

**Series: Isaiah 1-39**

**Lesson: Isaiah 34-35 - When the Clouds are Rolled Back as a Scroll**

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The day is coming when the clouds will be rolled back as a scroll. For some it will be a day of destruction and others, a day of delight.

I. Isaiah 34 - “the clouds will be rolled back as a scroll.”

This chapter takes up how God will make all the wrongs right.

a. God & violence

- i. Violence exists in both OT and NT.
- ii. The OT calls for peace.
- iii. God sharply rejects violent people.
- iv. Divine violence cannot be minimized or denied.
- v. God often uses existing human entities as agents of his violence.

b. Observations that help explain God’s use of violence.

- i. God’s use of communal violence often hurts innocent people.
- ii. God’s violence has two basic purposes: judgment & salvation.
- iii. God’s violence is seldom immediate, and is often centuries after the initial acts of wickedness.
- iv. Divine violence is only in opposition to human violence.

II. Isaiah 35 - “They shall see the glory of the Lord.”

This chapter takes up the complete view of the future.

a. Isaiah’s presentation ends on a positive note.

b. When the wicked world is put in its place (Isa 34) these things will happen (Isa 35)

- i. Nature is renewed (v. 1-2)
- ii. People are renewed (v. 4-7)
- iii. Future is renewed (v. 8-10)