

Isaiah 32:18 – 33:6,20

Marking the completion of the Tabernacle in **Exodus 38-39**, this haftarah focuses on the idea of a peaceful dwelling place for God's people, even as the Tabernacle was the dwelling place or "mishkan" for God.

Isaiah 32:18 - "And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;"

"habitation" = *naveh* - abode, habitation, abode of shepherds or flocks, pasture, and the Temple as God's habitation

We just saw this phrase in the story of David fleeing from Jerusalem relating to the circumstances of **Psalms 71**:

- **2 Samuel 15:25** - "And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favor in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me both it, and his habitation (*naveh*)"

dwellings = *mishkan* - dwelling place, tabernacle

- **Exodus 39:32** - "Thus was all the work of the tabernacle (*mishkan*) of the tent of the congregation finished"

"resting places" = *mēnuwachah* - rest, resting place, quiet, still, a condition of comfort

- **1 Chronicles 28:2** - "Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house of rest (*mēnuwachah*) for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:"

- **Psalms 95:11** - "Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest (*mēnuwachah*)."

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

i.e. cattle will graze freely wherever they want because of the abundance of pasture

Isaiah 33:1 - "Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealt 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."

NET version- "The destroyer is as good as dead, you who have not been destroyed!

The deceitful one is as good as dead, the one whom others have not deceived! When you are through destroying, you will be destroyed; when you finish deceiving, others will deceive you!"

Could refer to any number of enemies of Israel, from Nebuchadnezzar to Antiochus to Nero to the Man of Sin and the Beast in Revelation.

...Including our own accusing thoughts, which Satan uses to deceive us with.

"you will be destroyed"-

- **Revelation 11:17-19** - "Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."

Isaiah 33:2 - "O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble."

arm = *zərowa`* - the arm of the Lord, the Messiah

salvation = *yəshuw`ah* - Jesus/ Yeshua

Isaiah 33:20 - "Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken."

solemnities = *mow`ed* - appointed feast days

habitation = *naveh* - abode, habitation, also the Temple (see above)

tabernacle = *ohel* - tent, specifically here the tent that formed part of the Tabernacle covering

stakes and cords - terms relating to the Tabernacle construction

The church, Christ's body, members in particular, knit together in love by pins and cords that cannot be broken.

Contrast with this:

- **Jeremiah 10:20** - "My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children

are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains."