

ISAIAH THIRTY FOUR
(Authorized Version)

1) Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

YAHWEH is covering everything. HE calls "all nations to hear." This is all the nations. ".and hearken ye people." These are the people within the nations. ".let the earth hear and all that is therein." Indicating that HE is not leaving anything out, and HE is going to tell you what HE is going to do. "the world and all things that come forth of it." Now HE says very emphatically:

2) For the indignation of the LORD [is] upon all nations, and [his] fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

Like we have brought out many times, the Hebrew brings out the past tense when the thing is certain to being accomplished. When you ask somebody to do you a favor, in Hebrew he would say 'I have done it.' Before he actually does it. In other words, it is as good as done. So in a little plainer translation, like the Revised Standard "HE has doomed them, HE has given them over for slaughter." This doesn't leave much hope for all the nations of this world. This is consistent with the other teachings of the scriptures, because "the whole world lies in the wicked one." (I John 5:19) The whole world meaning all of the system, all of the organizations on earth, all of the institutions. These belong to the devil. And the only thing that is not motivated by the devil's spirit are a few of the LORD'S People who YAHWEH calls out and inspires and sets them at a cross road against the world. These people are picked out, and the world begins to pour their venom on these people. YAHWEH says concerning HIS People that they are like a speckled hen, (Jer. 12:9) or like a brightly colored bird. This means that they are outstanding, they are unusual and so different. If you have ever watched chickens in the backyard, and you see all the chickens are one color, well, if you put one of a different color in there they either run, or try to kill it because it is so different. This is how YAHWEH'S People are in the world, they are so different, they are outstanding, everyone notices the difference in them. They are not of the world, at all, they speak an entirely different language.

3) Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

There is not enough people in the mountains to melt the literal mountains. But the mountains represent strongholds, and "the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established amongst the hills." (Is. 2:2) This symbolizes HIS Kingdom or government. When the people go down these strongholds disappear. So they are symbolically referred to as mountains. So these governments go down when the people are dead. When there is no longer any people in the government to support them, the government is finished.

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4) And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling [fig] from the fig tree.

Now the heavens that is rolled together as a scroll, or closed as a book, or put away forever, not to be used anymore, this is referring to the devil's heaven. "I create a new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness for behold I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy." (II Pet. 3:13) (also Is. 65:17,18) The new heaven is Jerusalem, and her people are the new earth. Now rolling them up like a scroll, or closing them like a book, you would say today, we don't have any scrolls today. In older times a scroll would be rolled up when it is done and put away. In other words, it is finished.

"...and their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine." All the host, or, all those who dwell in heaven; which ones? The wicked ones; the wicked heavens. We find that in Revelation 12 "the devil drew a third of the angels or stars out of heaven, and cast them to the earth." All of the host, all of the wicked heavens, will be cast down to the earth. So all of the host, all of the wicked heavens will be cast down on earth. Now this is likened to "leaves falling off a vine." and "off of a fig tree."

5) For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

The Revised Standard says:

MY sword has drunk its fill in the heavens. Behold it descends for judgement upon edom.

What does HE mean? Well, this is after the war in heaven. The devil has lost the battle. But the battle began in the heavens, so the "sword was bathed in heaven." It was dipped in heaven, or tempered in the heavens, or began to shed blood in the heavens. So the original battle began in the heavens. And then "it descends upon edom." Now edom was the country that was started by Esau. Esau was the twin brother of Jacob. Now Esau was born first, so to Esau belonged the birthright, the privilege of guiding the family, of being the one designated to lead the rest of the family in the way of GODliness. But YAHWEH says "Jacob I have loved, and Esau I have hated." (Mal. 1:2,3) We find that the first son "sole his birthright for a bowl of lentil soup." (Gen. 25:29-34) Indicating that it meant next to nothing to him. While Jacob "wrestled with an angel all night until dawn came forth, and said, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me'." (Gen. 32:24-28) So it shows a class of people that have no appreciation for YAHWEH'S blessings. But anything that comes along that they can gain from, they will sell it for; it means nothing to them. But there is a class of people that are willing to suffer, they will lose everything, even their lives if need be, but YAHWEH'S blessings mean everything to them. This is why HE says "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated." Edom was the country started by Esau. Edom pictures those individuals who have had the first and foremost opportunity to serve YAHWEH. We find that the class of people that come in the last days that

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do YAHWEH'S service and are pleasing to YAHWEH is Israel. But for centuries, we have been preceded by those who had the first opportunity. They have had the wealth, they have had the time and the schools, that have had all the privileges and resources to learn and to serve YAHWEH. And they made a house of merchandise out of it. They have turned it into a big business. They think nothing of YAHWEH. They preach and collect. And they don't even care if the Bible is true. But they will still preach! Why? Because they are getting something out of it. There could be no other reason, because how could anyone preach something he doesn't believe? How could he continue if he wasn't getting something out of it? Now I don't like mason work, but we do it because I am trying to get something out of it. But this is not a sin because I am not reproaching YAHWEH. But when it comes to handling HIS Word, and deceiving people and getting paid for it, this is blasphemy. So Edom pictures the devil's organization, primarily it pictures the religionist of this world who have had the first and foremost opportunity. There are religionists who speak 7 or 8 or 10 languages; fully equipped. They have all the money, all the resources, and can take all the time they want to search and study, all the encyclopedias, everything. They don't have to go out and struggle for a living like we do. So they can devote all of their time. And yet they have not received YAHWEH'S blessings. Why? Because they are not striving for it. They are striving to see what they can get out of this world and what they can get out of the teaching of YAHWEH'S scriptures. So YAHWEH hates these people and it is part of the devil's organization. And HE begins to destroy the devil's organization in the heavens. And when HE is through in the heavens, it descends on edom. It descends on earth. And destroys those who have had the first and foremost opportunity. Now the head of this, the one that will actually be the controlling factor, and fulfill the role of edom, is vatican city. This one will unite all religions. I was reading in the Book of Knowledge, it stresses how divided the churches were and the great progress they are making towards unity today. It also mentions, they don't know what they are saying, but it will help us out, he says the early church was called "the True Israel of GOD." They weren't called christians, they called themselves it. But this is what the early church was called. The True Israel of GOD. And it wasn't until later that they got all these false names along with trinity, and hell fire, and complete ignorance, and people were in dread and the only thing they could do was keep coming to church, and pay and light candles, and give donations. And they just bleed the people dry. So YAHWEH allowed them to get away with it for a while. HE is proving a point. If HE prevented it, this point would never be proven. I had an incident where I had to prove that someone was dishonest. If I had prevented it, people would have said 'Leo you are wrong.' And I knew that I could make a move but I did not make this move. And I am satisfied that YAHWEH vindicated me, even if I lost; it is worth more than money. So this is the way YAHWEH works, HE allows it to go on. HE allows HIS NAME to be reproached until the day of judgement.

6) The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, [and] with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

Bozrah is a city in edom. And Idumea is edom. Now YAHWEH likens the killing of the people to a day of slaughter. In a day of slaughter there was a mess--there was dust all over. There was blood, there was fat, there was really all of the indications that there had been a slaughter. The ground was just polluted with intestines and with fat, and with blood, and carcasses and hides, and everything else. There was no doubt that there was a slaughter. So YAHWEH is likening the slaughter of human kind to the day of slaughter., when the day is actually chose just for slaughter and nothing else. In other words, they are not just raising cattle and just taking a few, at the end of the year, rather than continually feeding them, they just lead them all to the slaughter house and slew them all and just left enough for breeding. This was the day of slaughter because they could not continue feeding them, there would be no sense continuing. So HE likens this to the final battle, when the human race will lose two thirds of its population.

7) And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

At any rate there is all indication that there has been a great slaughter.

8) For [it is] the day of the LORD's vengeance, [and] the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.

Now is HE taking vengeance on animals? Steers? Oxen? They don't know. HE is taking vengeance on people. So the slaughter of the animals symbolizes the slaughter of the people.

"...and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion." Or the time to repay for the controversy of Zion. What controversy? The opposition to her, there should be no opposition with YAHWEH. YAHWEH tells HIS People what HE is going to do, and yet you have opposition. People say 'you can't do that, you can't obey them, you can't be Israel, you have got to obey the laws of the land, you must be a citizen, you must do as they tell you.' Yet, we are taking our instructions from Zion. "The law shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem." (Is. 2:3) And we listen. In the only ones who obeyed Jerusalem was Israel. The outside nations didn't--they were heathen. Today the only ones who obey the invisible Jerusalem in the heavens are Israel. And the contact is made through the Holy Spirit. YAHWEH pours HIS Holy Spirit, opens our minds, we understand. We alone. And the rest of the world is deprived of the beauty of the understanding.

9) And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

Well when something is burning, when the whole land is burning, this indicates a complete destruction, a complete annihilation. Fire completely destroys.

10) It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

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"It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up forever.." I will stop there because YAHWEH changes HIS tune. In other words, HE goes on to give you another illustration after that. But when the fire shall not be quenched day, nor night, HE is telling you that it can never be entered, it could never be rebuilt, who is going to walk into the flames and try to rebuild it? In plain language, HE is telling you it will never be restored. What won't be restored? Edom, babylon, the devil's organization; which has been taking instruction from the wicked heavens which HE has destroyed. Of course the devil is now on earth, they are still being influenced more so than ever.

HE continues "...from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it forever and ever." First HE says it is going to be burning all the time. Now HE says it is going to lie waste all the time. Well, in both cases, if it is burning it can't be rebuilt. If it is lying waste, it is not being rebuilt. It is just empty, laying there abandoned. What? The system; edom, babylon, the devil's organization, the world, the system of things.

11) But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

The cormorant and the bittern are semi-aquatic birds, indicating that if these birds move in naturally, it must be an environment that is suitable for them, and this is the environment that we lived in. So if it is suitable for them, certainly it wasn't suitable for us, because they live in swamps, they live in marshes. They live in pools of water, and human would not live under those conditions because grandma says "you will catch your death of cold." So these are semi-aquatic creatures. Some are amphibious, all living in an environment that is certainly not suitable for humans. YAHWEH is telling us that the environment we are now living in was not made for man, it is not an environment, a system, made for man who is created in YAHWEH'S Image; love, justice, wisdom and power. Such creatures must have a system that is controlled by these attributes. And we find that YAHWEH will do exactly that. HIS attributes will control the entire Kingdom and like the vision of Ezekiel and the wheel "nothing moved to the right or to the left" but they all had one purpose and mind "wherever the faces were turned, the wheels went with them for the spirit was in the wheels." (Ez. 1:12,15,21) In other words, the organization moved with the four attributes of YAHWEH, there were no injustices, or selfishness, or stupidity in HIS Kingdom.

"...the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the lines of confusion and the stones of emptiness." The owl and the raven were considered unclean birds. YAHWEH commanded Israel not to eat these birds. (Lev.11:13-19) This indicates that what will possess edom, or babylon, will be unclean creatures. YAHWEH'S Creatures are clean, that is the human race, those who are motivated by HIS attributes, they are clean. Unclean creatures moving in indicate that the system was unclean to begin with because these unclean creatures feel at home in it. Now YAHWEH tells Israel just what HE thinks of the system. When HE says "HE shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness." HE is referring to a mason who is trying to rebuild it again, and a mason needs a line to go by. Other wise the building is all crooked;

and he also needs stones that as he lays them it covers territory so that the building can go up and eventually be finished. But if the line is a line of confusion, he doesn't know what he is doing or where he is going. The stones of emptiness means that if he places a stone there he hasn't covered any ground, he hasn't actually filled any space, so he isn't getting anywhere. In other words, it can't be rebuilt, it is not going to be rebuilt.

12) They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none [shall be] there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

HE is telling you how barren, how vacant this satanic system will be, uninhabited, like a ghost town. You call for the nobles, but there will be no one there, it is empty, it is finished. All life has disappeared. All human life is gone. "...her princes shall be nothing." Nothing at all, there is no one there, where once there were nobles and princes.

13) And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, [and] a court for owls.

A ghost town, or a place that is abandoned for any length of time, we find that the vegetation begins to take over, the ivy begins to creep out of the windows, and doors, showing you that it is uninhabited. No one is taking care of it, there is no life there. There is no human residence there at all. This is what happens when a place is abandoned. Now HE is likening babylon, or edom as completely abandoned and no one taking care of it--it is finished.

"...and it shall be an habitation of dragons and a court for owls." Some translations say demi-gods, or half devil and half man. In other words, these are the creatures that move in. A demi-god, or dragon is part demon. In other words, demonized creature. An owl, too, is considered very unclean creature that no one should eat. It is also a night creature. These are the ones that takeover.

14) The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.

In old babylon, in this old edom, we find that all these wild beasts begin to gather together in the place where man once lived. Now YAHWEH is not speaking of a place. HE is referring to a system. The system that is not suitable for man, but HE is telling you that it is suitable for all these wild, and unclean creatures, making it very definite that it was never made for human habitation.

"...and the satyrs shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest." Other translations use different names for the creatures like hyenas, but they are all unclean creatures that were commanded not to be eaten by Israel. And you can just picture an abandoned ghost town where all these weird creatures come in and take over, and you hear the screech owls, screaming at night, the wind blowing, the unlocked doors. The ivy crawling in through the windows and

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doors in the abandoned town. Showing that it is a place that will be completely abandoned. Never to be rebuilt.

15) There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

Of all the unclean creatures, the vultures are very unclean because they are scavengers. In fact they eat dead carcasses. YAHWEH has equipped them in such a way that their heads are bald so that they will not become infected with the putrid flesh that they eat. If they had feathers this would stick in their feathers, and they could become infected. But they are bald, so they can easily clean themselves. But they are very unclean and we find that these vultures will also take over where once we lived. This is referring to the system.

16) Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

YAHWEH prophesied from the beginning what was going to happen to babylon. That it would be uninhabited and completely destroyed. And by these creatures moving in, HE is bringing out that it will never be rebuilt again, never be used for human habitation, or man will never live in this environment anymore. Nahum 1:9 says:

Rivalry shall not rise up a second time.

17) And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

HE has allotted them the land, HE has given it to them. They inherit it forever and ever. What more can HE tell you? We are never going to get it back. So we are never going to live in this type of environment again. YAHWEH is using the symbol of a place to represent the environment. We will never live in this environment again.