

**Isaiah 24:2-8, 13-15**

Since Israel failed in observing the Sabbatical years of **Leviticus 25**, and "they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant (**verse 5**)," God gave the land rest by Israel's 70-year-long exile to Babylon, which this passage describes.

**Isaiah 24:1** - "Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof."

**Isaiah 24:14** - "They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea."

Rashi - This prophecy represents retribution for Israel. Since he prophesied for them this consolation, and they are destined to see great distress before it, he, therefore, said to them, "Not to you do I say that you will inherit it, for, behold, the Holy One, blessed be He, empties you out and lays you waste, but those of you who survive until the day of redemption, they shall raise their voice and sing;" this is the end of the passage (**v. 14**), and for them have I prophesied the favorable prophecy.

"they shall shout for joy more than [by the] sea": (Lit., they shall shout for joy from the sea.) More than they shouted for joy by the sea during the redemption from Egypt.

**Ezekiel 18:7-14, 31-32**

The "just man" is described, but the reading begins in verse 7, which describes things discussed in Leviticus 25, especially the prohibition "ye shall not oppress one another" (**Leviticus 25:14, 17**)

**Ezekiel 18:7** - "And hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;" etc.

To the repentant, there is a promise:

**Ezekiel 18:31-32** - "Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye."