

“The LORD: Judge, Lawgiver & King”
Sermon Notes

**Look beyond the nations to the all-proficient monarch:
the LORD, your Judge, Lawgiver and King**

For...

(1) What other king has the might to protect? (1-12)

(2) Who has the character to dwell with a holy Lawgiver (13-16)?

(3) Who else could govern the whole earth in peace and prosperity (17-24)?

Community Group Study Questions

For the Week of July 17th - 23rd

Conversation Starters

Consider these questions to start reflecting on civil matters: Have you ever served on jury duty? What was that like? Do you know any judges? Do you know any civil servants? What are they like? What is good about our system of government? What is broken in our system of government? What “chariots” (Is 33:1) are people looking to for help?

Context

The prophet Isaiah addresses the relationship of the nations to God in chapters 13 to 37. What are the 12 nations that are promised judgment in chs. 13-23? Chapters 24-27 convey that God will triumph over the nations. What details would lead you to this conclusion? Chapters 28-33 describe the folly of trusting the nations (Israel, Judah, Egypt or Assyria). How are the nations described here (for example, Israel’s leaders are like drunkards)?

Observation and Meaning

The Assyrians are described in Is 33:1, 7-9. What do you learn about their interactions with Israel and Judah in 2 Kings 18:9-19:37?

What words or phrases in this passage convey **the strength** of the LORD as King over Zion to deliver his people? Given what we read in 1 Samuel 12:12-17, what kind of king did the people long for? Why would you believe that Jesus is the Messiah-King, who has the power to save, rescue and deliver?

What words or phrases in this passage show us the LORD is Lawgiver, who decrees **the law and produces the righteous character of his people**? How is this possible under the New Covenant (see Jer 31:33; 2 Cor 3:3; Heb 10:11-18; Rom 6 and 8)?

What words or phrases in this passage convey **the type of culture and civilization** that the LORD as Judge-Governor will bring about? See the expectations of the Messiah in Isaiah 9:6-7 and 11:1-16. What will Christ ultimately do as Judge (see 2 Tim 4:1 and Acts 10:42)? How is Christ governing today?

In a single sentence or two of your own, summarize the main idea of Isaiah 33.

Application

What is something new you learned about God - as King, Lawgiver and Judge-Governor? How have your expectations changed about him?

Where do you need the strength of the King to save you? Do you need to repent of trusting in any “chariots (Is 31:1)” or “nations” for deliverance?

One use of the Law is to teach God’s will and the path of obedience for his people (note: neither antinomianism nor legalism); so what area of the Law do you want to better understand for your walk with Jesus? But first, are there any places you need to repent of breaking his Law?

Where does your life lack peace, prosperity, and well-being, due to conflict with others, or

brokenness in the creation, or weakened bodies and minds? How does Isaiah 33 give you future hope?