### Isaiah

## Chapter 32

1‘{Look!} Then a righteous king will start reigning,  
 And in justice, his princes will rule.  
 2Each man will be like a shelter from wind  
 And a place to run from the storms…  
 Like streams of water in a dry land,  
 And the shade of a rock in the desert.  
  
 3‘Then, men will no longer put trust in men,  
 And ears they’ll be given to hear.  
 4Hearts of the weak will be paying attention,  
 And stammering tongues will learn to speak peace.  
  
 5‘They’ll not [appoint] morons to rule anymore,  
 Or tell their officials not to speak!  
 6But now, the morons just say foolish things,  
 And in their hearts, they’re just planning what’s wasteful.  
  
 ‘They are doing things that are lawless,  
 And against the Lord, they’re speaking delusions  
 To scatter the souls of the hungry,  
 And bring waste to the lives of the thirsty.  
  
 7‘What the wicked recommend are plans to do evil…  
 They speak of taking advantage of the meek,  
 And they overrule with unrighteous words  
 Any judgments that would favor the lowly.  
  
 8‘But, those who love God will then consult  
 With those who have understanding,  
 And the things they suggest are the things that will last.  
  
 9‘Hey, all of you wealthy women…  
 Wake up and hear what I’m saying!  
 O you daughters that still live in hope;  
 To My words, you should pay close attention!  
  
 10‘Speak of each day in grief… But with hope.  
 For the crops have all been consumed,  
 And the planting has come to an end,  
 So, things are not getting any better.  
  
 11‘Now, be amazed, and then start to worry,  
 O you who have tried to mislead!  
 12Strip off your clothes ‘til you’re naked,  
 Then wrap your waists and beat on your breasts  
 On behalf of the crops in the fields,  
 As well as for the produce of vines!  
  
 13‘For the land of My people has now become thorns…  
 Even the grass will soon dry,  
 And joy will be gone from each home.  
  
 14‘The houses will then be abandoned,  
 As wealth [flows] out of your towns,  
 And all the best cities and homes  
 Will exist as caves throughout the ages…  
 Places of joy for wild burros,  
 As well as pastures for shepherds.  
  
 15‘But when Breath flows from the heavens again,  
 The deserts will become fruitful fields,  
 And the fields will be thought of as forests.  
  
 16‘Then, judgment will rest in the deserts,  
 Yes, justice will dwell on [Mount] CarMel,  
 17And of peace and righteous ways, there’ll be plenty.  
  
 ‘This righteousness will thereafter be spread,  
 And bring rest to the faithful throughout ages.  
 18So, God’s people will live in cities of peace,  
 And those who are saved will rest and live well.  
  
 19‘Then if hail should fall, it won’t fall on you;  
 And the meek that dwell in the forests  
 Will be as those who live in the plains…  
 20For, those who plant crops will be blest.  
 And in places where only wild burros could live,  
 There will be water again.’