

Isaiah 32 New King James Version

A Reign of Righteousness

- 32** Behold, a king will reign in righteousness,
And princes will rule with justice.
- 2 A man will be as a hiding place from the wind,
And a ^[a]cover from the tempest,
As rivers of water in a dry place,
As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
- 3 The eyes of those who see will not be dim,
And the ears of those who hear will listen.
- 4 Also the heart of the ^[b]rash will understand knowledge,
And the tongue of the stammerers will be ready to speak plainly.
- 5 The foolish person will no longer be called ^[c]generous,
Nor the miser said *to be* bountiful;
- 6 For the foolish person will speak foolishness,
And his heart will work iniquity:
To practice ungodliness,
To utter error against the LORD,
To keep the hungry unsatisfied,
And he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.
- 7 Also the schemes of the schemer *are* evil;
He devises wicked plans
To destroy the poor with lying words,
Even when the needy speaks justice.
- 8 But a ^[d]generous man devises generous things,
And by generosity he shall stand.

Consequences of Complacency

- 9 Rise up, you women who are at ease,
Hear my voice;

- You complacent daughters,
Give ear to my speech.
- 10 In a year and *some* days
You will be troubled, you complacent women;
For the vintage will fail,
The gathering will not come.
- 11 Tremble, you *women* who are at ease;
Be troubled, you complacent ones;
Strip yourselves, make yourselves bare,
And gird *sackcloth* on *your* waists.
- 12 People shall mourn upon their breasts
For the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.
- 13 On the land of my people will come up thorns *and* briers,
Yes, on all the happy homes *in* the joyous city;
- 14 Because the palaces will be forsaken,
The bustling city will be deserted.
The forts and towers will become lairs forever,
A joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks—
- 15 Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high,
And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,
And the fruitful field is counted as a forest.

The Peace of God's Reign

- 16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
And righteousness remain in the fruitful field.
- 17 The work of righteousness will be peace,
And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.
- 18 My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation,
In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places,
- 19 Though hail comes down on the forest,
And the city is brought low in humiliation.
- 20 Blessed *are* you who sow beside all waters,
Who send out freely the feet of the ox and the donkey.

Footnotes

- a. Isaiah 32:2 *shelter*

b. Isaiah 32:4 *hasty*

c. Isaiah 32:5 *noble*

d. Isaiah 32:8 *noble*

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