

**Study 76: Isaiah, Part 32 Isaiah 42:11-17**

**Isaiah 42 (cont.)**

11 Let the wilderness and its towns raise their voices;  
let the settlements where Kedar [a son of Ishmael = *Arabia*] lives rejoice.  
Let the people of Sela [Petra - Idumean territory (descendants of Esau)] sing for joy;  
let them shout from the mountaintops.  
12 Let them give glory to the Lord  
and proclaim his praise in the islands.  
13 The Lord will march out like a champion,  
like a warrior he will stir up his zeal;  
with a shout he will raise the battle cry  
and will triumph over his enemies.

14 “For a long time I have kept silent,  
I have been quiet and held myself back.  
But now, like a woman in childbirth,  
I cry out, I gasp and pant.  
15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn rivers into islands  
and dry up the pools.  
16 I will lead the blind by ways they have not known,  
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;  
I will turn the darkness into light before them  
and make the rough places smooth.  
These are the things I will do;  
I will not forsake them.  
17 But those who trust in idols,  
who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’  
will be turned back in utter shame.