KING MESSIAH REIGNS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS (32:1-8)

Isaiah

32 Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will govern in justice.

² And each will be like a refuge from the wind and a shelter from the tempest,

like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great cliff in a weary land.

³ And the eyes of those who see will not be closed, and the ears of those who hear will listen,

⁴ and the heart of the rash will understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers will speak fluently.

⁵The fool will no longer be called noble, nor a villain said to be honorable.

⁶ For the fool speaks folly, and his heart works iniquity

in order to do ungodliness and to speak error against the LORD,

to make empty the soul of the hungry and to deprive the thirsty of drink.

⁷ And the instruments of the villain are evil; he devises wickednesses

to destroy the poor with lying words when the needy speak justly.

⁸ But the noble person makes noble plans, and such rises to noble things.

DESTRUCTION FOR THE WICKED, PEACE FOR THE RIGHTEOUS (32:9–20)

The Lord

⁹"Women who are at ease, rise up, hear My voice! And carefree daughters, give ear to My speech!

¹⁰ Days beyond a year, carefree ones will quake,

because the vintage will fail, the harvest will not come.

¹¹Tremble, you women who are at ease; quake, carefree ones;

strip

and make yourselves bare,

and gird {sackcloth} upon your waists,

12 beat on your breasts,

over pleasant fields, over a fruitful vine;

¹³On My people's soil thorn and briar will come up,

yea, upon all the exulting houses, the town of revelry,

¹⁴because the palaces will be forsaken, the multitude of the [houses]¹³⁵ shall be [desolate].

The citadel and watchtower will become desolate spaces forever,

a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks.

Isaiah

¹⁵ Until the Spirit from on high is poured out upon us,

and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is considered a forest.

¹⁶Then justice will reside in the wilderness, and righteousness will dwell in the fruitful field.

¹⁷ And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the work of righteousness, quietness and security forever.

The LORD

¹⁸ And My people will live in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

¹⁹ And when it hails, coming down on the forest, and the city is totally laid low:¹³⁶

²⁰ Happy, you who sow beside all waters and who let the ox and the donkey range free."

A WOE AGAINST SENNACHERIB? (33:1)

Isaiah

33 Woe, O destroyer, but you have not been destroyed, and traitor, with whom none has betrayed.

^{135.} Bracketed words in the verse are from JST.

^{136.} The verse presents difficult forms, which makes a proper translation complicated.