

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 36

Chapters 28-35 of Isaiah: The six “woe” passages and their message

Chapter 33

Chapter 33 predicts **the destruction of Assyria**, and portrays it as a **foretaste** of greater things to come. It begins with the 6th and final woe of chapters 28-35.

The following chart presents an outline of chapter 33:

Verses	Subject	
33:1-9	A woe, a prayer, and the present despair	•
33:10-16	The Lord will arise	•
33:17-24	Your eyes will see the King	•

Let’s read chapter 33 together now.

Discussion Guide

1. Who is the “destroyer” in verse 1?
2. Who is praying in verses 2-6? What are they praying for?
3. What is the extent of the devastation in verses 7-9? The background for verses 7-9 is found in 2 Kings 18:13-17. How does it shed light on this passage in Isaiah?
4. Who is speaking in verses 10-13? To whom does He speak? What is His overall message?
5. The image of fire returns in verse 14. Is this the same fire as in verses 11-12? Why or why not?
6. Who is speaking verses 14-16? What’s the main subject? Who according to Isaiah can live with God (“dwell on high”)? Compare and contrast verses 14-16 with statements in Romans 3:10-4:8.
7. Who is the King in verse 17? How do you know? (hint – v. 22) Who will see His beauty? What will they not see? When they look upon Zion (v. 20), what will they see? When will all this take place?
8. Notice the reference to rivers and canals. Does this describe the city of Jerusalem today? Please read Ezekiel 47:1-12 and comment.
9. Verse 24 speaks of a future time when all the people living in Zion will enjoy perfect health and complete forgiveness. Please read Isaiah 65:20 and Jeremiah 31:34 and comment.