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Then prey and spoil in abundance will be divided;
even the lame will take the prey.
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.
6a 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 physically 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.

- 6b. with the blood of lambs and goats,
with the fat of the kidneys of rams.
For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah,
a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
- 7 Wild oxen shall fall with them,
and young steers with the mighty bulls.
Their land shall drink its fill of blood,
and their soil shall be gorged with fat.
- 8 For the LORD has a day of vengeance, (Justice, Retribution)
a year of recompense for the cause of Zion.
- 9 And the streams of Edom shall be turned into pitch,
and her soil into sulfur;
her land shall become burning pitch.
- 10 Night and day it shall not be quenched;
its smoke shall go up forever.
From generation to generation it shall lie waste;
none shall pass through it forever and ever.
- 11 But the hawk and the porcupine shall possess it,
the owl and the raven shall dwell in it.
He shall stretch the line of confusion over it,
and the plumb line of emptiness.
- 12 Its nobles—there is no one there to call it a
kingdom,
and all its princes shall be nothing.
- 13 Thorns shall grow over its strongholds,
nettles and thistles in its fortresses.
It shall be the haunt of jackals,
an abode for ostriches.

6b. This sacrifice for sin will continue. But now it will come upon the wicked. It will no longer be an animal sacrifice, not men will pay for their sins.

- ① They will be sacrificed w/ animals. Here the sacrifice for their sins will be mixed with animals. Men dying for their sins.
- ② This is a day of judgment AND justice. The time needed to accomplish this is a year. This is not a literal year but a period of time to bring vengeance to sinners and justice for the righteous. Be careful Godly vengeance is just and perfect, while human vengeance is filled w/ emotions. Zion represents God's nation, laws, and desires all of which have been abused. No one has stood up for Zion so now God is going to do it Himself.
- ③ The focus changes away from the enemy and the armies to the consequences upon their land/nations. Here is a picture of a burned and desolate place w/out hope.
- ④ Judgment is lifted to a spiritual level here. Punishment does not end. IT is for ever & ever.
- ⑤ Only wild animals will occupy it. Judgment has removed the mighty nations. The line and the plumb line are showing God has a standard he measures and judges by.
- ⑥ Shows how completely the fall and defeat are. The few that remain could never be considered a kingdom.
- ⑦ The desolation is complete. The animals wonder finally.

- 14 And wild animals shall meet with hyenas;
the wild goat shall cry to his fellow;
indeed, there the night bird settles
and finds for herself a resting place.
- 15 There the owl nests and lays
and hatches and gathers her young in her
shadow;
indeed, there the hawks are gathered,
each one with her mate.
- 16 Seek and read from the book of the LORD:
Not one of these shall be missing;
none shall be without her mate.
For the mouth of the LORD has commanded,
and his Spirit has gathered them.
- 17 He has cast the lot for them;
his hand has portioned it out to them with the
line;
they shall possess it forever;
from generation to generation they shall dwell
in it.

The Ransomed Shall Return

35 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the
crocus;

- ² it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

14 This Land is completely empty of human influence.

15 These birds stay away from people, so they are freely living
w/out fear of any human beings.

16 These are written down as proof this is God's plan. This
prophecy comes from the mouth of God. The land will be totally
wild and occupied by all the animals as if man had never been
here.

17 This judgment upon Edom is set to last. The animals are
said to live here forever. The nation of Edom is done.

35 This is about restoration and God's future promise. It
can be seen in every age God works. It is fulfilled when the
Jews return from Babylon, or the Christian church era, or to the
final restoration of all of God's people to the eternal spiritual
kingdom of Christ Jesus. Deliverance is promised to God's people
in every age, He does not forget those who follow His path.

1-2 Shows the opposite of God's judgment in chapter 34. Here
all is restored to His people. Here the desert blooms and there is
joy everywhere. Beauty will come to it the once belonged to
others. Here the defeated people of God are restored. Every-
thing is made new and whole.