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 None shall be left in the "wilderness," for there shall be a highway for all the followers of God's Truth. Matters not what the faithful be, illiterate or otherwise, they shall not err therein. Indeed, all the "wheat" shall be gathered and put into the "barn," the Kingdom. (See Tract No. 3, "The Judgment and the Harvest.")

Verse 7—"And the parched ground [the places which are now entirely devoid of Truth] shall become a pool, and the thirsty land [the land that thirsts for God's Truth] springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes."  
 There shall be fruitage, you see, even where the dragons lie.  
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# TIMELY GREETINGS

## —The Only Peace of Mind—

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"We all went under the tree and sat down to look at the glory of the place, when Brethren Fitch and Stockman, who had preached the gospel of the kingdom, and whom God had laid in the grave to save them, came up to us and asked us what we had passed through while they were sleeping. We tried to call up our greatest trials, but they looked so small compared with the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory that surrounded us that we could not speak them out, and we all cried out, 'Alleluia, heaven is cheap enough!' and we touched our glorious harps and made heaven's arches ring."—"Early Writings," p. 17.

Brother, Sister, the sacrifices we may be called to make are as nothing in comparison to the privilege of heading for Zion via the Highway of Holiness. Ponder upon this, then act. Let nothing deter you from complying with God's Truth for this time—the day in which the nations see Edom perish and the desert blossom. Act now while the highway to Zion is in preparation.

Yes, the Highway leads to Zion. With songs and everlasting joy shall the redeemed enter therein, never more to sorrow or to sigh. "For He cometh, to judge the earth; He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His Truth." Ps. 96:13.

Verse 10—"And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

be allowed to return and to endanger the peace of God's people. Only the redeemed shall walk on the Highway of Holiness. And where does the Highway lead?—The next verse gives the answer:

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Though the Lord permitted His ancient kingdom hosts come down to fight for Mount Zion, and for the hill thereof."

Isa. 31:1-4—"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord! Yet He also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back His words: against the help of them that work iniquity. Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not Spirit. When the Lord shall stretch out His hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together. For thus hath the Lord spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the Lord of hosts come down to fight for Mount Zion, and for the hill thereof."

This afternoon we are to study Isaiah, chapters 31 and 32. In these chapters we shall see the cause of Zion's captivity by the Gentiles, their time limit, and antitypical Israel's deliverance:

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 THE DISPERSION, THE TIME,  
 AND THE DELIVERANCE**

TEXT FOR PRAYER  
 Our Necessities Supplied

I shall read from "The Mount of Blessing," p. 190, the paragraph beginning in the middle of the page:

M. B., p. 190—"Every promise in the Word of God furnishes us with subject-matter for prayer, presenting the pledged word of Jehovah as our assurance. Whatever spiritual blessing we need, it is our privilege to claim through Jesus. We may tell the Lord, with the simplicity of a child, exactly what we need. We may state to Him our temporal matters; asking Him for bread and raiment as well as for the bread of life and the robe of Christ's righteousness. Your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things, and you are invited to ask Him concerning them. It is through the name of Jesus that every favor is received. God will honor that name, and will supply your necessities from the riches of His liberality."

Let us now summarize what we should pray for this afternoon. We need to pray for solid faith in the assurance that regardless what spiritual and temporal blessings we may need, it is our privilege to go to the Lord with the simplicity of a child and claim these blessings in the name of Jesus. We need to pray for help to take God at His word; pray for a realization that He means just what He says when He promises to honor the name of Jesus and to supply our necessities from His immeasurable riches.

Evidently after the destruction falls upon Idumea, none of her so-called nobles shall be found there to participate in the exodus (Isa. 11:1) to the antitypical kingdom (the church purified), and her princes shall be as nothing. Then, it must be that those who escape and enter into the kingdom are mostly from among the common people, those from the streets and the lanes (Luke 14:16-21). . . . In the last solemn work great men will be engaged. They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and he cannot use them. —“Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. 5, p. 80. . . . Only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it

Verse 12—“They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.”

“The Shepherd’s Rod,” Vol. 1, pp. 52-111.) (For further study on the subject, see Esau of old, sell their rights for a dish of red pottage them. They so underestimate its value that they, like office which the antitypical Jacobites take away from Esauites—those who by rights should have kept the Antitypical speaking, it is the land of the antitypical Idumea, rests upon Idumea, we see, rests upon Idumea. The immediate curse, we see, rests upon Idumea.

emptiness.” out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of and the raven shall dwell in it; and He shall stretch morant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also shall pass through it for ever and ever. But the corruption generation to generation it shall be waste; none shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the

place) shall both be glad to see God’s holy people. Finally as God’s Truth for this time penetrates throughout the lands where there are no Christians at all, the desert places shall blossom as the rose, so to speak, and thus yield an abundant harvest of souls.

Verses 2-4—“It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; He will come and save you.”

This great commission and opportunity to proclaim God’s soon coming vengeance are ours. We must not fail to take advantage of these privileges. With the mighty message for this time we must strengthen the weak; we must make firm the knees that are giving out. Those who are unable to stand up and to hold their own must be strengthened. We must reassure the fearful that God is to come with vengeance against the unbelieving and with recompence for the faithful.

Verses 5, 6—“Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams [of truth] in the desert.”

When these things take place, then it will be just as natural for the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the lame to leap, and the dumb to sing, yes, as natural as blossoms are followed with fruit. God’s Truth for this time is to spread everywhere and reap a great harvest of souls.

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unto our God. idols, and turning our hearts fully and unreservedly Sister, bring that day closer by parting with all our time, the need, and the deliverance, let us Brother, harvest of souls. Now that we have plainly seen the such. In that day shall there be a great and glorious the vile persons and hypocrites shall be treated as Henceforth a King shall reign in righteousness. Then beaten down, which smote with a rod.” Isa. 30:31. “through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be

in the hearts of the people,—then the Assyrian (the power that now rules them) shall certainly fall, and God’s people shall just as certainly return. The Assyrian shall thus fall, not at the sword of a mighty man, and not of a mean man, but “through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod.” Isa. 30:31.

Isa. 32:1-8—“Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place; as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hear. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

“The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful. For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice hypocrisy, and to utter error against the Lord, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right. But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.”

Turning again to his ancient people, Inspiration declared, that though their kingdom was doomed to fall, yet one day a King shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment; that in that day a Man shall be as an hiding place, as water in a dry place, and as a shadow of a great rock in a weary land (Isa. 32:2); that though the people were spiritually blind and could not see, yet there is a day coming



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But give heed to this solemn warning and remain faithful to it. . . . thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward" (Isa. 58:8), if you will but give heed to this solemn warning and remain faithful to it.

what to expect when His Judgment spreads out among all nations; that they might know what to expect when His refining work begins among them; that they might therefore beforehand count the cost. His judgment, He declares, is already pronounced upon the armies of the world—"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"—1 Pet. 4:17.

Verse 4—"And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree."

While verse 3 points out that the solemn events of this chapter take place in a day of gigantic world-wide armament program, verse 4, being parallel with Revelation 6:14, it reveals that they take place in the period of the sixth seal, in the days of the sealing of the 144,000 and the gathering of the innumerable multitude out of all nations, the seal that we are now living in. The sixth seal may overlap the seventh.

Verses 5-11—"For My sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of My curse, to judgment. The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the Lord hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion. And the

Verse 10—"Now will I rise, saith the Lord; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up Myself."

The nouns in this verse being profoundly figurative, and the time of fulfillment yet future, we are unprepared to make any comments.

Verse 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."

In the language of today this verse would read: The missionary routes lie waste; the missionary himself ceaseth; he has broken his contract; he has despised the cities; he regards no man.

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

Here we see that those who are proclaiming peace rather than the day of God, shall "weep bitterly."

Verse 7—"Behold, their valiant ones shall cry within: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly."

Inspiration declares: But concerning their unrepented mighty ones,

Verse 6—"And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is His treasure."

When these things take place, then Zion (the church purified) will be filled with judgment and righteousness. Moreover, God's faithful ones have this assurance:

TEXT FOR PRAYER  
Come To God As Little Children

This afternoon we shall continue reading from "The Mount of Blessing." We shall take up where we left off last week, page 191.

M. B., p. 191—"But do not forget that in coming to God as a father, you acknowledge your relation to Him as a child. You not only trust His goodness, but in all things yield to His will, knowing that His love is changeless. You give yourself to do His work. It was to those whom He had bidden to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness that Jesus gave the promise, 'Ask, and ye shall receive.'

"The gifts of Him who has all power in heaven and earth are in store for the children of God. Gifts so precious that they come to us through the costly sacrifice of the Redeemer's blood; gifts that will satisfy the deepest craving of the heart; gifts lasting as eternity, will be received and enjoyed by all who will come to God as little children. Take God's promises as your own, plead them before Him as His own words, and you will receive fulness of joy."

Let us pray for realization that our relationship to God is as a child's relationship to its parents; that we trust God in all things as a child trusts its parents; that we know that if we give ourselves wholly to do His will and work, then we may ask and receive; that He has in store for us gifts to satisfy the deepest craving of the heart, gifts lasting as eternity; and that if we only go to Him as little children and take Him at His word, all these promises in His Word shall be ours.

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Verse 5—“The Lord is exalted; for He dwelleth on high: He hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.”  
The spoils which the church has acquired, He gathers as the caterpillar. Then it shall be said:

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

This verse reveals that when God manifests His power among His people, the world will feel the effects of it.  
Verse 3—“At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of Thyself the nations were scattered.”

This verse shows that while the pronouncement of woe (verse 1) is being made, at the same time a deep-rooted reformation is taking place among God's Truth-seeking people. They are praying, not for themselves alone, but for their brethren also. They fully realize that they are approaching the time of trouble, and their hope lies in the fact that they have waited for the Lord. God's power shall be felt throughout the earth:

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This subject is found in Isaiah 33. We shall begin our study with—

Isa. 33:1—“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.”

Taking into consideration what follows in this chapter and in the next two chapters (for chapters 34 and 35 are a part of the subject that is in chapter 33), it becomes clear that the one upon whom “woe” is pronounced is the church preceding “the great and dreadful day of the Lord,” the day in which the sinners of Zion perish, the day in which the repentant ones are given their reward,—“the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.” Isa. 34:8.

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What shall we pray for this afternoon?—That we may imbibe the great principle of the Golden Rule, and realize that our concern should not be as to how much we are to receive, but as to how much we can give. Let us pray for understanding that the standard of our obligation to others is found in what we personally would regard as their obligation to us; and also that whatever we possess above our fellowmen places us to that degree in debt to those less favored.

“So also with the gifts and blessings of this life: whatever you may possess above your fellows, places you in debt, to that degree, to all who are less favored.”

“Every one who has been made a steward of the manifold grace of God, is called upon to impart to their place, he would desire them to impart to him. . . .”

“The Jews had been concerned about what they should receive; the burden of their anxiety was to secure what they thought their due of power and respect and service. But Christ teaches that our anxiety should not be, How much are we to receive? but, How much can we give? The standard of our obligation to others is found in what we ourselves would regard as their obligation to us.

“On the assurance of the love of God toward us, Jesus enjoins love to one another, in one comprehensive principle covering all the relations of human fellowship.”

Our reading this afternoon is found on pages 192 and 193 of “The Mount of Blessing”—

### “Do Ye Even So To Them” TEXT FOR PRAYER

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