

## <u>Suggested Sermon Discussion Questions and Thoughts</u> Isaiah 34–35, "Everlasting Joy Instead of Everlasting Torment"

1. Read 34:2. What is God's feeling toward the nations who reject Him	n?
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- 2. Is this still God's posture regarding the wicked today? Read Rom 1:18-32 and Revelation 19:11-16
- 3. Read 34:8. Why do you think the future Day of the LORD is said to be "for Zion"?
- 4. Throughout chapter 34, devastation is portrayed as the result of rejecting God. Can you think of examples from your own life which also demonstrate how rejecting God leads to devastation or ruin?
- 5. Read 35:1-2. Why are God's people able to rejoice with joy and singing just before Assyria attacks them?
- 6. Read 35:5-6. Identify the time in your life when your eyes were opened to the majesty of God. Reflect on the time when you began to speak (from the heart) about great things of God.
- 7. Read 35:8-10. List the features that will be true of this future time when Christ is present with His people.
- 8. Hebrews 12:12 uses the words from 35:3-4. Why do you think the writer of Hebrews wants struggling Christians to be strong and not afraid? Are there any parallels to what was happening to Judah in Isaiah's day?