

Reversal & Restoration of Creation

Isaiah 34-35

Main Idea

As a way to sum up all that he has spoken thus far in the book, Isaiah highlights the impending reality of Judgment on the whole Earth for those that oppose His way as well as making clear the world that awaits all those that are found in Him.

Overview

I. The Reversal of Creation: De-Formation: Edom (Isaiah 34)

A. The Lord's rage is coming on the whole earth (Vss. 1-2)

1. This is due to their rebellion of His Holiness
2. In vs. 6 Edom and Bozrah (Capital of Edom) are referred to as illustrations of all those that oppose the work of God in the world since Edom had done just that

B. The Lord was patient for long enough, but eventually a Day of Vengeance is coming

1. Vs. 5-6 indicates that it will come at a time when the Lord's rage has reached its satisfaction
2. Vs. 8 indicates this "Day" is a period of time or an age since it is referred to as both a day and a year in the same verse

C. The way that this Judgment is pictured is by the Lord reversing creation and bringing it back to the chaos of Genesis 1.2:

1. Vs. 11 seems to indicate this exactly
2. Vs. 9 sees life go out of the water and turn to pitch
3. Vs. 10 Smoke goes up night and day
 - a. Animals have their own way
4. Vs. 12 nobles aren't needed since there is no kingdom (chaos)
5. Vs. 13: Weeds grow over
6. Vs. 16: This is going to happen

II. The Restoration of Creation: Re-formation: Zion (Isaiah 35)

A. This entire passage is better understood by playing it against chapter 34 where life is being taken away and the wilderness is breaking in, here the wilderness/desert recede making the land habitable, released from the curse

1. Vs. 1-2 Wilderness becomes watered and flourishes...glory and majesty return (Romans 8)
 - a. Vs. 6-7 Water returns and there is no fear of deadly animals (same in vs. 9)
2. Vs. 5-6: Humanity's brokenness gets straightened out
3. Vs. 8: The unclean will not be there and the Redeemed will come in on the Highway of Holiness and that Highway belongs to the Redeemed:
 - a. This is because Jesus belongs to the Redeemed...He is the way (John 14.6)
4. Vs. 10: The Ransomed and the Redeemed will come into it singing with joy and gladness
 - a. This is where all of History is headed