

Who Tore Out The Last Page?

Isaiah Ch. 34&35

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• What's the final message?

- 34:1-2. Indignation and Judgment. _____
- 34:3-17. Destruction and desolation. _____
- 34:6. The example of Edom and Petra.
 - No fortification shall escape God's judgment.
 - There was judgment then and there is judgment to come.
- 35:1-2. But the land will be restored and will rejoice.
- 35:3-7. There is hope for someone.
 - The exhausted and feeble, the blind, deaf, lame, and speechless.
 - For some there will be vengeance, for some salvation.
- 35:8-10. The Highway of Holiness.
 - Only the redeemed will walk there.
 - The ransomed will return to Zion.
 - There will be gladness and joy.
 - No more sorrow and grief.

So, what's missing? _____

• The theme of the first half of Isaiah.

- The cycle
 - Civilization: _____
 - Human nature: _____
- The status of God's attitude toward the world.
 - God is angry.
 - God will judge.
 - God will rebuild.
 - God will redeem.
- But **whom** will God redeem? _____

- The glaring, obvious, undeniable, yet wholly ignored and denied message of history, scripture, and Isaiah.
 - Mankind, left to its own devices, will destroy itself.
 - We are not improving.
 - Only outside intervention has prevented it thus far.
- If our eyes are opened to history and to the prophetic call of Isaiah, there can be only one logically induced conclusion.
 - We must have outside help. _____
 - Not just civilization as a whole, but each of us.
- Failure to Launch.
 - Civilizations. _____
 - Political experiments. _____
 - Utopian dreams. _____
- Looking for doors in the desert.
 - "New Age" attempts to circumvent God's plan.
 - "Secular humanism," _____
 - The oldest one on the books: "I am a good person."
- The rejected message.
 - Is. 53. The hated hero, the despised redeemer.
 - His person and nature is only hinted at in the O.T.
 - John 1:11: *He came to his own, and his own did not receive him.*
 - John 3:19: *And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil.*
- The only possible hope.
 - John 1:29: *Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*
 - John 3:17: *For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him.*
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