

Isaiah  
Chapter 34

v. 2-4--(con't) So, with these translations in mind, these verses say something like this: The Lord has divided the people of the world, some stayed with Him and are in the group of His Chosen people, others have left Him and chosen to worship and trust in the things of this world. He has set aside all of mankind to be holy, and used for His Glory and to lavish His Love upon--this was His reason for creating Man. But when the second group turned from Him, He has to destroy the holy vessels before they are desecrated by Satan. Those who will stay by Him are pierced by His Word, and cast out of destruction, and their "stink", or their sinfulness will come up, and out of them, and they turn from their "ruins of idols" and turn to God alone, and the mountains of this world are melted by the new life of God in them. All of the powers of Satan will be dissolved through these people, and Satan will fall by God's power in His Chosen People.

v. 5-- The word that the word for "sword" was derived from denotes a lack of water, a drought, and the barrenness after a drought. We are the swords of God. We were dry until we were filled with the Holy Spirit and "bathed in heaven". He will use us to turn people from the curse of not looking to Him for everything.

v. 6-- The Lord is fed up with "fatness"--people loving the pleasures of this world and hypocritically offering sacrifices to Him without giving Him their hearts. (See Deut. 10:16)

v. 7-8-- These people will go down with their worldly possessions, because He wants our total attention on Him, not on the things of this world.

v. 9-10-- The streams of Jesus' Living Water, which each of us could get from Him, when people turn from Him to things of this world, the streams become rivers of pitch or passageways for Satan instead of Christ's messages, then our souls "lie waste".

v. 11-- Satan's demons will possess these people, they will nurture confusion and emptiness, which we always feel without Christ.

v. 12-13-- And these people will look to leaders of this world, and of nominal churches, and none will answer the problem, for these, too, are the domain of the emotions and materialistic views of Satan.

v. 14-15-- "The wild beasts of the desert shall meet with the wild beasts of the island"--When God's people stray from Him, and don't see Him through spiritual eyes, they come down to the level of this world, and it's hard sometimes to tell a Christian from a non-believer. Christians should stand out in the world with their love, and not be, or appear to be, a part of the rest of the world.