

# Israel's Happy Future (Isaiah 35)

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## Happiness in the Desert

*Isaiah 35:1-2 (NASB95) — 1 The wilderness and the desert will be glad, And the Arabah will rejoice and blossom; Like the crocus 2 It will blossom profusely And rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, The majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the Lord, The majesty of our God.*

Our Spiritual Condition	His Spiritual Provision
The Wilderness & Desert	Be Glad
The Arabah	Rejoice & Blossom

Like the Blossoming Crocus; Like the Glory of Lebanon; Like the Majesty of Carmel & Sharon; They will see the glory of the Lord, and the majesty of our God: Seen in His Physical Creation; Seen in His Spiritual Creation

*Psalms 19:1-14 (NASB95) — 1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. 2 Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun, 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; It rejoices as a strong man to run his course. 6 Its rising is from one end of the heavens, And its circuit to the other end of them; And there is nothing hidden from its heat. 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether. 10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward. 12 Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. 13 Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; Let them not rule over me; Then I will be blameless, And I shall be acquitted of great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.*

*Ephesians 3:8-10 (NASB95) — 8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; 10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.*

## **Help for the Helpless**

*Isaiah 35:3-7 (NASB95) — 3 Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. 4 Say to those with anxious heart, “Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you.” 5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. 6 Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah. 7 The scorched land will become a pool And the thirsty ground springs of water; In the haunt of jackals, its resting place, Grass becomes reeds and rushes.*

<b>Our Desperate Condition</b>	<b>Our Loving Provision</b>
Exhausted	He Offers Encouragement
Feeble	He Offers Strengthening
Anxious	He Says, “Take Courage, Fear Not!”
Blind	Their Eyes will be Opened
Deaf	Their Ears will be Unstopped
Lame	They will Leap like a Deer
Mute	Their Tongue will Shout for Joy

*Luke 22:31-32 (NASB95) — 31 “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; 32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”*

*Acts 18:23 (NASB95) — 23 And having spent some time there, he left and passed successively through the Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.*

*Hebrews 12:12-13 (NASB95) — 12 Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.*

<b>Our Desolate Condition</b>	<b>His Life-Giving Provision</b>
The Wilderness	Waters
The Arabah	Streams
Scorched Land	Pools
Thirsty Ground	Springs

## **Highway of Holiness**

*Isaiah 35:8-10 (NASB95) — 8 A highway will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, But it will be for him who walks that way, And fools will not wander on it. 9 No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there, 10 And the ransomed of the Lord will return And come with joyful shouting to Zion, With everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.*

Question	Answer
Who is Allowed?	Him who Walks that Way, the Redeemed & the Ransomed
Who is Not Allowed?	The Unclean, Fools, Lions & Vicious Beasts
What is Heard?	Gladness and Joy
What is Not Heard?	Sorrow and Sighing

*Jeremiah 6:16 (NASB95) — 16 Thus says the Lord, “Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”*

*Ephesians 5:3-6 (NASB95) — 3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; 4 and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.*

*Revelation 21:6-8 (NASB95) — 6 Then He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of*

*the water of life without cost. 7 “He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. 8 “But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”*

## **Conclusion**

*Matthew 7:13-14 (NASB95) — 13 “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14 “For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

*John 14:6 (NASB95) — 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.*