

God's Wonderful Promise to the Rebellious and all Others who Repent:
A Glimpse into Christ's Kingdom

Isaiah 30: 18–33

**1. God's heart: Longs to show
grace and compassion**

18 Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up
to show you compassion.
For the LORD is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him.

2. God's promises of salvation

- a. Comfort:
They will weep no more
- b. Answered prayers
- c. Deliverance from affliction
and the gift of godly teachers
- d. His very own presence
and guidance
- e. True worship:
He will arouse the people
to destroy all idols,
to turn away from all false
worship
- f. Prosperity:
*In that day, the day
of the Messiah's kingdom*
 - The land will be restored
and fruitful
 - The pasture for livestock
will be rich and abundant
and of excellent quality
 - The grain for livestock
will be plentiful
- g. A paradise of peace:
After "the day of great
slaughter" — Armageddon,
29:5-8; 63:1-64:12; Rev. 16:16

19 People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem,
you will weep no more.
How gracious he will be
when you cry for help!
As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

20 Although the LORD gives you
the bread of adversity,
and the water of affliction,
your teachers will be hidden no more;
with your own eyes you will see them.

21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left,
your ears will hear a voice behind you,
saying, "This is the way, walk in it."

22 Then you will desecrate
your idols overlaid with silver
and your images covered with gold;
you will throw them away
like a menstrual cloth
and say to them, "Away with you!"

23 He will also send you rain
for the seed you sow in the ground,
and the food that comes from the land
will be rich and plentiful.
In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows.

24 The oxen and donkeys that work the soil
will eat fodder and mash,
spread out with fork and shovel.

25 In the day of great slaughter,
when the towers fall,
streams of water will flow
on every high mountain and every lofty hill.

<p>h. A brighter universe filled with light: The sun and moon will shine brighter 13:10; 24:23; Rev. 21:23; 22:5</p> <p>i. Healing and health</p> <p>3. God's assurance of deliverance and rescue from all enemies</p> <p>a. God will come full of wrath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will breathe judgment like a flooding stream • Will shake the people in a sieve, battering them to death • Will put a bridle on them to lead them to destruction <p>b. God will cause His people to rejoice and worship Him</p> <p>c. God will cause men to witness His awesome power and justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His majestic voice • His judgment of thunder and hailstorm <p>d. God will strike and shatter Assyria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With His voice (Word) • With His sceptre (power) • With punishing strokes of justice, causing great joy and rejoicing <p>e. God will doom the evil king</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doom them to Topheth • Doom them to the volcanic breath (Word) of God: A picture of torment in the lake of Fire, Rev. 20:15; 21:8 	<p>26 The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the LORD binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted.</p> <p>27 See, the name of the LORD comes from afar, with burning anger and dense clouds of smoke; his lips full of wrath, and his tongue is a consuming fire.</p> <p>28 His breath is like a rushing torrent, rising up to the neck. He shakes the nations in the sieve of destruction; he places in the jaws of the peoples a bit that leads them astray.</p> <p>29 And you will sing as on the night you celebrate a holy festival; your hearts will rejoice as when people playing pipes go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.</p> <p>30 The LORD will cause people to hear his majestic voice and will make them see his arm coming down with raging anger and consuming fire, with cloudburst, thunderstorm and hail.</p> <p>31 The voice of the LORD will shatter Assyria; with his rod he will strike them down.</p> <p>32 Every stroke the LORD lays on them with his punishing club will be to the music of timbrels and harps, as he fights them in battle with blows of his arm.</p> <p>33 Topheth has long been prepared; it has been made ready for the king. Its fire pit has been made deep and wide, with an abundance of fire and wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of burning sulphur, sets it ablaze.</p>
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