

ISAIAH CHAPTER 32

¹ For behold, a righteous king shall reign, and princes shall govern with judgment. ² And a man shall hide his words, and be hidden, as from rushing water, and shall appear in Zion as a rushing river, glorious in a thirsty land. ³ And they shall no longer trust in men, but they shall incline their ears to hear. ⁴ And the heart of the weak ones shall attend to hear, and the stammering tongues shall soon learn to speak peace. ⁵ And they shall no longer tell a fool to rule, and your servants shall no longer say, "Be silent." ⁶ For the fool shall speak foolish words, and his heart shall meditate vanities, and to perform lawless deeds and to speak error against the Lord, to scatter hungry souls, and He will cause the thirsty souls to be empty. ⁷ For the counsel of the wicked will devise iniquity, to destroy the poor with unjust words, and ruin the cause of the poor in judgment. ⁸ But the godly have devised wise *measures*, and this counsel shall stand.

⁹ Rise up, you rich women, and hear my voice; you confident daughters, listen to my words. ¹⁰ Remember for a full year in pain, yet with hope; the vintage has been cut off; it has ceased, it shall by no means come again. ¹¹ Be amazed, be pained, you confident ones; strip, bare yourselves, gird your loins ¹² and beat your breasts, because of the pleasant field, and the fruit of the vine. ¹³ *As for* the land of my people, the thorn and grass shall come upon *it*, and joy shall be removed from every house. ¹⁴ *As for* the rich city, the houses are deserted; they shall abandon the wealth of the city, *and* the pleasant houses; and the villages shall be caves forever, the joy of wild donkeys, shepherds' pastures; ¹⁵ until the Spirit shall come upon you from on high, and Carmel shall be desert, and Carmel shall be counted for a forest.

¹⁶ Then judgment shall abide in the wilderness, and righteousness shall dwell in Carmel.

¹⁷ And the works of righteousness shall be peace; and righteousness shall ensure rest, and *the righteous* shall be confident forever. ¹⁸ And His people shall inhabit a city of peace, and dwell in *it* in confidence, and they shall rest with wealth. ¹⁹ And if the hail should come down, it shall not come upon you; and they that dwell in the forests shall be in confidence, as those in the plain country. ²⁰ Blessed are they that sow by every water, where the ox and the donkey tread.