

O LORD, Be Gracious to Us

**33** 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.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you.  
 Be our arm every morning,  
 our salvation in the time of trouble.

<sup>3</sup> At the tumultuous noise peoples flee;  
 when you lift yourself up, nations are scattered,  
<sup>4</sup> and your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar  
 gathers;  
 as locusts leap, it is leapt upon.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high;  
 he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness,  
<sup>6</sup> and he will be the stability of your times,  
 abundance of salvation, wisdom, and  
 knowledge;  
 the fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure.

<sup>7</sup> Behold, their heroes cry in the streets;  
 the envoys of peace weep bitterly.

<sup>8</sup> The highways lie waste;  
 the traveler ceases.

Ah = woe

① Assyria is being used to destroy or punish Judah, but when that is complete they will be punished for their sins. (see also 10:12-14)

② Isaiah offers a prayer for Israel. Here is the ideal of a people serving God crying out for help and guidance.

③-4 Here Isaiah speaks for the faithful who, though surrounded by the wicked, serve faithfully. When God works on their behalf the enemy flees. Here the enemy will run away and all they have will be gathered from them. It will be everywhere for them to collect.

⑤-6 This is Isaiah's prayer for what he wants to happen. Isaiah. Here God is in control and is restoring his presence. God is seen replacing all evil with his presence, and with his qualities. (salvation, wisdom, knowledge, & the rejection of evil.)

⑦-8 Isaiah shows why he has prayed this way. Without God's deliverance there is no hope. There is no one to speak for them, and there is no place to go. Travel is not safe for them.

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 the LORD,  
 "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,

8b) THE ASSYRIANS make treaties for their benefit and break them whenever it suits them. Sennacherib saw himself as the law, so only what he wanted mattered in the end. He/they have no regard for human life. Killing is just something they do. They do not have a moral code when it comes to others.

9) Everything is destroyed. The nations are stripped bare and left rotting away.

10) Here God replies, he has waited until "Now" to act. This was always coming, "Now" he will bring His deliverance for them. God's timing is perfect.

11) Here is how God deals with the Assyrians. The enemy has plans it wants to accomplish but they leave nothing useful. They will be consumed.

12) The people who are judged by God have no hope. In the end they are completely consumed, not remains, like weeds burned.

13) God calls on everyone to pay attention. It should be obvious what God is doing.

14) Now the Jews who have been unfaithful realize that as God has dealt with the Assyrians He will also deal with them. God's presence will consume all the sinful. Though ask as a question it is meant to deliver a message of coming judgment.

15) In contrast are those who follow God. Those who seek only righteousness. Every action of their lives is to do right and serve God.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 the LORD 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 the LORD is our judge; the LORD is our lawgiver;  
the LORD is our king; he will save us.
- 23a Your cords hang loose;  
they cannot hold the mast firm in its place  
or keep the sail spread out.

shows this →  
section is  
messianic

16 What to expect for doing as God instructed in vs. 15.  
THIS IS God interacting on a personal level

17 THIS SECTION IS MESSIANIC. (See vs. 22) Here is a vision of the  
Kingdom He will rule over. It is more than Judah or Israel. It is  
a spiritual Kingdom that they cannot yet conceive or understand.

18 THE enemy will be defeated. Only a memory they talk about,  
But, who is no where to be found. THE stronghold of the enemy  
is removed.

19 THE enemy has completely disappeared. They are free and NO  
Longer a conquered people.

20 Here is the New Jerusalem of Revelation. Here Kingdom  
citizens will live forever. This is a permanent city of God.

21 Here is eternal rewards living w/ God. His people joined  
with Him forever. THE enemy cannot come here.

22 Here is a description of God, what He does, and how He  
rules. Using the word 'Lord' 3 times invokes the trinity and the  
assurity He is in absolute control. Here the Lord God judges  
or determines matters finally. It is His law and standards  
that will be followed. There is no longer a conflict of  
those seeking to rule. That is settled forever.

23a THE SHIPS OF the enemy are coming undone. THE rigging  
and masts do not hold the wind. THE flounder before God  
WHO'S WIND WILL NOT FILL THEIR SAILS.

b 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.

Judgment on the Nations

**34** Draw near, O nations, to hear,  
 and give attention, O peoples!  
 Let the earth hear, and all that fills it;  
 the world, and all that comes from it.  
2 For the LORD is enraged against all the nations,  
 and furious against all their host;  
 he has devoted them to destruction, has given  
 them over for slaughter.  
3 Their slain shall be cast out,  
 and the stench of their corpses shall rise;  
 the mountains shall flow with their blood.  
4 All the host of heaven shall rot away,  
 and the skies roll up like a scroll.  
 All their host shall fall,  
 as leaves fall from the vine,  
 like leaves falling from the fig tree.  
5 For my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens;  
 behold, it descends for judgment upon Edom,  
 upon the people I have devoted to  
 destruction.  
6 a The LORD has a sword; it is sated with blood;  
 it is gorged with fat,

23b Here the spoil of the enemy is deemed by God's people.  
 Even the lame shows the complete defeat. There is no one left to  
 resist.

24 All are healed in God's city. All are restored to perfect health.  
 All who enter the Kingdom & the New Jerusalem are washed of  
 their sins. They are restored physical and spiritually.

\* Chapters 34-35 form a single prophecy. Here we see 2 sides  
 of God's Judgment. Punishing the wicked & blessing of righteousness.  
 Here God is sovereign over all.

1 This message is so important everyone & everything is called to stop  
 and listen. In other sections selected nations are called to hear his word.

2 Here we are told why the Lord is calling the nations. The nations  
 have made the Living God angry. His judgment is determined and  
 spoken in the past tense. In God's Judgment this will and has happened.

3 The defeated remain unburied. This is a scene after the battle.  
 Unburied soldiers were seen as lost for eternity.

4 Here is prophetic language from the 2nd Heaven. The warrior or  
 leadership have no hope. The sky is the nations and their armies.  
 These are defeated and whipped out. Here is prophetic language  
 of Judgment of those who have angered God.

Edom represents all the wicked and not just one nation, yet it is \*

5 This is judgment of God upon the nations of the 2nd Heaven.  
 What God plans to do to the wicked is clearly determined.

6 This sword has been used for animal sacrifice. This has  
 happened often.

\* Edom that is clearly singled out for this Judgment.