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| Isaiah 35: 1-10Selection A9 | **A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah****The wilderness and the parched land will exult;** **the Arabah will rejoice and bloom;** **like the crocus it shall bloom abundantly,** **and rejoice with joyful song.****The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,** **the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;** **they will see the glory of the LORD,** **the splendor of our God.****Strengthen hands that are feeble,** **make firm knees that are weak,** **say to the fearful of heart:** **be strong, do not fear!****Here is your God,** **he comes with vindication;** **with divine recompense** **he comes to save you.****Then the eyes of the blind shall see,** **and the ears of the deaf be opened;** **then the lame shall leap like a stag,** **and the mute tongue sing for joy.*****Continued on the Next Page*****For waters will burst forth in the wilderness,** **and streams in the Arabah.****The burning sands will become pools,** **and the thirsty ground, springs of water;** **the abode where jackals crouch** **will be a marsh for the reed and papyrus.****A highway will be there,** **called the holy way;** **no one unclean may pass over it,** **but it will be for his people;** **no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray on it.****No lion shall be there,** **nor any beast of prey approach, nor be found.****But there the redeemed shall walk,** **and the ransomed of the LORD shall return,** **and enter Zion singing,** **crowned with everlasting joy;** **they meet with joy and gladness,** **sorrow and mourning flee away.****The Word of the Lord** |