

Isaiah 33

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Distress and Deliverance

¹ Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

² O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

³ At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered.

⁴ And your spoil shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

⁵ The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

⁶ And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

⁷ Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.

⁸ The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man.

⁹ The earth mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits.

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- 10 Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.
- 11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you.
- 12 And the people shall be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.
- 13 Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might.
- 14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?
- 15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;
- 16 He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.
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- 17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.
- 18 Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the towers?
- 19 Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, that thou canst not understand.
- 20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.
- 21 But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.

- 22** For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.
- 23** Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey.
- 24** And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

Covenant — בְּרִית (Berit)

Covenant, treaty

The Hebrew **berit** (בְּרִית) denotes a covenant—a binding agreement, often ratified by blood sacrifice. God's covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic) structure redemptive history, culminating in the New Covenant.

Eternal — עוֹלָם (Olam)

Eternal, everlasting

The Hebrew **olam** (עוֹלָם) means eternal or everlasting—time stretching beyond human comprehension. God is the 'everlasting God' (Genesis 21:33), and His covenant love endures forever.

Forgive — נָשָׂא / נָלַץ (Salach / Nasa)

To forgive, pardon, lift up

The Hebrew **salach** (נָלַץ) is used exclusively of God's forgiveness—divine pardon that only He can grant. **Nasa** (נָשָׂא) means to lift up or carry away, picturing sin being removed.

Iniquity — עָוֹן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (עָוֹן) encompasses iniquity, guilt, and its punishment—the twisted nature of sin. 'The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all' (Isaiah 53:6), Christ bearing our guilt and penalty.

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

Salvation — יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשׁוּעָה) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

CROSS REFERENCES

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Isaiah 33:2 **Salvation:** Isaiah 25:9; 59:16; Psalms 62:1. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 25:4; Psalms 46:1; 60:11; 62:8. **References Lord:** Isaiah 26:16; 40:10; Exodus 14:27

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Isaiah 33:8 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 35:8; Judges 5:6

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Isaiah 33:10 **Resurrection:** Psalms 12:5. **Parallel theme:** Amos 6:1

Isaiah 33:11 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 59:4; Psalms 7:14; James 1:15

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