

The Covenant is Broken, Isaiah Ch. 33
Behold, their brave men cry in the streets, the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly. The highways are desolate, the traveler has ceased, He has broken the covenant, he has despised the cities, he has no regard for man. Isaiah 33:7-8

• **The Decline of this Age**

- The judgment of those who deal in treachery, betrayal, and destruction. V. 1
 - Historical treachery: _____
 - Contemporary betrayal: _____
 - Betrayal and treachery are being promoted as a good thing.
 - Soviet socialism: _____
 - The subtle movement in society from “turning in” someone who has committed a crime to the betrayal of a neighbor or friend for independent thought.
 - 1984: _____
- The innocent await redemption. V. 2-6
 - The call for a savior in our lifetime. _____
 - Others will flee, but God will be the stability of our lives in this time. V. 3-6 _____
- God has broken His covenant with mankind. V. 7-12
 - Perhaps the covenant with Noah.
 - Gen. 9. _____
 - Is. 24:5. _____

Verse 9 describes the desolation of Lebanon and northern Israel. Does the current state of affairs in that region have weight here, and what does that suggest with regard to this prophecy?

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- The power of God can no longer be denied. V. 13-16
 - Even the godless will tremble. V. 14
 - Yet the just will find refuge in the rock. V. 15-16

- Your eyes will see the King and the eternal dwelling. V. 17-24
 - Rev. 21:1-5. _____
- The promise of v.24 suggests that this is part of the final judgment. _____

The Repetitive Lesson of History, perhaps the lesson of history, is the up and down of mankind’s moral and just behavior. Throughout the first half of Isaiah we see the give and take of God’s hand: first peace, then judgment, sometimes both together, but always with time on hand. Now we see, in Ch. 33-35, time running down, and God’s final judgment being foretold.

• **During the time of Isaiah.**

- God was instructing expected, or covenant behavior.
 - The Torah. _____
 - The behavior of justice, or righteousness. _____
 - The judgment of all who disregard God. _____
- Ch. 40-66. The instruction and expectations of God directed specifically at those who make a claim as “His” people.
 - His absolute sovereignty and power. 40:25-26. _____
 - The “Witness” of God’s people. 40:10-13. _____
 - God’s redeeming purpose. 49:6. _____
 - The coming Messiah. 52:13-53:12. _____
 - The true picture of righteousness. 58:1-14. _____

The history of mankind has supplied the evidence needed for God’s final annual review, and like any responsible employer who sees a record of this nature, God has chosen to terminate the former relationship.