attack the Jews.

Verse 2 is the cry of the Jews. “O LORD, be gracious to us; we have waited for You. Be their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

At the noise of the tumult the people shall flee; when You lift Yourself up, the nations shall be scattered; and Your plunder shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar; as the running to and fro of locusts, He shall run upon them.” God will avenge His people. This applies to end time Jews, and Christians today.

In Romans 12:19 God tells us, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.” God promises to dish out the vengeance. Our job is to extend His grace... Remember that when you think of your x-spouse, or your *unfair boss*.

Verse 5 “The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness.

Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, and the strength of salvation; the fear of the LORD is His treasure.” Wisdom provides stability. And the fear of God is a great treasure... in any era.

“Surely their valiant ones shall cry outside, the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.

The highways lie waste, the traveling man ceases. He has broken the covenant, he has despised the cities, he regards no man. The earth mourns and languishes, Lebanon is shamed and shriveled; Sharon is like a wilderness, and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits.” Lebanon, Sharon, Bashan, Carmel were all the lush, fertile regions of coastal and northern Israel.

These are the areas plundered by the Invaders.

Verse 10 "Now I will rise," says the LORD; "Now I will be exalted, now I will lift Myself up.” Yet the plundering won't last forever. God will arise and stop the invasion.

“You shall conceive chaff, you shall bring forth stubble; your breath, as fire, shall devour you. And the people shall be like the burnings of lime; like thorns cut up they shall be burned in the fire. Hear, you who are afar off, what I have done; and you who are near, acknowledge My might.” God will stop the enemy with His bad breath! His breath is like fire, like burning lime.

His stop the wicked with the force of His word.

The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness has seized the hypocrites: "Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, he who despises the gain of oppressions, who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, who stops his ears

from hearing of bloodshed, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil..." Those in Israel will fear the judgment God sends to save them. They've played the hypocrite... *will they be judged too?*

The only assurance is to "*walk righteously.*" *Do you walk righteously?* Do you speak truth - avoid greed - hate bribes - steer your ears and eyes from violence...

Isaiah says, "*shutting my eyes to evil.*"

Does that mean God cares about what I watch on television, and what websites I surf? Absolutely...

Verse 16 says of the end time Jews, "*he will dwell on high; his place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; bread will be given him, his water will be sure.*"

Where will Israel hide from the invaders? Isaiah 14 seems to identify this future refuge. Here the "*fortress of rocks*" is a probably a reference to the city of "[Petra.](#)"

Verse 17, "*Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; they will see the land that is very far off.*" What a promise! Imagine, seeing King Jesus "*in His beauty.*"

During His first advent we saw Him *in His humility*, not in His glory. But when He returns and we see Him in His splendor and beauty - every sunset, every starry sky, every painting, every fireworks display will become boring. Every beautiful sight you've ever seen will pale in comparison to the glories and beauties of Jesus.

And Christians will get to see Him in His glory before the Jews. According to the NT, the Church is raptured at least seven years prior to Jesus' coming in beauty.

Verse 18, “Your heart will meditate on terror: “Where is the scribe? Where is he who weighs? Where is he who counts the towers?” You will not see a fierce people, a people of obscure speech, beyond perception, of a stammering tongue that you cannot understand.” Isaiah speaks of the Assyrian Invaders.

Their language sounded strange to Jewish ears, like “*a stammering tongue.*” Their invasion will be thwarted.

“Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet home, a tabernacle that will not be taken down; not one of its stakes will ever be removed, nor will any of its cords be broken.” Jerusalem will survive the Assyrian scourge.

And in the last days, Jesus will come to the rescue of Jerusalem. It’ll live up to its name, “**The City of Peace.**”

Isaiah describes God’s future blessing on Jerusalem.

“But there the majestic LORD will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, in which no galley with oars will sail, nor majestic ships pass by...” The Lord is like a broad river - a water supply refreshing the city.

Yet, wide rivers invite enemy ships, “*majestic ships,*” but Jerusalem will be protected by her “*majestic Lord!*”

Verse 22 (For the LORD is our Judge, the LORD is our Lawgiver, the LORD is our King; He will save us)”

Yahweh, the God of Israel, will stop the Invaders.

Notice the three names given to the one true God in verse 22. He is Israel’s **Judge, Lawgiver,** and **King.**

Think of America. Our government also has three branches - **judicial**, **legislative**, and **executive**. *Where do you think our forefathers found their design?*

They knew that one day all three branches would be consolidated under our Lord Jesus. He'd be our *Chief Justice*, our *Lawmaker*, our *Commander and Chief*.

In the meantime, these powers should be separated. No one man should have all three offices. Only Jesus can be trusted with all three branches of power.

But it's interesting that their design for government came from Scripture. Whether or not America today is a Christian nation can be debated, but without the Bible and Christianity there would be no United States.

Isaiah goes back to the ship metaphor, verse 23, **"Your tackle is loosed, they could not strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail. Then the prey of great plunder is divided; the lame take the prey."**

The Invaders will be unable to steer their ship. God will defeat them, and heal the citizens of Jerusalem.

"And the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick"; the people who dwell in it will be forgiven their iniquity."

Isaiah 34 begins, **"Come near, you nations, to hear; and heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world and all things that come forth from it."**

There's a quote I want to read from the famous Bible commentators Kiel and Delitzsch. They write the following about chapters 34 and 35... **"We feel that Isaiah is carried away from the stage of history, and is transported into the midst of the last things... He has broken away from his own time and the "end of all things" has**

become more and more his home." Here is where Isaiah becomes a seer – he sees into the future.

I agree, I believe Chapter 34 focuses on the final battle - the battle to end all battles - the Armageddon.

Chapter 35 then sees the Kingdom Age that follows.

Verse 2 “For the indignation of the LORD is against all nations, and His fury against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the slaughter.” Notice the Lord is angry at “*all nations,*” not just Assyria. Again, this points us to the last days.

And apparently, the end times will see a new unity. Globalism will bring “*all nations*” of the Earth together.

God divided the nations at the Tower of Babel, but in the end Satan will rally the nations again in one final revolt, under the sway of his man, the Antichrist.

Even today trends are moving toward *one world solutions* and *global coalitions* - *a new world order*.

National sovereignty is viewed as an impediment to progress. *The world is getting smaller and we should work together.* This is the effect that builds-up to the final revolt. You can *visual world peace* if you’d like, but it’s *this world’s peace* that leads to *the final battle*.

Verse 3 “Also their slain shall be thrown out; their stench shall rise from their corpses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.” The day is coming

when the world's armies will unite and the chief factor that brings them together is their hatred for the Jews.

The Antichrist will invade Israel, and come against Jerusalem. The armies of the world will stage their campaign in the Valley of Jezreel, or what's called Armageddon (just north of the mountain of Megiddo).

This famous valley, in northern Israel, at the foot of Mount Carmel, stretches as far as the eye can see. Napoleon commented there was room there for all the earth's armies. That's exactly what Isaiah predicts.

When we think of the final battle we call it "[The Battle of Armageddon](#)," but it's really "[The Battle for Jerusalem](#)." Armageddon is just the staging ground.

The spoils of battle are further south - the holy city.

In fact, the fighting spills over into the whole region, as far south as Bozrah, or Edom. That's where the Jews of the end times will be hiding - the city of Petra.

We're jumping ahead a bit, but Isaiah 63 foresees Jesus, the Messiah, coming up from Edom. Listen to the words of Isaiah, "[Who is this who comes from Edom... this one Who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?... Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?... I have trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. For the day of vengeance is in my heart.](#)" This is a stunning picture of Jesus...

Today we admire the Lord's mercy, but in that day we'll see His wrath. Jesus comes to earth to make war.

He runs the Antichrist into the desert and slaughters soldiers until his robes are stained with their blood.

The Lord who shed His blood to forgive mankind, will shed the blood of those who rebel against Him. *The cross is the only beating Jesus will ever take!* When He returns it won't be His blood splattered on His robe.

Verse 3 describes it, “(the) slain thrown out... stench rises... mountains melt... (their mingled with) blood.”

The Great Tribulation will be a terrible time - plagues so intense and widespread, men will hide in caves and holes from what John calls “the wrath of the Lamb.”

Vance Havner said, “The day is coming when the most expensive piece of Real Estate will be a hole.”

Verse 4 “All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; all their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree.” Isaiah sees the day when nature goes nuts... Mother Nature will freak out.

Comets and meteors and planets will fall from the sky like leaves falling from the trees on an autumn day. John also saw this upheaval. In Revelation 6, God is opening the title deed of the Earth - to take possession of what belongs to Him. When He pops a 6th seal it unleashes cosmic disturbances on planet Earth.

Understand the mind-bending language Isaiah uses.

He's writing 2700 years ago, but it's as if he's privy to the latest theories in *tensor calculus*, and *particle physics*, and *string theory*, and *quantum mechanics*.

This is a Hebrew prophet, named *Isaiah* writing in verse 4, not a German physicist named *Einstein* - yet his insights are amazing - far ahead of his time.

Realize man's last frontier isn't *outer space*, but *inner space*. The fascination of today's cosmologists is the study of subatomic particles. Scientists have observed that when a particle travels very fast and approaches the speed of light it behaves in strange ways.

In fact, the search is on for a set of laws that govern gluons, quarks, and photons - these are infinitesimally small particles - the building blocks of the universe.

One theory is that the universe is made up not of four dimensions, but 10 dimensions. *Length, width, depth, time* are dimensions we can see. But scientists postulate other unknown dimensions that we can't see.

The idea is that these invisible dimensions are hidden because they're so small they're rolled under the edge of the universe. Only time and space are flat enough for us to see. The universe is actually curved, or rolled up like a scroll. This is a hard concept for us to grasp, but it's the exact imagery Isaiah uses in verse 4.

Don't ask me to explain it further - I'm already in over my head. But suffice it to say, the amazing ideas coming out of modern cosmology still haven't caught up with truths that the Bible revealed 2700 years ago.

God tells us in verse 5, **"For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; indeed it shall come down on Edom, and on the people of My curse, for judgment."** Again, the focal point of God's judgment is Edom or Bozrah.

“The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made overflowing with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams.

For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. The wild oxen shall come down with them, and the young bulls with the mighty bulls; their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust saturated with fatness. For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, the year of recompense for the cause of Zion.” Remember, as we mentioned earlier, The Scripture tells us vengeance belongs to the Lord. Isaiah speaks of the day He'll execute that vengeance.

“Its streams shall be turned into pitch, and its dust into brimstone; its land shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night or day; its smoke shall ascend forever. From generation to generation it shall lie waste; no one shall pass through it forever and ever.” Edom will be a place of utter desolation. It sounds a lot like the aftermath of a nuclear explosion.

“But the pelican and the porcupine shall possess it, also the owl and the raven shall dwell in it. And He shall stretch out over it the line of confusion and the stones of emptiness. They shall call its nobles to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all its princes shall be nothing. And thorns shall come up in its palaces, nettles and brambles in its fortresses; it shall be a habitation of jackals, a courtyard for ostriches.

The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the jackals, and the wild goat shall bleat to its companion; also the night creature shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest. There the arrow snake shall make her nest and lay eggs and hatch, and gather them under her shadow; there also shall the hawks be gathered, every one with her mate.

Search from the book of the LORD, and read: not one of these shall fail; not one shall lack her mate. For My mouth has commanded it, and His Spirit has gathered them. He has cast the lot for them, and His hand has divided it among them with a measuring line. They shall possess it forever; from generation to generation they shall dwell in it.” In the Kingdom Age the land of Edom will be given over to the wild beasts.

Isaiah 35 is another preview of coming attractions. It’s a foretaste of what we’ll find in chapter 40-66.

In his last 27 chapters Isaiah’s tone changes dramatically. The dark night of Earth’s history gives way to a millennial morning! Jesus will come again to judge the wicked and deliver Israel, *but that’s not all!*

He comes to remain, and rule, and reconstruct this fallen planet. The Earth will be rejuvenated. Everything sin has defiled will be cleansed and restored.

Chapter 35 begins Isaiah’s description, “The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose...”

Today, environmentalists warn that every year the forests are receding, and the deserts are expanding their boundaries. The wilderness is gobbling up the trees and farmland. It’s an ongoing man-made disaster.

But in the age when Jesus reigns, He’ll solve the Earth’s ecological problems. “*The desert shall rejoice.*”

Of course, that doesn’t mean we should wait for Jesus to responsibly oversee His creation. Our dominion over nature necessitates good stewardship.

Yet the ultimate answers will be provided by Jesus.

When He returns deserts will bloom again. Earth is restored to its original garden paradise. In a sense, we'll find ourselves home again in the Garden of Eden.

Verse 2, the world, “shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the excellency of our God.” Carmel and Sharon are regions in northwest Israel known for their beauty.

When Jesus returns all the Earth will be like a garden paradise. It'll cause everyone to be in awe of “*the glory of the Lord*” and “*the excellency of our God.*”

Verse 3 “Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you.” When Jesus is on the throne it'll inspire courage and strength. *But this is true right now!*

Weak hands and wobbly knees both become strong when we see by faith Jesus in control of our lives.

This is why Isaiah's own vision in chapter 6 was so strategic. He saw the Lord, high and lifted up! And immediately, he came undone... *Dressed down by God's holiness* - undone by sin he didn't know existed.

Yet, the end result was, “*Here am I, Lord. Send me!*”

The realization that God is high and lifted up caused Isaiah to get down to business of God. His whole life changed when he saw God sitting on the throne. The same happens to us when Jesus reigns in our lives.

And when Jesus establishes His future kingdom amazing miracles will occur. You think He performed miracles at His first coming, wait until He comes again.

“Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing.

For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of jackals, where each lay, there shall be grass with reeds and rushes.” Not only will lame legs leap like a deer, but *wasteland* will become *farmland*.

“A highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, shall not go astray.”

For the last 2000 years Jews have been scattered all over the Earth. We call it the **Diaspora**, or dispersion.

Only recently have the Jews begun to return.

But there is one more **Diaspora** awaiting the Jews.

When the Antichrist invades Israel, Jews will flee to the four corners of the globe. This is why when Jesus defeats the Antichrist, the first project of His new administration is a highway that'll bring the Jews back.

Jesus will have his own DOT - a **Department of Transportation**. And the first contract He'll commission will be “*the Highway of Holiness*.” I wouldn't be surprised if it doesn't get labeled Highway 777. The dispersed Jews will use it to return home to Jerusalem.

Isaiah describes this highway. “No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; it shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, and the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads.”

This road will hold no dangers - only everlasting joy.

“They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” Everybody who travels this highway will be *DUI - under the influence!* They'll be *under the influence of God's ransom and redemption.*

And not only will the Jews use this road to Jerusalem, all the nations will visit. Zechariah 14:16 reads, "Everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King..." We'll all take tours of Jerusalem.

We'll go up annually and worship King Jesus. Finally, the city that suffered so long will be "the city of peace."