

strip  
 and make yourselves bare,  
 and gird {sackcloth} upon your waists,  
<sup>12</sup>beat on your breasts,  
 over pleasant fields,  
 over a fruitful vine;  
<sup>13</sup>On My people's soil  
 thorn and briar will come up,  
 yea, upon all the exulting houses, the town of revelry,  
<sup>14</sup>because the palaces will be forsaken,  
 the multitude of the [houses]<sup>135</sup> shall be [desolate].  
 The citadel and watchtower will become desolate spaces forever,  
 a joy of wild asses,  
 a pasture of flocks.

**Isaiah** <sup>15</sup>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.  
<sup>16</sup>Then justice will reside in the wilderness,  
 and righteousness will dwell in the fruitful field.  
<sup>17</sup>And the effect of righteousness will be peace,  
 and the work of righteousness, quietness and security forever.

**The LORD** <sup>18</sup>And My people will live in a peaceful habitation,  
 in secure dwellings,  
 and in quiet resting places.

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

<sup>20</sup>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.

When you stop destroying,  
 you will be destroyed;  
 when you make an end of betraying,  
 you will be betrayed.

#### THE RIGHTEOUS PRAISE THE LORD IN PRAYER (33:2-6)

**God's  
 covenant  
 people**     <sup>2</sup>O LORD, be gracious to us;  
 we have waited<sup>137</sup> for You.  
 Be their arm every morning,  
 [their]<sup>138</sup> salvation in time of trouble.

<sup>3</sup>At the tumultous noise, peoples flee,  
 when You arise, nations scatter.

**Isaiah**     <sup>4</sup>And your spoil {O nations} is gathered as the caterpillar gathers;  
 one leaps upon it as the locusts leap.

**God's  
 covenant  
 people**     <sup>5</sup>The LORD is exalted,  
 for He dwells on high;  
 He fills Zion with justice and righteousness.

<sup>6</sup>And He will be faithfulness in your times,  
 a treasure of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge.  
 The fear of the LORD, that is his treasure.

#### THE WICKED ARE BURNED (33:7-14A)

**Isaiah**     <sup>7</sup>Behold the heroes cry outside;  
 the messengers of peace weep bitterly.

<sup>8</sup>Highways lie desolate,  
 the traveler ceases,  
 covenants are broken,  
 witnesses<sup>139</sup> are despised, there is respect for no one.

<sup>9</sup>The land mourns, grows weak;  
 Lebanon is ashamed, withers away.

Sharon is like a desert;  
 Bashan and Carmel are stripped bare.

**The LORD**     <sup>10</sup>"Now, I will arise,"

137. The Hebrew verb *qwh* ("waited") can also be rendered "hoped."

138. From JST.

139. DSS Isaiah reads "witnesses" (Hebrew *'adim*) versus MT's reading of "cities" (Hebrew *'irim*)—a case of graphically similar words.

**Isaiah** says the LORD.

**The LORD** “Now I will be exalted,  
now I will lift Myself.

<sup>11</sup> You conceive chaff,  
you give birth to stubble;

your breath, as a fire, will consume you.

<sup>12</sup> And peoples will be burnings of lime;  
like thorns cut down, they will be burned in the fire.

<sup>13</sup> Hear what I have done, you who are far off,  
and know My might, you who are near.

<sup>14</sup> The sinners in Zion are afraid;  
trembling seizes the godless.”

#### THE RIGHTEOUS WILL DWELL IN EVERLASTING BURNINGS (GLORY) WITH GOD (33:14B-17)

**Isaiah** <sup>14</sup> Who among us will dwell with devouring fire?  
Who among us will dwell with everlasting burnings?

<sup>15</sup> He who walks righteously  
and speaks what is right,

he who rejects gain by extortion,  
who shakes his hands from holding a bribe,

who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed  
and shuts his eyes from seeing evil.

<sup>16</sup> He will dwell on the heights;  
his place of defense will be fortresses of rocks.

His bread will be given;  
his water will be sure.

<sup>17</sup> Your eyes will see the King in His beauty;  
they will see a land that is far off.

#### THE GLORIOUS CONDITIONS OF ZION (33:18-24)

**Isaiah** <sup>18</sup> Your heart will meditate on the terror:

**Unnamed** “Where is the one who counts {the taxes}?

**individual** Where is he who weighs {the tribute}?

Where is he who counts the towers?”

**Isaiah**      <sup>19</sup> You will not see a fierce people,  
people of unintelligible speech,  
which you cannot comprehend,  
a strange tongue, which you cannot understand.

<sup>20</sup> Behold Zion,  
the town of our appointed festivals;  
your eyes will see Jerusalem, a peaceful habitation,  
a tent not moved,  
its stakes not pulled up forever,  
and its cords never broken.

<sup>21</sup> For there the LORD in majesty will be for us,  
a place of rivers, wide streams;  
no oared ship will travel it,  
nor mighty ship will pass on it.

<sup>22</sup> For the LORD is our judge,  
the LORD is our lawgiver,  
the LORD is our king;  
He will save us.

<sup>23</sup> Your ropes have come loose; they cannot hold the base of  
their mast,  
nor keep the sail spread out.

Then the abundant spoil was divided;  
the lame have taken the plunder.

<sup>24</sup> And no resident will say,

**Unnamed individual**    "I am sick."

**Isaiah**      The people who dwell there are forgiven of iniquity.

#### A DAY OF WRATH UPON EDOM (THE WORLD) (34:1-8)

**Isaiah**      **34** Come near, O nations, to hear,  
and hearken, O peoples!

Let the earth and its fulness hear,  
the world, and all that comes from it.

<sup>2</sup> For the LORD has wrath against all nations  
and anger against all their host.