

## **Isaiah 32:18-33:6 +15**

**Isaiah 32:18-19** - "And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place."

The hail recalls the plague of hail on the gods of Egypt, while Israel was safe in Goshen (Exodus 9:13-35).

Targum Jonathan says, "And hail shall descend and shall slay the armies of the nations, and their encampments shall be laid desolate, and come to an end."

[Relating to the Torah Reading, Jacob, trying to settle and finally abide in the Promised Land, is beset by trouble again. He experienced the hail, but eventually would see God's working out of His plan.]

**Isaiah 32:20** - "Blessed are you that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass."

Rather, "upon" as in **Ecclesiastes 11:1** - "Cast thy seed upon the waters when the river overflows its banks; the seed will sink into the mud and will spring up when the waters subside, and you will find it after many days in a rich harvest."

"the feet of the ox and the ass." - **Deuteronomy 22:10** - "You shall not plow with an ass and an ox together." The Jews interpreted this law as mystically implying that the Jew was to have no intercourse with Gentiles.

So, Isaiah's words refer to a time when this law would be abolished. The Jews themselves apply it to the times of the Messiah (Debarim Rabba, sect. 6. fol. 241. 4.) The "sowing" would be the Gospel, given to Jew and Gentile alike (**Colossians 3:11**).

**Isaiah 33:1** - "Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee."

Isaiah was referring to Assyria, but this also could refer to Joseph's brothers, who dealt treacherously with him when he was open and honest with them.

The last verse of the reading is a general affirmation of Christ and those who trust in him:

**Isaiah 33:15-16** - "He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall

dwelt on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.”