### Isaiah

## Chapter 34

1So, listen to this, O you nations…  
 And your rulers should pay close attention!  
 Yes, hear, O earth and its dwellers…  
 The habitation of man and all those who live here;  
 2For Jehovah is bringing His rage to the nations…  
 His rage upon all of their numbers,  
 To destroy and hand them to slaughter.  
  
3Their slain and dead will be just thrown away;  
 Their smell will ascend [to the heavens];  
 And their blood will pour down the mountains.  
  
4Then the powers of the heavens will melt;  
 The sky will be wrapped like a scroll;  
 And all the stars will then fall  
 Like the leaves of a grapevine or fig.  
  
5[The Lord says:]  
  
 ‘For My sword will then become drunk in the sky,  
 And {Look!} upon Edom’s land, it will fall…  
 Upon people who’ve been judged for destruction.  
  
 6‘In BozRah, My sword will become thick with blood  
 And with the fat of the lambs, goats, and rams  
 That to God, will be sacrificed,  
 When this great slaughter comes to Edom.  
  
 7‘Then, even the stout will be cut down and killed,  
 Along with the rams and the bulls.  
 So the ground will then be drunk on their blood,  
 And it will be filled with their fat  
 All the way to the ends of their borders.  
  
 8‘For this is the great Judgment Day of the Lord…  
 It’s a year of judgment and payback for Zion.  
 9Their valleys will then be filled up with pitch  
 And their ground [will be covered with] sulfur.  
  
 10‘Throughout the ages, it’ll burn with pitch day and night,  
 And the flames will not be extinguished.  
 For generations, her smoke will ascend,  
 And it will all be desolation…  
 Then, it will lie barren for a very long time.  
  
 11‘Only crows will be able to dwell there,  
 Along with ibis, hedgehogs, and birds.  
 A surveyor’s line will mark her destruction,  
 And she’ll be inhabited [by demons].  
  
 12‘Then, she will be without rulers,  
 Since her kings and great men will be gone.  
 13So, thorns will grow in her cities and forts,  
 And they will be owned by chained demons…  
 A place where ostriches roam.  
  
 14‘Then, [loose] demons will meet with the chained ones,  
 And they will yell to each other.  
 Chained [spirits] will also find rest there,  
 And they’ll find a place to retire.  
  
 15‘There, hedgehogs too, will build their nests,  
 And in safety, their young will play on the ground.  
 It’s where stags will all meet together,  
 Then stare face to face at each other.  
  
 16‘They’ll pass in large numbers and none will be lost…  
 They’ll not have to search for each other,  
 Since Jehovah will give them instructions,  
 And by His Breath, they’ll be gathered.  
  
 17‘Then, on their behalf, He will cast lots,  
 And divide up the land for their grazing,  
 Which they will inherit throughout the ages…  
 So, from one generation to another,  
 They will find rest in this place.’