



KJV Isa 34	JST Isa 34	Book of Mormon	DSS Isa 34	NRSV Isa 34
<p>11 ¶ But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.^a</p> <p>12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none <i>shall be</i> there, and all her princes shall be nothing.</p> <p>13 And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, <i>and</i> a court for owls.</p> <p>14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl^b also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.</p> <p>15 There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.</p> <p>16 ¶ Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read:^c no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath</p>	<p>16 Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read the names written therein: no one of these shall fail. None shall want their mate: for my mouth it hath commanded,</p>		<p>11 But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it a line and^{1A} confusion, and the stones of emptiness.</p> <p>12 And^{1A} they shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none <i>shall be</i> there, and all her princes shall be nothing.</p> <p>14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owls^{1A} also shall rest there, and find for themselves^{1A} a place of rest.</p> <p>16 Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one [...]^{1A} shall fail, none [...]^{1A} her mate: for his^{1A} mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.</p>	<p>11 But the hawk and the hedgehog shall possess it; the owl and the raven shall live in it. He shall stretch the line of confusion over it, and the plummet of chaos over its nobles.</p> <p>12 They shall name it No Kingdom There, and all its princes shall be nothing.</p> <p>13 Thorns shall grow over its strongholds, nettles and thistles in its fortresses. It shall be the haunt of jackals, an abode for ostriches.</p> <p>14 Wildcats shall meet with hyenas, goat-demons shall call to each other; there too Lilith shall repose, and find a place to rest.</p> <p>15 There shall the owl nest and lay and hatch and brood in its shadow; there too the buzzards shall gather, each one with its mate.</p> <p>16 Seek and read from the book of the LORD: Not one of these shall be missing; none shall be without its mate. For the mouth of the LORD has commanded, and his spirit has gathered them.</p>

11^a See NRSV translation for vv. 11–15. The verses describe desert animals or those that have solitary nests in empty quarters. The imagery compares to Isa 13:21–22 and 14:23, which used Babylon instead of Edom as an alternate symbol for the world.

14^b “Screech owl” (KJV) is translated as “night creatures” in the NIV but as “Lilith” in NRSV. The legend of the demon Lilith, with power to seduce and harm members of civilized societies, has a long and complicated history in Babylonian, Egyptian, Hittite, Greek, and Jewish texts, representing varying stories.

16^c The Hebrew scriptures often refer to a heavenly book or scroll. See Ps 40:7; 139:16; Mal 3:16; Dan 7:10; Rev 20:12.

KJV Isa 34	JST Isa 34	Book of Mormon	DSS Isa 34	NRSV Isa 34
<p>commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.^a 17 And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.</p>	<p>and my spirit it hath gathered them. 17 And I have cast the lot for them, and I have divided it unto them by line; they shall possess it for ever; from generation to generation they shall dwell therein.</p>		<p>17 And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hands^{1A} hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.</p>	<p>17 He has cast the lot for them, his hand has portioned it out to them with the line; they shall possess it forever, from generation to generation they shall live in it.</p>

KJV Isa 35	JST Isa 35	Book of Mormon	DSS Isa 35	NRSV Isa 35
<p>1 THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.^b 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon,^c they shall see the glory of the LORD, <i>and</i> the excellency of our God. 3 ¶ Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.^d 4 Say to them <i>that are</i> of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come <i>with</i> vengeance, <i>even</i> God <i>with</i> a recompence; he will come and save you.</p>	<p>4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come <i>with</i> vengeance, <i>even</i> God <i>with</i> a recompence; he will come and save you.</p>		<p>4 Say to them <i>that are</i> of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will bring^{1A} vengeance, <i>even</i> God will bring^{4A}</p>	<p>1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus 2 it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."</p>

16^a None of the prophecies made by Isaiah will fail. See D&C 1:37–38. The promise in vv. 16–17 is that all will have their mates and the land will be given to them. This could be another symbol for the righteous remnant of Israel. Though they are few, they will still be gathered and blessed of the Lord. See Deut 32:8 and Isa 35.

1^b Isa 35 reverses the imagery of Isa 34 and shows the desert returning to a paradisiacal, Eden-like state. These images are similar to those in Isa 40–66. “The crocus” (NRSV) is the first of many desert flowers that bloom suddenly after the early and late heavy rains, blanketing dry desert landscapes in color.

2^c These are the same fertile locations mentioned in Isa 33:9 that had become desolate. God’s glory is the cause of the new, abundant life.

3^d In vv. 3–4, we are invited to strengthen the weak hands and feeble knees, offering hope that God will come to save. See Heb 12:12; D&C 81:5.

KJV Isa 35	JST Isa 35	Book of Mormon	DSS Isa 35	NRSV Isa 35
<p>5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.</p> <p>6 Then shall the lame <i>man</i> leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.</p> <p>7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, <i>shall be</i> grass with reeds and rushes.^a</p> <p>8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it <i>shall be</i> for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err <i>therein</i>.^b</p> <p>9 No lion shall be there, nor <i>any</i> ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk <i>there</i>:</p>	<p>8 And a highway shall be there, for a way shall be cast up, and it shall be called The way of holiness. The unclean shall not pass over upon it; but it <i>shall be cast up</i> for those who are clean, and the wayfaring men, though they are accounted fools, shall not err <i>therein</i>.</p> <p>9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk <i>there</i>:</p>		<p>recompence; and he will save you.</p> <p>6 Then shall the lame <i>man</i> leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams will run^{1A} in the desert.</p> <p>7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, a resting place^{1A} of grass with reeds and rushes.</p> <p>8 And an highway shall be there, even there,^{1A} [...] ^{1A} and they shall call it a^{1A} way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It is, but for whom?^{1A} The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err <i>therein</i>.</p> <p>9 No lion shall be there, nor <i>any</i> ravenous beast shall go up thereon—never,^{1A} and^{1A} it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk <i>there</i>:</p>	<p>5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;</p> <p>6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;</p> <p>7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.</p> <p>8 A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.</p> <p>9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.</p>

^{7a} See NRSV translation.

^{8b} The main ancient highways were the “Way of the Kings” (or the King’s Highway) and the “Way of the Sea” (*Via Maris*). See Map Isaiah 35:8. This symbolic, sacred highway would instead be known as the “Way of Holiness” and would only be traveled by the pure who seek to come to Zion (v. 10) in order to be instructed in God’s ways. Compare Isa 2:2–3.