The Life and Times of Isaiah: The Coming Day of the Wrath of God, Isaiah 34

Universal Judgment, Isaiah 34:1-4

Isaiah 34:1 Draw near, O nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples! Let the earth and all it contains hear, and the world and all that springs from it.

Isaiah 34:2-3 For the Lord's indignation is against all the nations, And His wrath against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to slaughter. So their slain will be thrown out, and their corpses will give off their stench, and the mountains will be drenched with their blood.

Isaiah 34:4 And all the host of heaven will wear away, and the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; All their hosts will also wither away as a leaf withers from the vine, or as one withers from the fig tree.

Judgment on Edom, Isaiah 34:5-8

Isaiah 34:5-6 For My sword is satiated in heaven, behold it shall descend for judgment upon Edom and upon the people whom I 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 34:7-8 Wild oxen will also fall with them and young bulls with strong ones; Thus their land will be soaked with blood, and their dust become greasy with fat. For the Lord has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion.

Total Destruction of the Land, Isaiah 34:9-15

Isaiah 34:9-10 Its streams will be turned into pitch, and its loose earth into brimstone, and its land will become burning pitch. It will not be quenched night or day; Its smoke will go up forever. From generation to generation it will be desolate; None will pass through it forever and ever.

Isaiah 34:11-12 But pelican and hedgehog will possess it, and owl and raven will dwell in it; And He will stretch over it the line of desolation and the plumb line of emptiness. Its nobles—there is no one there whom they may proclaim king—and all its princes will be nothing.

Isaiah 34:13-14 Thorns will come up in its fortified towers, nettles and thistles in its fortified cities; It will also be a haunt of jackals and an abode of ostriches. The desert creatures will meet with the wolves, the hairy goat also will cry to its kind; Yes, the night monster will settle there and will find herself a resting place.

Isaiah 34:15 The tree snake will make its nest and lay eggs there, and it will hatch and gather them under its protection. Yes, the hawks will be gathered there, every one with its kind.

The Certainty of the Prophecy, Isaiah 34:16-17

Isaiah 34:16-17 Seek from the book of the Lord, and read: Not one of these will be missing; None will lack its mate. For His mouth has commanded, and His Spirit has gathered them. He has cast the lot for them, and His hand has divided it to them by line. They shall possess it forever; From generation to generation they will dwell in it.