**Isaiah**

*Righteousness Always Wins*

*Isaiah 33*

Background

* Paul Apple: As we get to this 6th and final Woe of our section which began back in Chap. 28, we see the same type of near term and far term reference that we would expect. In the near term, the destroyer is the godless nation of Assyria under the leadership of Sennacherib – making a treaty with Judah and accepting her tribute money but still coming to her doorstep in 701 B.C. with the intention of destroying Jerusalem; However, God mercifully intervened and drove them off; In the end times, the AntiChrist will arise and make a covenant with the Jews – appearing to be her friend and advocate (Daniel 9:27). But in the middle of the 7 year Tribulation Period, he will break that covenant in a treacherous way and unleash the power of wicked nations in a last ditch attempt to wipe Israel off the face of the earth. Once again, God will intervene and arise injudgment on the destroyer and deliverance for Zion.

No One Gets Away with Sin (v 1)

We Need God and His Grace (v 2)

God Will Deliver and Be Exalted (v 3- 10)

* In these verses wisdom is ability to exercise right thinking in this world. Knowledge is specifically of the Lord himself.
* John Martin: Lebanon, north of Israel and well known for its cedar forests, would wither. Sharon was the coastal plain south of Mount Carmel extending inland to the hill country of Ephraim. A fertile area, Sharon would become a desert like the Arabah (which means “arid” or “dry”), the desolate rift valley extending from the Dead Sea south to the Gulf of Aqabah. Bashan (“fertile plain”), east of the Sea of Kinnereth (later named the Sea of Galilee), was productive agriculturally (cf. Jer. 50:19) and known for its oak trees (Isa. 2:13; Ezek. 27:6; Micah 7:14; Zech. 11:2). Carmel (“fruitful land”) was a mountain range thickly forested and well watered at that time. This destruction would show that the people could not save themselves.

The Enemy Will Be Punished (v 11-12)

God is to Be Feared (v 13 – 14)

The Blessings of Righteousness Far Outweigh the Current Sacrifice (v 15-24)