### Isaiah

## Chapter 35

1So, thirsty desert, you should be glad…  
 Yes, shout in joy and blossom with lilies!  
 2For the desert by the JorDan will cry out and bloom,  
 And the beauty of Lebanon will be given to it,  
 Along with the honor of CarMel.  
  
For, at that time, my people will see  
 The glory of Jehovah their God,  
 And come to know the full stature of Him.  
  
3So be strong, forsaken hands and weak knees…  
 4Take comfort, O you with faint-hearts!  
 Be strong and don’t be afraid,  
 For {Look!} the judgments of our God will [bring] justice…  
 Yes, He will come here and save us!  
  
5Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,  
 And the ears of the deaf will be able to hear.  
 6The lame will be leaping like stags,  
 And stammering tongues will speak clearly.  
  
Then springs will burst forth in the desert,  
 And through thirsty lands, water will flow.  
 7For, deserts will be turned into marshes;  
 In the dry lands, there’ll be springs;  
 And among reeds and marshes, birds will find joy.  
  
8Then, there will be a pure road  
 That’s called, ‘The Way of the Holy.’  
 And nothing unclean will pass on it;  
 So, it will always be pure.  
  
Those who were scattered will travel that way,  
 And from it, they won’t stray again.  
 9No lions or fierce beasts will roam there,  
 Nor will they even be found there.  
 There’ll just be those who’ve been ransomed…  
 10Just those gathered by the Lord will walk there.  
  
They’ll return to Zion in joy  
 Feeling the glee of the ages.  
 For, blessings will come upon all their heads…  
 They’ll be happy and leaping for joy,  
 Since, from distress, groaning, and grief,  
 They will then have escaped.