

# WELCOME TO THE MOB!

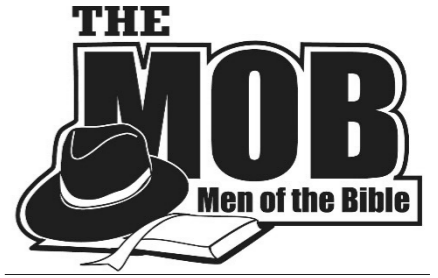
**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)**

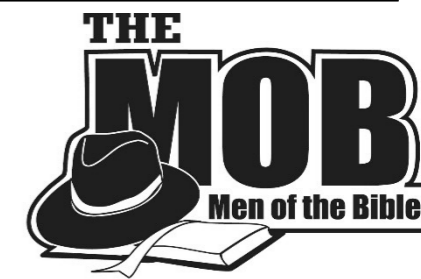


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# Announcements



- **Welcome to the MOB!**
- **Assist Pregnancy Center Walk/Run/Ride – Saturday, May 13, sign up at:**
  - **<https://runsignup.com/WRRforLife>**

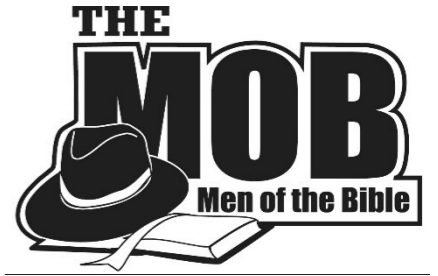


## ■ Invocation/Prayer



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# Memory Verse



## Isaiah 35:8 (NASB)

A highway will be there, a roadway,  
And it will be called the Highway of Holiness.  
The unclean will not travel on it,  
But it *will* be for him who walks *that* way,  
And fools will not wander *on it*.

## ■ Hymn:

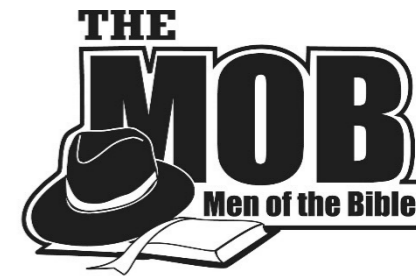
**“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”**

# Why “Redeemed!”

- **“Redeemed”** seems so New Testament – and it is. (More on that later.)
- Yet **“redeemed”** is what God has been about in the whole Old Testament since Genesis 3
- Isaiah 35:9-10, **redeemed**, is the climax of Chapters 1-35



# Redeemed People!

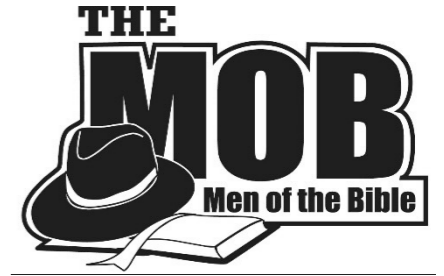


## Isaiah 35:9b-10

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# Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”

By Fanny Crosby, Verse 1 of 3



**Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,  
His child and forever I am.**

*Refrain*

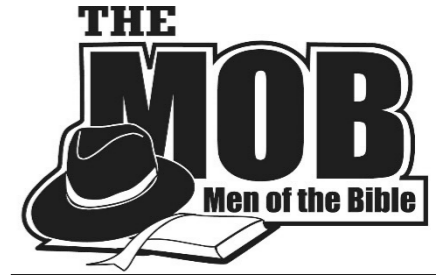
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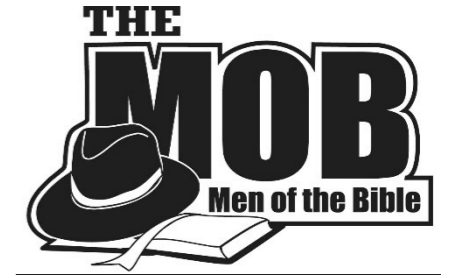
**Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,  
No language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of His presence  
With me doth continually dwell.**

*Refrain*

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Redeemed, redeemed,  
His child and forever I am.**



# Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”



By Fanny Crosby, Verse 3 of 3

**I think of my blessèd Redeemer,  
I think of Him all the day long:  
I sing, for I cannot be silent;  
His love is the theme of my song.**

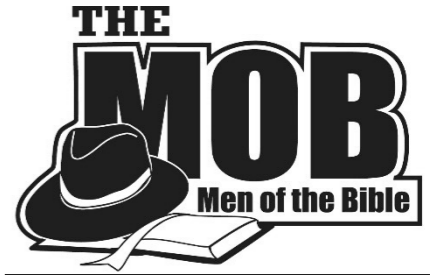
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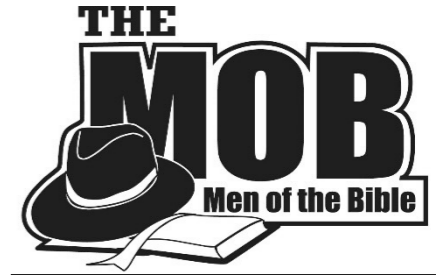
# Our Study of Isaiah



- **Last Meeting:**
  - **Isaiah 34, Judgment On The Nations**
  - **Memory Verse: Isaiah 34:16**
  - ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.218-223; Motyer, pp.268-272.***
  
- **This Meeting:**
  - **Isaiah 35, The Ransomed Shall Return**
  - **Memory Verse: Isaiah 35:8**
  - ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.223-227; Motyer, pp.272-275.***
  
- **Refreshment Host: A**



# Isaiah Outline



| Focus     | Prophecies of Condemnation |      |                               |       |  |       |                                      |       | Historical Parenthesis |  |                      |  | Prophecies of Comfort |       |                    |       |                          |       |
|-----------|----------------------------|------|-------------------------------|-------|--|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|--|----------------------|--|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
|           | 1:1                        |      | 35:10                         |       |  |       |                                      |       | 36:1                   |  | 39:8                 |  | 40:1                  |       | 66:24              |       |                          |       |
| Divisions | Prophecies Against Judah   |      | Prophecies Against the Nation |       | Prophecies Against the Day of the Lord |       | Prophecies of Judgement and Blessing |       | Sickness and Sin       |  | Hezekiah's Salvation |  | Israel's Deliverance  |       | Israel's Deliverer |       | Israel's Glorious Future |       |
|           |                            |      |                               |       |  |       |                                      |       |                        |  |                      |  |                       |       |                    |       |                          |       |
| Topics    | 1:1                        | 12:6 | 13:1                          | 23:18 | 24:1                                   | 27:13 | 28:1                                 | 35:10 | 36:1                   |  | 39:8                 |  | 40:1                  | 48:22 | 49:1               | 57:21 | 58:1                     | 66:24 |
|           | Prophetic Judgment         |      |                               |       |  |       |                                      |       | Historic Transition    |  |                      |  | Messianic Hope        |       |                    |       |                          |       |
| Place     | Israel & Judah             |      |                               |       |  |       |                                      |       |                        |  |                      |  |                       |       |                    |       |                          |       |
| Time      | 740 - 680 B.C.             |      |                               |       |  |       |                                      |       |                        |  |                      |  |                       |       |                    |       |                          |       |

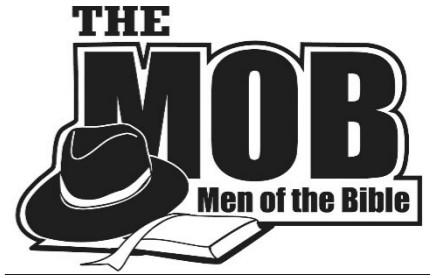
## Context – Isaiah 34

- YHWH's **indignation** is against all the nations vv.1-4
- The sword of the Lord **will judge Edom** and others vv.5-7
- YHWH has a **day of vengeance** on behalf of Zion vv.8-15
- YHWH Himself authenticates this coming **judgment** vv.16-17



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## Drilling Down – Isaiah 34



**<sup>9</sup> Its streams will be turned into pitch,  
And its loose earth into brimstone,  
And its land will become burning pitch.**

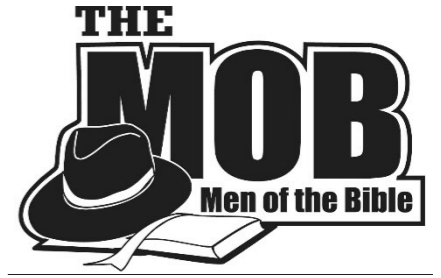
**<sup>10</sup> It will not be quenched night or day;  
Its smoke will go up forever.  
From generation to generation it will be desolate;  
None will pass through it forever and ever.**

**The Tribulation**



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# Isaiah 35 Outline



**1. The Desert  
Will Bloom**

**Nature  
vv.1-2**

**2. Be strong,  
do not fear**

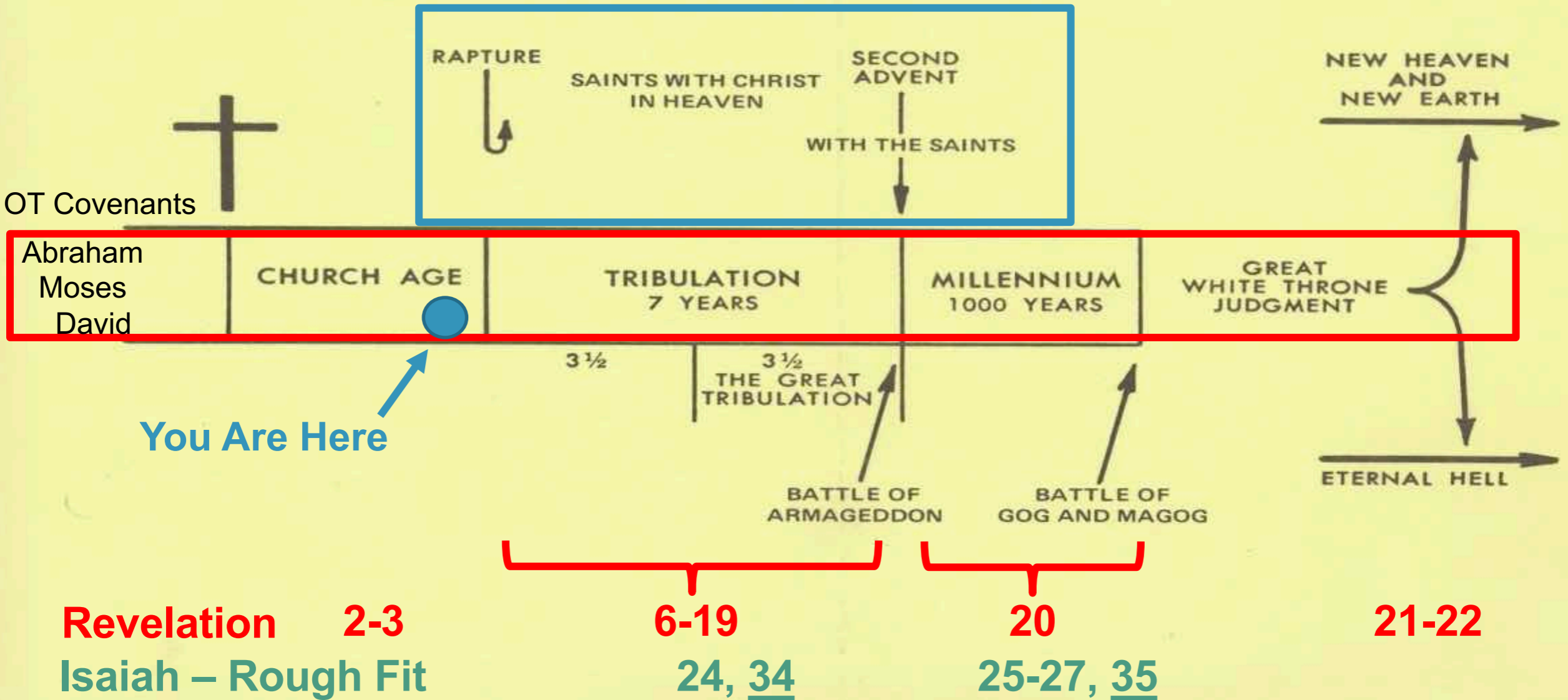
**People  
vv.3-6a**

**3.  
Redeemed!**

**vv.6b-10**

**The Millennium**

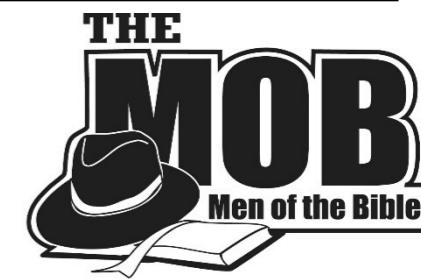
# PREMILLENNIAL SCHEME OF WORLD EVENTS







# Wilderness/Arabah Now



# 1. Desert Will Bloom (Changes to Nature)

- <sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the desert will be **glad**,  
And the Arabah will **rejoice** and blossom;  
Like the crocus <sup>2</sup> It will blossom profusely  
And **rejoice** with **rejoicing** and shout of **joy**.
- The **glory** of Lebanon will be given to it,  
The **majesty** of Carmel and Sharon.
- They will see the **glory** of the LORD,  
The **majesty** of our God.

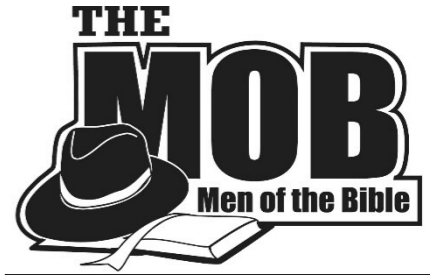
# Why does the Arabah even exist?

- Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; **Cursed is the ground because of you**; In toil you will eat of it **All the days of your life.** (Genesis 3:17)
- <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, ... <sup>22</sup> For we know that **the whole creation groans** and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. (Romans 8:20a, 22)



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# A Lesson



## The Arabah illustrates

- the effect and seriousness of the **curse** on the land.
- but also the effect and seriousness of **sin** on believers.

**Contrast that to what the land and the people could be. We need to depend on God and live for Him – not for ourselves.**

## 2. Be Strong, Do Not Fear (Condition of the People)

- <sup>3</sup> Encourage the **exhausted**, and strengthen the **feeble**. <sup>4</sup> Say to those with **anxious heart**, “Take courage, **fear not**.”

(Because God ...)

- “Behold, your **God** will come *with* vengeance; The recompense of **God** will come, But He will save you.”

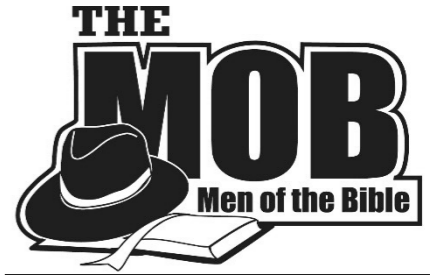
# Take Our Own Vengeance?

- **‘Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, In due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, And the impending things are hastening upon them.’ (Deuteronomy 32:35)**
- **Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord. (Romans 12:19)**



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# A Lesson

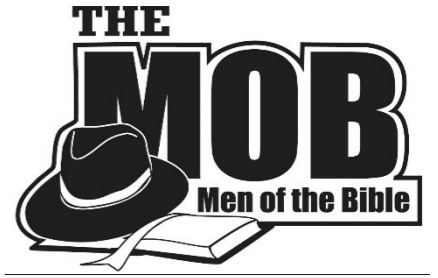


- **Be sensitive that many around us are exhausted, feeble, anxious of heart. Then encourage them. Do not fear, knowing that God will ultimately deal with His enemies.**
- **Our strength and courage can only come from the Lord**



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## Condition of the People – cont'd



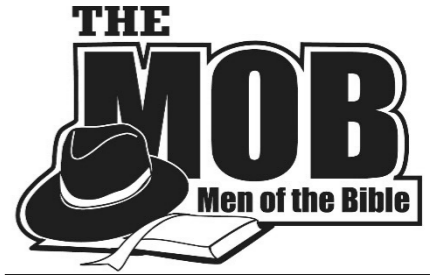
- <sup>5</sup> Then
- [after God's intervention]
- the eyes of the blind will be **opened** And the ears of the deaf will be **unstopped**. <sup>6</sup> Then the lame will **leap** like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will **shout** for joy.





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# A Lesson



**It's not over until it's over. (Yogi Berra)**

- **Don't expect God's vengeance to be complete until the Final Judgment.**
- **Even in the midst of the storm, we can rejoice because God is sovereign and He will save us. He will make all things right.**

## 3. Redeemed

**3a. Nature (vv.6b-7)**

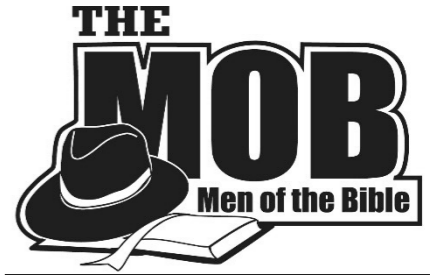
**3b. The Way to God (vv.8-9a)**

**3c. The People (vv.9b-10)**

**Everything!**



## 3a. Redeemed – Nature

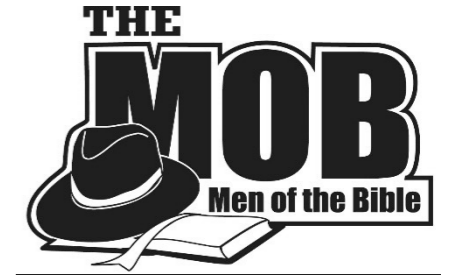


**For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah. <sup>7</sup> The scorched land will become a pool And the thirsty ground springs of water; In the haunt of jackals, its resting place, Grass *becomes* reeds and rushes.**

**God will do this to redeem nature. This is also a picture of what He will do for us.**



## 3b. Redeemed – The Way to God

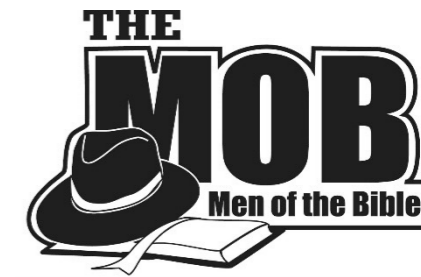


<sup>8</sup> A highway will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the **Highway of Holiness**. The unclean will not travel on it, But it *will* be for him who walks *that way*, And fools will not wander *on it*. <sup>9</sup> No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there.

***Highway of Holiness.*** This refers to the way leading the redeemed back to Jerusalem, the throne of Messiah  
MacArthur Study Bible



## 3b. Redeemed – The Way cont'd



A voice is calling, “Clear **the way** for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40:3)

He [John the Baptist] said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight **the way** of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” (John 1:23)

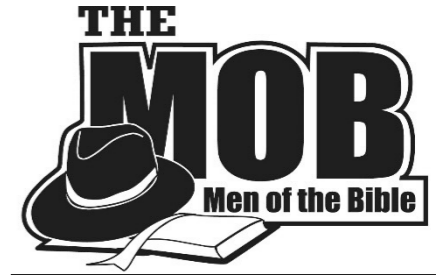
Jesus said to him, “**I am the way**, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. (John 14:6)

## 3c. Redeemed People!

- But the **redeemed** will walk *there*,<sup>10</sup> And the **ransomed** of the LORD will return And come with **joyful** shouting to Zion, With everlasting **joy** upon their heads. They will find **gladness** and **joy**,
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# Meaning of 'Redeemed'



Three different Hebrew words are translated “**redeem**” or “**ransom**.” Each presents and emphasizes a particular aspect of God’s great concern for humanity.

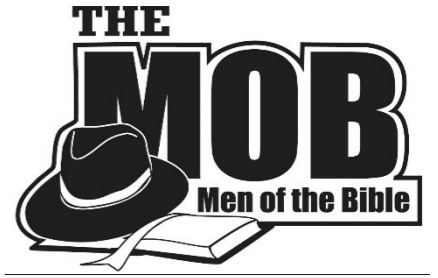
Each word is cast against the background of **helplessness**. Each finds human beings **captured**, held captive by the power of forces they cannot overcome. Only by the **intervention** of a third party can bondage be broken and the person freed.

Lawrence O. Richards



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# Meaning of 'Redeemed'



Hebrew **gā'al**, here translated "**redeemed**" stresses [1] the person of the redeemer, [2] his relationship to the redeemed and [3] his intervention on their behalf.... It speaks here, therefore, of the Lord as the only one who can redeem his people, identifying with them as their next-of-kin, willingly shouldering, on their helpless behalf and in their place, all and every one of their needs, paying their price  
Motyer

Hebrew **pādâ**, here translated "**ransomed**" means specifically 'to pay the ransom price' [for their sins]  
Motyer



# Redeemed - NT

Redemption may be summarized around three basic ideas.

(1) People are **redeemed from something**; namely, from the marketplace or slavery of sin

(2) People are **redeemed by something**; namely by the payment of a price, the blood of Christ.

(3) People are **redeemed to something**; namely, to a state of freedom; and then they are called to renounce that freedom for slavery to the Lord who redeemed them.

Charles Ryrie

What is added in the New Testament? **The blood of Christ.**  
The means of our redemption.

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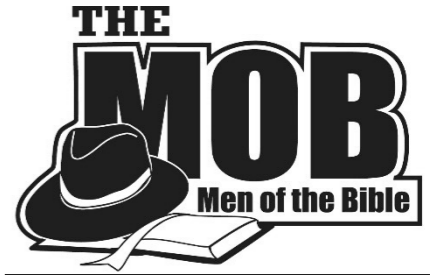
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- “Redeemed” and “Ransomed” are near synonyms.



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# A Lesson



- If you have trusted Christ as Savior, you are already redeemed. Jesus died on the cross to pay our ransom price. Praise the Lord!
- But in the Millennium, there will be more!
- We can look forward to amazing gladness and joy in Zion with our King! **As we struggle with life's challenges now, remember this great future.**

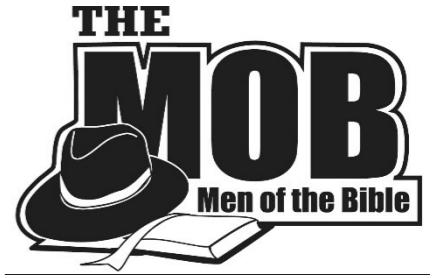
# Summary – Isaiah 1-35

- Chs. 7—12 posed a question: **'Is God Sovereign of the nations?'** Can God deliver from an Assyria? Or is he just one more of the gods, waiting to be gobbled up by a bigger god? In short, **can God be trusted?**
- Chs. 13—35 have sought to answer that question in four main sections: In the first (13-23), **God's lordship** over each of the nations is asserted.
- In the second (24-27), it is shown that God is not merely the reactor to the nations, but is in fact the **sovereign Actor** on the world's stage.



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## Summary – Isaiah 1-35 cont'd



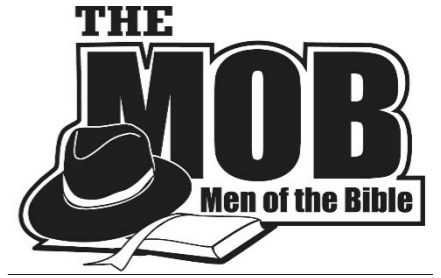
- In the third (28-33), the **superiority of God's counsel** over that of the merely human leaders is shown.
- Finally, the last two chapters (34-35) show the ultimate results of the two courses of action, with ch. 35 ending at exactly the same point as chs. 11—12, with the promise that **God can, and will, redeem. He may be trusted.**

(Oswalt quoted by Constable)



# Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”

By Fanny Crosby, Verse 1 of 3

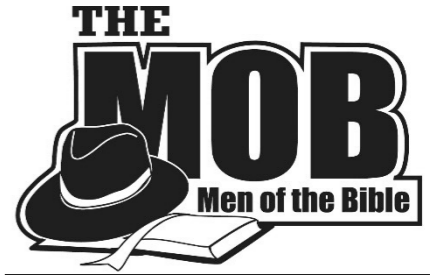


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# For Discussion and Application

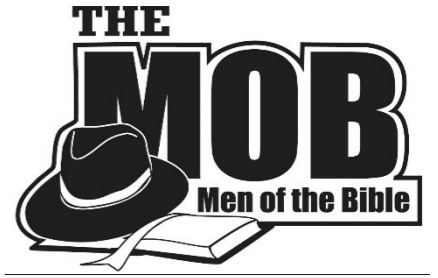


- 1. How would you contrast this chapter (35) with the context of the previous chapter (34)? Where do the two fit in Bible prophecy?**
- 2. How can the wilderness and the desert be glad (v.1)? What is going on here?**
- 3. How does Isaiah elaborate on the gladness?**
- 4. God's people were in a bad way, based on what Isaiah says about them in verses 3-5. What problems did they have and what was the solution?**



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# For Discussion and Application



**5. What other changes will occur?**

**6. Consider the Highway of Holiness. Who/what does Isaiah say is there? Who/what does Isaiah say is *not* there?**

**7. The term “redeemed” was used in verse 9 while “ransomed” was used in verse 10. Compare and contrast the terms “redeemed” and “ransomed.”**

**8. Chapter 35 began with the gladness and joy seen in nature. It concludes with the gladness and joy of people. Compare and contrast the nature aspect of gladness and joy with the people aspect.**

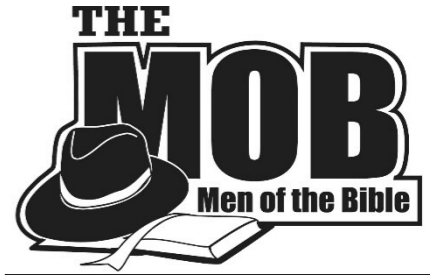
**9. As one of the redeemed, what specifically encourages you in chapter 35?**





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# Next Meeting



- **Review:**
- **Isaiah 35, The Ransomed Shall Return**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 35:8**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.223-227; Motyer, pp.272-275.***
  
- **Study:**
- **Isaiah 36, Sennacherib Invades Judah**
- **Memory Verse: Proverbs 21:1**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp.227-233; Motyer, pp.276-279.***
  
- **Refreshment Host: B**