God's Promise of a Glorious Future for This World: His Coming Kingdom of Perfection and Joy Isaiah 35:01–10

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- The land will be restored:
 The desert and parched land will undergo a dramatic change
- 2. The glory and splendour of God will be seen
- 3. The guarantee of God's salvation will be given to weak and fearful believers
 - 1) To be strong
 - 2) To be assured:
 The LORD will come to execute justice and to save believers
- 4. The disabled believers will be healed, restored lo health
 - 1) The blind and deaf
 - 2) The crippled and mute
- 5. The parched land will be changed into well-watered, fertile soil
 - 1) Water will flow in the wilderness and desert
 - 2) Pools will replace desert sand and springs will bubble up out of thirsty ground
 - 3) Vegetation will grow on the once ruined land

- 1 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus,
- 2 It will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendour of our God.
- 3 Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;
- 4 say to those with fearful hearts,
 "Be strong, do not fear;
 your God will come,
 he will come with vengeance;
 with divine retribution he will come
 to save you."
- 5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
- 6 Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.
 Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
- 7 The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

- 6. The kingdom will have a very special highway:

 Named *The Way of Holiness*
 - Its travellers:
 No unclean or wicked person, only those who follow God
 - 2) Its safety
 - No wild beast will be a threat
 - No thief will travel on the highway, only the redeemed
 - 3) Its purpose
 - To be the road for the ransomed to return to the LORD
 - To be the road leading to Zion, where people will worship God

- 8 And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.
- 9 No lion will be there,nor any ravenous beast;they will not be found there.But only the redeemed will walk there,
- 10 and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.