

## A Woe Against Those on Whom the King Will Take Vengeance ~ Part 2 Yesha'yahu 33:14-24

In my last post, we learned of **A Woe Against Those on Whom the King Will Take Vengeance ~ Part 1** in **Yesha'yahu 33:1-13**. In this post, we wrap up **A Woe Against Those on Whom the King Will Take Vengeance ~ Part 2** in **Yesha'yahu 33:14-24**.

***<sup>14</sup> The sinners in Tziyon are frightened; trembling has seized the ungodly. "Who of us can live with the devouring fire? Who of us can live with eternal burning?"***

Having seen **Adonai** move against the **Ashurim**, His people quake, fearing they're next in line for judgment. Who can stand in the presence of such an awesome **Adonai**? The answer in the following verses are similar to Psalms 15 and 24, thought to be liturgies used by those entering the sacred space of the sanctuary.

***<sup>15</sup> He whose life is right and whose speech is straight, he who scorns getting rich by extortion, he who shakes his hands free of bribes, stops his ears against talk of bloodshed and shuts his eyes against looking at evil. <sup>16</sup> Such a person will live on the heights, his refuge a fortress among the cliffs, his food, and water in steady supply.***

Righteousness - **He whose life is right** - is described in this verse in relational terms. **Adonai** will dwell with those who refrain from acts that exploit other people. The righteous person will avoid extortion, bribery, and murder. A Believer who is walking with **Adonai** in the time of the consuming, devouring fire will be able to stand. The same fire that petrifies those who aren't Believers will purify those who want to be more like Him.

***<sup>17</sup> Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; they will gaze on land stretching into the distance.***

The **King** is none other than **Adonai** Himself. The picture of the **King in His beauty** looks to the future after the judgment and the destruction of the enemy when **Adonai's** people will be restored.

***<sup>18</sup> Your mind will meditate on the terror: "Where is the man who did the counting? Where is the man who did the weighing? Where is the man who numbered the towers?"***

In this glorious future, no longer will there be emissaries from the oppressive enemy to take the resources of the people of **Adonai** or those who try to prepare for battle against them.

***<sup>19</sup> You will not see the intransigent people, that people whose language is so obscure, whose stuttering speech you cannot understand.***

The **Ashurim** tax collectors, some of whom may have come from various parts of the empire, spoke **Aramaic**, while the majority of **Isra'eli** spoke only **Hebrew**. They may also have had strange-sounding accents, which added to the sense of foreign control and oppression for the people of Y'hudah.

***<sup>20</sup> Look at Tziyon, the city of our festivals; your eyes will see Yerushalayim a secure abode, a tent that will not be removed, whose pegs will never be pulled out and whose guy-ropes will not be cut. <sup>21</sup> But there in His splendor, Adonai will be with us, in a place of rivers and broad streams. But no boat with oars will go there; no majestic ship will pass by.***

Of **Yerushalayim**, the most fought-over city in the history of humanity, **Adonai** says it shall be a quiet habitation, that it shall stand. Despite the current tensions in the Middle East with the Iranians rushing to develop nuclear weapons, perhaps the safest spot on the face of the earth is **Yerushalayim**, for **Adonai** guarantees her preservation. To describe **Tziyon** as a place of rivers and broad streams is to paint a picture of future blessing since **Yerushalayim** had nothing of the kind.

***<sup>22</sup> For Adonai is our judge, Adonai is our lawgiver, Adonai is our king. He will save us.***

**Adonai** is our *judge, lawgiver,* and *king,* offices that provide internal and external stability and security.

***<sup>23</sup> For your ropes are hanging loose, not holding the mast, not spreading the sail. Then the plunder shared out is so huge that even the lame get part of the spoil.***

The boat imagery may point to those ships in verse 21 that try to assail **Tziyon**. But rather than taking plunder away, even the *lame* among the people of **Adonai** will receive a portion.

***<sup>24</sup> No inhabitant will say, "I am ill"; the people living there will be forgiven their sin.*** ~ Isaiah 33:14-24 (CJB)

The change from judgment to salvation for the people of **Adonai** takes place for one reason: they will be forgiven their iniquity.

When **Yeshua** returns, when **Yerushalayim** is quiet, when the *river flows* through the city, there will be no more sickness. When the **Yeshua** walked on earth, all that came to Him were healed without exception. Thus, **Yeshua's** ministry on earth provided a sneak preview of great coming attractions.

In my next post, we explore **A Prophecy Against the Nations** in **Yesha'hayu 34**.