

**The Surety of God's Judgment
on the Violent Oppressors and Betrayers of This Earth
Isaiah 33:01–14**

1. The clear pronouncement:

*The destroyer and the traitor (Assyria)
will reap exactly what they have sown
— be destroyed and betrayed, Gal. 6:7*

**2. The cry of the believers
for God's deliverance:**

His grace, strength and salvation

- a) They should pray
because of the LORD's power
 - His power to scatter
the enemy's army
 - His power to plunder the nations
- b) They should pray
because of the LORD's exaltation
 - He will rule in justice
and righteousness
 - He will be their foundation:
Their salvation, wisdom
and knowledge
- c) They should pray
because the source of God's treasure
is the fear of the LORD

- 1 Woe to you, destroyer,
you who have not been destroyed!
Woe to you, betrayer,
you who have not been betrayed!
When you stop destroying,
you will be destroyed;
When you stop betraying,
you will be betrayed
- 2 LORD, be gracious to us;
we long for you.
Be our strength every morning,
our salvation in the time of distress.
- 3 At the uproar of your army,
the peoples flee;
when you rise up, the nations scatter.
- 4 You plunder, O nations,
is harvested as by young locusts;
like swarms of locusts people pounce on it.
- 5 The LORD is exalted,
for he dwells on high;
he will fill Zion
with his justice and righteousness.
- 6 He will be the sure foundation for your times,
a rich store of salvation
and wisdom and knowledge;
the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.

**3. *The pitiful state caused
by the destructive judgment***

- a) Soldiers and envoys will weep:
As cities fall and peace fails
- b) Highways will be deserted
- c) Treaties will be broken
and leaders despised
- d) Life will be cheap
- e) Crops and land will be ruined

**4. *The description of the coming
judgment on the destroyer (Assyria):
Because they make bold, cruel plans***

- a) They will be nothing more than
chaff and straw:
Will be consumed
- b) They will be thoroughly burned:
As though burned to lime
or set ablaze like dry cut thorn bushes

e. *The lesson of God's judgment*

- a) The world must acknowledge
God's power
- b) The hypocrites and godless
will be stricken with fear:
Terrorized by the eternal fire
of God's judgment,
Isa. 10:17; Heb. 12:29

7 Look,
their brave men cry aloud in the streets;
the envoys of peace weep bitterly.

8 The highways are deserted,
no travellers are on the roads.
The treaty is broken,
its witnesses are despised,
no one is respected.

9 The land dries up and wastes away,
Lebanon is ashamed and withers;
Sharon is like the Arabah,
and Bashan and Carmel drop their leaves.

10 "Now will I rise," says the LORD.
"Now will I be exalted;
now will I be lifted up.

11 You conceived chaff,
you give birth to straw;
your breath is a fire that consumes you.

12 The people will be burned to ashes;
like cut thorn-bushes they will be set ablaze."

13 You who are far away,
hear what I have done;
you who are near,
acknowledge my power!

14 The sinners in Zion are terrified;
trembling grips the godless:
"Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire?
Who of us can dwell with everlasting burning?"