

## **Isaiah Reading**

**This Oracle-Poem was delivered by Isaiah the Prophet as a future promise to the people of Israel before they were led into Exile. He gave them no assurance this would happen in their lifetimes, only that IT WOULD HAPPEN. We still work and wait for the fulfillment of this Oracle today, trusting that God is always faithful to God's promises.**

**A READING from the 32 Chapter of the Prophet Isaiah:**

**“Once more there will be poured on us the Spirit from above;  
The wilderness shall become a fertile land,  
The fertile land shall become a forest.**

**In the wilderness justice will come to live,  
And integrity in the fertile land.  
Integrity will bring peace, and  
Justice alone will give lasting security.**

**My people will one day live in a peaceful home,  
In safe houses and quiet dwellings,  
Happy will you be, sowing your grain by flowing streams,  
With your ox and donkey roaming in freedom.”**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD!**