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If you want to know what's going on in the world watch Israel. Watch the city of Jerusalem. If you want to know whether or not Armageddon is close, and it is coming, watch Israel. Beloved, Israel is God's time clock. And believe it or not, there will be peace in the Middle East. How do I know? Read the Book. It tells us the future of Israel.

PART ONE

Welcome to today's program, Beloved, as we study Isaiah 33 and move into Isaiah 34. Remember our theme this week is: That the Lord is the stability of our times. And the Lord's relationship to Israel shows us what time it is and what is happening. Well in Isaiah chapter 33 in verse 17 it says this: **"Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; they will behold a far-distant land."** (Isaiah 33:17) Well let's look at the King in His beauty. I want to take you back to Isaiah chapter 9. In Isaiah chapter 9 we have this wonderful prophecy. And it says in verse 6, **"For a child will be born to us, a son will**

be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders....” In other words, He’s the one that is going to reign. “...His name will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**” And it says, “...On the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore....” There will be no end to His peace. When He sets up His kingdom, when He begins to rule it says, “...The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7) Well what we’re seeing in Isaiah 33 and then in 34 and 35 is, we see the zeal of the Lord as He comes to destroy the destroyer, as He comes to deal with the one that deals treacherously, as He comes to set up His kingdom after all the plans of man are frustrated, all the ambassadors of peace are weeping bitterly because it didn’t happen, because it fell apart. Now we can connect this to the time when Assyria came down against King Hezekiah. And we’re going to look at that next week. Or we can just stop and see that he is speaking generally and any time that there is a peace agreement that is against the Word of God, that requires the giving away of the land of Israel, it will not work. It will not last. It may happen for a short time, but it will not last. And God assures us of that, because He is the Prince of peace. He is the King. Now you look at 33, verse 17. We saw it. I want us to go back and look at this term “king” before we go any further. In Isaiah 32, which we looked at last week, and verse 1 we saw, “Behold, [the] king will reign righteously....” (Isaiah 32:1) No more corrupt governments. No more people moving for political expediency. No more people buying the votes of a person and saying, “I’ll trade you this vote for this vote if you will support me.” No, it’s complete and absolute integrity, complete and absolute righteousness. Don’t you long for the day? Don’t you long for the day? Don’t you absolutely grieve at our system in Congress and in the Senate and the people that are there for their own glory or their own purposes instead of the purposes of God? Because surely this country was founded on a fear of the Lord, and remember:

“...The fear of the LORD is [a] treasure.” (Isaiah 33:6) It is a treasure that we have lost because you don’t see people fearing the Lord anymore. You see individuals, and I’m so thankful for those individuals, and I pray for those individuals. But generally, we don’t see a fear of the Lord. Well then we look at 33, verse 22 and it says, **“...The LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; He will save us—.” (Isaiah 33:22)** There is salvation only through God. And then when we come to Isaiah 43, verse 15. It says, **“I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel....” (Isaiah 43:15)** He is the “Creator of Israel.” Now remember this: He—God created this nation. He—God, went and called Abraham out of the Ur of the Chadees and He told him to follow Him and that He would make of him a great nation, and in him all the nations of the earth would be blessed. (See Genesis 12:1-3) Because from him would come the Messiah. So that men of every tribe and tongue and nation that believe on Him would have eternal life. (See Revelation 5:9) And would live with Him forever and ever and ever in the heavenly Zion that comes down out of heaven in that new Jerusalem. (See Revelation 2:12) But until then there is an old Jerusalem. And that Jerusalem, that Zion, is going to be re-established and protected by God Almighty. And so in Isaiah 43 and let me read it to you again because I got so excited I just plain stopped. But in Isaiah 43, verse 15 He says, **“I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel....,”** now listen, **“...your King.” (Isaiah 43:15)** I want to stop and ask you a question. Is God your King? Is He the ruler of your life? Is He the One that you realize **“...in him [you] live, and move, and have [y]our being....”?** (Acts 17:28) Is He the one that you bow the knee too? Is He the one that you get up, and becomes your strength every morning? Is He the one whose kingdom you’re trying to further, or are you trying to further your own kingdom? Listen, God will not share His throne with anyone. And if you do not have God as your King, as the ruling dominant force in your life, then, Precious One, you’re going to perish and you will never ever see Jerusalem and the King in all of

His beauty. It says in verse 18 of chapter 33 of Isaiah, it says, **“Your heart will meditate on terror: Where is he who counts? Where is he who weighs? Where is he who counts the towers? You will no longer see a fierce people, a people of unintelligible speech which no one comprehends, of a stammering tongue which no one understands.”**

(Isaiah 33:18-19) In other words, “Listen. You are never going to have a foreign invader in your land again that is talking to you in their language that you can’t understand. You’re going to see the King in His beauty. You’re not going to meditate on terror anymore because there ain’t gonna be terror anymore, because Jesus is going to rule.” And He is the King. The Lord is the King. It says, **“Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; [you]...will see Jerusalem...,”** now listen carefully, **“...an undisturbed habitation, a tent which will not be folded; its stakes will never be pulled [out], nor any of its cords [ever] torn apart.”** **(Isaiah 33:20)** In other words, God’s putting up His city, His city Jerusalem. And there is a day coming when no man will ever come against Jerusalem again. There will be peace in the Middle East. Now until then, and I tell my Jewish friends when we talk about their future, I say, “I hate to tell you, but all hell is going to break loose in Israel; all hell.” You keep your eyes on Israel and you keep your nose in the Book. You study along with us. You get our free study guide. Go to <preceptsforlife.com>, and know that we are here to help you discover truth for yourself so that you can know what the Book says and watch what’s going on in Israel and tell what time it is and how close Armageddon is. Because Armageddon comes, and then the Battle of Armageddon comes, or that’s what they call it, and then Messiah comes and He rules on the face of this earth. Watch Israel. Listen to what we’re saying. It says, **“But there [in Jerusalem] the majestic One, the LORD, will be for us....”** **(Isaiah 33:21)** He will be for the Jews. So if you’re against the Jews you’re against a nation that God called, a nation that God created, a nation that God raised up. The— Israel is the pupil of His eye. And the way you tell

whether somebody is alive or dead is, you touch their pupil, and if they don't blink, if nothing happens when you touch their pupil, they're dead. Don't ever touch Israel. It's the pupil of God's eye and you're going to find out He is very much alive and He will defend His people. It says, **"...There the majestic One...will be for us a place of rivers and wide canals on which no boat with oars will go...on which no mighty ship will pass—for the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; He will save us—your tackle hangs slack; it cannot hold the base of its mast firmly, nor spread out the sail. Then the prey of [the] abundant spoil will be divided...."** (Isaiah 33:21-23) In other words, you can't do anything. You can't steer a ship. You can't do anything. And when this happens then, **"...[the] abundant spoil will be divided [among Israel]; the lame [the lame that can't even walk] will take the plunder. And no resident will say, 'I am sick'; the people who dwell there [in Jerusalem] will be forgiven their iniquity."** (Isaiah 33:23-24) They're going to be forgiven their iniquity. This is the promise. So what does God say to the nations? We'll be right back.

PART TWO

Welcome back, Beloved. Remember at the beginning of the program I was talking about watching Israel because Israel is God's time clock. If you want to know what's going on in the world you watch Israel. If you want to know how soon Messiah is coming, how soon Armageddon is going to happen, how soon the nations are going to gather against Jerusalem to do battle, how soon the Euphrates is going dry up so the kings of the east can come along and come across that and come to Har-Magedon or to Megiddo, to the valley of Jehoshaphat, to do evil against Israel, watch Israel. You've got to know the Word of God. And I am so proud of you for studying. Now what does He tell us in Isaiah chapter 33? He says in verse 20, **"Look upon Zion, the city of [your] appointed feasts; your eyes will see Jerusalem, an**

undisturbed habitation....” (Isaiah 33:20) In other words, there is a time of peace coming. But God has a word to the nations in respect to Israel. And so now having finished the “woes” that start in chapter 28 and go all the way through chapter 33, now God turns, and in two chapters, in 34 and 35, He has a word to the nations, and He has a word to Edom. Now what is Edom? Edom is present day Jordan; present day Jordan. Ammon, Moab, and Edom make up the country right now of present day Jordan. So we’re going to see the future of Edom, of Jordan, as it relates to Israel. And when you watch this what you see again, your eyes are focused on the Middle East, you’re eyes are focused on Israel, and when you think about all these things and what’s going to happen, “[The Lord is] **the stability of your times....”**

(Isaiah 33:6) I don’t want you to forget that key verse. I don’t want you to forget chapter 33, verse 6, because that’s the verse we’ve latched on to for our theme this week. **“...The fear of the LORD is [your] treasure.”**

(Isaiah 33:6) Respecting God, believing Him, taking Him at His word; and so this is what we’re doing. Now chapter 34, **“Draw near, O nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples...!”** He says, “Come here, I want to talk to you. I want you to hear what I’m saying. I want you to listen to what I’m saying.”

“...Let all the earth and all [that] it contains hear....” (Isaiah 34:1) “I want the earth to hear. I want the animals to hear. I want the shrubs and the trees and all the earth, I want them to hear what I have to say.” Because what He has to say has to do with Jerusalem. And what has to do with Jerusalem affects the foliage. It affects the animal life and it affects the people. And so He says, “I want you to hear.” Because **“...The LORD’S indignation is against all the nations....” (Isaiah 34:2)** God is indignant. God is upset with the nations. **“...His wrath [is] against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them....” (Isaiah 34:2)** In other words, listen, there is going to be wholesale slaughter. I want you to go to Revelation just for one quick minute because that’s all we have. But I want you to see what He says. So Revelation chapter 14 in verse 18, and I’m in the middle of the

verse, “...‘Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe.’ So the angel swung his sickle to the earth, and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great...press of the wrath of God.” (Revelation 14:18-19) Now “the great press,” when he’s saying that, in their minds the Jews can see it because they had wine press and they would go in and they would hold a rope. They would gather their garments up. They would stick that that long garment into their sash and then they would begin to tread out the grapes, getting the wine and that red grape juice staining their garment. And it says, “**And the wine press was trodden outside the city [outside Jerusalem], and blood came [up] from the wine press, up to the horses’ bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.**” (Revelation 14:20) Two hundred miles would take you from Megiddo in the north, Har-Magedon. All the way down, down through the valley of Jehoshaphat, which is the valley between the Mount of Olives and the Temple Mount area. It’s called the Kidron Valley, all the way down into the south into the Araba and down to Petra, is two hundred miles, a little bit less than two hundred miles, about a 182. The blood is going to be as high as the bridle on a horse. All the nations are drawn together against Israel and He is going to utterly destroy them. Go back to chapter 34, verse 3. “**So their slain will be thrown out, and their corpses will give off their stench, and the mountains will be drenched with their blood. And all the host of heaven will wear away....**” The host of heaven is the sun and the moon and the stars. “**...And the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; and all their hosts will also wither away....**” In other words, there’s going to be a falling of the stars from heaven, etc. “**...As [the leaves] wither from the vine...as one withers from the fig tree. For My sword is satiated in heaven....**” (Isaiah 34:3-5) In other words, I have taken out My sword from heaven. And listen to what it says. “**...behold it shall descend [in] judgment upon Edom....**” (Isaiah 34:5) Look at the map in your free study guide. I trust you’ve downloaded it

by going to <preceptsforlife.com>. But what He's saying is, "My judgment is going to come from heaven. It's going to come down on Edom." And it says, **"...It shall descend [from] judgment upon Edom and upon the people whom I..."** God is speaking, **"...have devoted to destruction. The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is sated with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in the land of Edom."** (Isaiah 34:5-6) This is why Petra is of such interest to Christians, because it's down in that area that we find Bozrah. It is down in that land of Edom. And God is going to move in judgment upon them. It says, **"For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion."** (Isaiah 34:8) God is going to judge. God is going to move. It says, **"Wild oxen [also] will...fall with them and young bulls with strong ones; thus their land will be soaked with blood, and their dust greasy with fat. For the Lord has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion."** (Isaiah 34:7-8) Zion is God's city. Zion is where God has put His name. Zion is the city that God gave to David. It is the Temple Mount that David purchased from Ornan. (See 1 Chronicles 21:22) It is David's. It is Israel's. It is not anyone else's. And God has ordained this. You can say, "I don't believe it." That's heresy and death to you. But this is what God's Word says. The question is: who will you believe, man or God?