



## Isaiah: Messiah's First & Second Coming

### 13. Isaiah Chapters 59-66: Salvation to the Earth



#### Isaiah 59: The Arm of the Lord brings salvation

Why are we separated from God? Is there hope for humanity? The answer to these questions are provided in Isaiah 59. In this chapter, God reveals our problem, "Our iniquities have separated" us from God (vs.2). Our sins have "hidden His face" so we cannot hear our pleas, this is the human condition. Verses 1 to 15 paint on the wall our condition, because of our fallen state. Verse 10 portrays the state of humanity as the blind feeling the walls, with no eyes, stumbling in darkness. Apart from God, humanity is lost this is the point. Even when people try to be righteous, they become the target of the wicked, this puts humanity in a utterly helpless condition.

God seeing this situation, intervenes Himself, His arm, the Arm of the Lord (Is. 53;1) enters the world as a man, because God saw there was "no man". This being the case, he entered our world by putting on "righteousness as breastplate" and helmet of "salvation on His head" The result being the establishment of the everlasting "covenant" or redemption.

#### Isaiah 59

- 1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.
- 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.
- 3 For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity.
- 4 No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity.
- 5 They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; He who eats of their eggs dies, And from that which is crushed a viper breaks out.
- 6 Their webs will not become garments, Nor will they cover themselves with their works; Their works are works of iniquity, And the act of violence is in their hands.
- 7 Their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction are in their paths.
- 8 The way of peace they have not known, And there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace.
- 9 Therefore justice is far from us, Nor does righteousness overtake us; We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness!
- 10 We grope for the wall like the blind, And we grope as if we had no eyes; We stumble at noonday as at twilight; We are as dead men in desolate places.
- 11 We all growl like bears, And moan sadly like doves; We look for justice, but there is none; For salvation, but it is far from us.
- 12 For our transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, And as for our iniquities, we know them:
- 13 In transgressing and lying against the Lord, And departing from our God, Speaking oppression and revolt, Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.
- 14 Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter.
- 15 So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice.
- 16 He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.
- 17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak.
- 18 According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay.

19 So shall they fear The name of the Lord from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the Lord.

21 "As for Me," says the Lord, **"this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you,** and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore."

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**Your iniquities**

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### *Isaiah Chapter 60: Jerusalem the city of the Redeemed*



Jerusalem will one day be home to all the Redeemed people, the saints of God will have an eternal presence with God Almighty. We will an intimate and personal relationship with God, *"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes"* (Rev. 21:4). This scene in Revelation follows the presentation of the New Jerusalem. Here in Isaiah 60, we see both the three aspects of Jerusalem.

First, Jerusalem before redemption, described as period when "darkness shall cover the earth" (vs. 2). Secondly, upon the completion of redemption, Jerusalem will become the center of the Earth, the capital city of the world. This is the second aspect of Jerusalem, Jerusalem in the Millennium. At this point the Glory of the Lord, the Messiah is ruling from the city. Since Jerusalem is the capital of the earth, with presence of God in the city verse 11 explains, *"your gates shall be open continually...that men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, and their kings in procession"*.

Finally, the third aspect of Jerusalem following the Millennium will be the eternal home of the saints who will dwell in the presence of Glory of the Lord, The Arm of the Lord, who is Jesus Christ for all eternity. This corresponds with the description of Revelation 22:5. Here the city will not need the sun or the moon for light, since the very presence of the Lord will be its light (vs. 19).

Isaiah 60

1 Arise, shine; For your light has come! And **the glory of the Lord is risen** upon you.

2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And **His glory will be seen upon you**.

3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.

7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; They shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, And I will glorify the house of My glory.

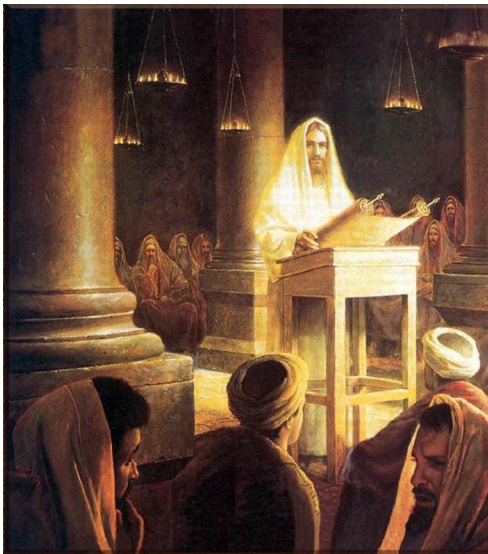
8 "Who are these who fly like a cloud, And like doves to their roosts?

9 **Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me**; And the ships of Tarshish will come first, To bring your sons from afar, Their silver and their gold with them, To the name of the Lord your God, And to the Holy One of Israel, Because He has glorified you.

10 "The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, And their kings shall minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, But in My favor I have had mercy on you.

11 Therefore **your gates shall be open continually**; They shall not be shut day or night, That **men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, And their kings in procession.**  
 12 For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, And those nations shall be utterly ruined.  
 13 "The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, The cypress, the pine, and the box tree together, To beautify **the place of My sanctuary; And I will make the place of My feet glorious.**  
 14 Also the sons of those who afflicted you Shall come bowing to you, And all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet; And **they shall call you The City of the Lord, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**  
 15 "Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, So that no one went through you, I will make you an eternal excellence, A joy of many generations.  
 16 You shall drink the milk of the Gentiles, And milk the breast of kings; **You shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.**  
 17 "Instead of bronze I will bring gold, Instead of iron I will bring silver, Instead of wood, bronze, And instead of stones, iron. I will also make your officers peace, And your magistrates righteousness.  
 18 Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, Neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; But you shall call your walls Salvation, And your gates Praise.  
 19 "The sun shall no longer be your light by day, Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; **But the Lord will be to you an everlasting light, And your God your glory.**  
 20 Your sun shall no longer go down, Nor shall your moon withdraw itself; For the Lord will be your everlasting light, And the days of your mourning shall be ended.  
 21 Also **your people shall all be righteous**; They shall inherit the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.  
 22 A little one shall become a thousand, And a small one a strong nation. I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time."

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#### *Isaiah Chapter 61: Messiah's Gospel*

Jesus quotes from Isaiah 61:1 and applies the words to Himself, when he entered the Synagogue, he opened the book to Isaiah 61 and read the first verse. When he completed the reading he said, "*Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.*" (Luke 4:21). The Hebrew word in verse one for "anointed" is ***Mashach***, meaning to smear, this is where the title Messiah comes from. The one chosen by God, this is exactly who Jesus is saying he is, he is the "anointed" of God, the Messiah. The ministry of this "ME" in verse 1, is universal in transformation.

These universal aspects are as follows:

- To preach good tidings (Gospel) to the poor
- Heal the brokenhearted
- Proclaim liberty to the captives
- Open of the prison to those bound

Isaiah 61 follows the salvation of those who receive the "Good Tidings" of the "Me" in verse 1. According to Isaiah 61 they will be known as:

- Priests of the Lord
- Servants of our God
- The posterity whom the Lord blessed

This coincides with the ministry of the Redeemed in the Millennium. For example the 12-disciples will

rule over the 12-tribes of Israel in the Millennium (Regeneration) (Matthew 19:28).

28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **Matthew 19:28**

Isaiah 61

1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner Shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6 But you shall be named the priests of the Lord, They shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast.

7 Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

8 "For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant.

9 Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, And their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, That they are the posterity whom the Lord has blessed."

10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

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#### *Isaiah Chapter 62: Jerusalem coming Glory*

Zion is a mountain in Jerusalem, this is the destiny of all the redeemed. The Gospel, "Good Tidings" went forward from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Chapter 62, looks forward to the day of Jerusalem's redemption, in contrast to her past failures. Jerusalem was the forsaken city, when the her people rejected the Lord and turned to idols in the days of Isaiah and Jeremiah (586 B.C.). Jerusalem was destroyed a second time when the city rejected the Glory of the Lord, Jesus Christ in A.D. 70.

God looks forward to day of Jerusalem's redemption in the earth. In verse 7, we see God's eager anticipation of this day, "And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes



*Jerusalem a praise in the earth”.*

Isaiah 62

1 For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns.

2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the Lord will name.

3 You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the Lord, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God.

4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the Lord delights in you, And your land shall be married.

5 For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you.

6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent,

7 And **give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.**

8 The Lord has sworn by His right hand And by the arm of His strength: "Surely I will no longer give your grain As food for your enemies; And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, For which you have labored.

9 But those who have gathered it shall eat it, And praise the Lord; Those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts."

10 Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; Build up, Build up the highway! Take out the stones, Lift up a banner for the peoples!

11 Indeed the Lord has proclaimed To the end of the world: **"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.' "**

12 And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

**Jerusalem's sake**

**Her salvation**

**The gentiles**

**termed forsaken**

**Hephzibah...Beulah**

**Jerusalem a praise in the earth**

**end of the world**

**salvation is coming**

**reward is with Him**

**Holy people**

### *Isaiah Chapter 63: The Arm of the Lord returns*



There are two portraits of *Arm of the Lord*, the picture in Isaiah 53 portrays the "Suffering Servant" who dies for the sins of the world. He is rejected and suffers as God's sacrifice to redeem fallen humanity. The second picture is the glorious coming of the Arm of the Lord who comes to judge the earth with power and great glory. This second picture is the subject of Isaiah 63. Verse one starts by asking the question "Who is this who comes from Edom?", describing Him as "Glorious in His apparel", "Traveling in greatness of His strength".

Notice who answers the question, "*I who speak righteousness, mighty to save*", this is the *Righteous Servant* of Isaiah 53:11, who died for the sins of the world. How do we know this, because in Isaiah 63:4 we are told it was the *Arm of the Lord* by the words "*Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me*". The Arm of the Lord is identified as the righteous servant of Isaiah 53 (Isaiah 53:1). The righteous servant died at the First Coming for the sins of the world. Here the righteous servant comes in Glory and power at the Second Coming to judge the earth. Therefore he identifies Himself as, "*I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save*".

What is the purpose of this coming? "*A day of vengeance*" and the "*year of My redeemed*" (vs.4). The

vengeance is on fallen humanity, the year of *My redeemed* means the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom, when the redeemed "Saved" are rewarded and established.

Israel is reminded that the "Glorious arm" was the one who led them out of wilderness (vs.12). He is the one who came and died for the sins of the nation (Isaiah 53:1).

Isaiah 63

1 Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?-"I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?

3 "I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes.

4 For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come.

5 I looked, but there was no one to help, And I wondered That there was no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me.

6 I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And brought down their strength to the earth."

7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord And the praises of the Lord, According to all that the Lord has bestowed on us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.

8 For He said, "Surely they are My people, Children who will not lie." So He became their Savior.

9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old.

10 But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them.

11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying: "Where is He who brought them up out of the sea With the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them,

12 Who led them by the right hand of Moses, With His glorious arm, Dividing the water before them To make for Himself an everlasting name.

13 Who led them through the deep, As a horse in the wilderness, That they might not stumble?"

14 As a beast goes down into the valley, And the Spirit of the Lord causes him to rest, So You lead Your people, To make Yourself a glorious name.

15 Look down from heaven, And see from Your habitation, holy and glorious. Where are Your zeal and Your strength, The yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me? Are they restrained?

16 Doubtless You are our Father, Though Abraham was ignorant of us, And Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O Lord, are our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name.

17 O Lord, why have You made us stray from Your ways, And hardened our heart from Your fear? Return for Your servants' sake, The tribes of Your inheritance.

18 Your holy people have possessed it but a little while; Our adversaries have trodden down Your sanctuary.

19 We have become like those of old, over whom You never ruled, Those who were never called by Your name.

**Who is this who comes from Edom  
One who is glorious in His apparel  
Traveling in the greatness of His strength?  
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#### *Isaiah Chapter 64: The nature of the God of Israel*

The Lord God led the Children of Israel out of Egypt in power and glory. His presence burned Mount Sinai and the people begged Moses to intercede for them (Deuteronomy 5:25). In the last-days the nations (The Gentiles) will be gathered together against Israel and the Lord returns in Glory and power. The focus here is the majesty of God and for the nations to know Him, so they may "tremble at your presence" (vs.2). The God of Israel is unique, He is real, He is Majestic and Glorious, but wants to have fellowship with us.



Isaiah 64

1 Oh, that **You would rend the heavens!** That **You would come down!** That the mountains might shake at **Your presence**

2 As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, **That the nations may tremble at Your presence!**

3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence.

4 For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, **Who acts for the one who waits for Him.**

5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned-In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved.

6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our

righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

7 And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For **You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities.**

8 But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.

9 Do not be furious, O Lord, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look-we all are Your people!

10 Your holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

11 Our holy and beautiful temple, Where our fathers praised You, Is burned up with fire; And all our pleasant things are laid waste.

12 Will You restrain Yourself because of these things, O Lord? Will You hold Your peace, and afflict us very severely?

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**Come down**

**The nations**

**acts for the one who waits for Him**

**consumed us because of our iniquities**



### *Isaiah Chapter 65: Two Destinies of Humanity*

The "Good Tidings" of the Messiah is the Gospel. When Jesus presented the Gospel to Israel, Israel rejected it, but the Gentile world accepted it. Isaiah 65 begins with the contrast of two groups, one group who accepts the Servant "Me" and one group who rejects. Israel rejects the servant while "the nation" Gentiles accept. The Gentiles accept the message of the servant as noted earlier in Isaiah (42:1, 49:6,22, 52:15). Paul quotes from this portion of Isaiah as being fulfillment of his ministry to the Gentiles.

20 But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me."

21 But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and contrary people." **Romans 10:20-21**

The contrast of these two groups, one destined for salvation, the other for damnation continues from verse 2 to 17. From verse 17, the "New Creation" or restoration is described. The period described is the Millennium, the 1000-year reign of Messiah (Christ). What we can learn about the Millennium is revealed in several verses.

- A child shall die one hundred years old

- the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed
- They shall build houses and inhabit them
- as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people
- For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord
- The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
- The lion shall eat straw like the ox,
- They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain

Isaiah 65

1 "I was sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was found by those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' To a nation that was not called by My name.

#### *A rebellious house*

2 I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in a way that is not good, According to their own thoughts;

3 A people who provoke Me to anger continually to My face; Who sacrifice in gardens, And burn incense on altars of brick;

4 Who sit among the graves, And spend the night in the tombs; Who eat swine's flesh, And the broth of abominable things is in their vessels;

5 Who say, 'Keep to yourself, Do not come near me, For I am holier than you!' These are smoke in My nostrils, A fire that burns all the day.

6 "Behold, it is written before Me: I will not keep silence, but will repay-Even repay into their bosom

7 Your iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers together," Says the Lord, "Who have burned incense on the mountains And blasphemed Me on the hills; Therefore I will measure their former work into their bosom."

#### *Servants of the Lord*

8 Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, And one says, 'Do not destroy it, For a blessing is in it,' So will I do for My servants' sake, That I may not destroy them all.

9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, And from Judah an heir of My mountains; My elect shall inherit it, And My servants shall dwell there.

10 Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, And the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down, For My people who have sought Me.

#### *Contrast of destiny*

11 "But you are those who forsake the Lord, Who forget My holy mountain, Who prepare a table for Gad, And who furnish a drink offering for Meni.

12 Therefore I will number you for the sword, And you shall all bow down to the slaughter; Because, when I called, you did not answer; When I spoke, you did not hear, But did evil before My eyes, And chose that in which I do not delight."

13 Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, My servants shall eat, But you shall be hungry; Behold, My servants shall drink, But you shall be thirsty; Behold, My servants shall rejoice, But you shall be ashamed;

14 Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, But you shall cry for sorrow of heart, And wail for grief of spirit.

15 You shall leave your name as a curse to My chosen; For the Lord God will slay you, And call His servants by another name;

16 So that he who blesses himself in the earth Shall bless himself in the God of truth; And he who swears in the earth Shall swear by the God of truth; Because the former troubles are forgotten, And because they are hidden from My eyes.

#### *New Creation*

17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.

20 "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.



23 They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; **For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, And their offspring with them.**

24 "It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear.

25 **The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the Lord.**

**I was sought by those who did not ask for Me  
To a nation that was not called by My name.  
to a rebellious people  
descendants from Jacob  
those who forsake the Lord  
My servants  
I create new heavens and a new earth**



### *Isaiah Chapter 66: True Worship and False*

The focus of salvation is restoration of fellowship with our creator. Within humanity are two groups, those destined for salvation and the lost. In verses 2 to 5 we see contrast of the heart, God know our despite our actions. Even when people perform religious actions, God goes beyond our actions to our heart.

Those who tremble at "My Word" as opposed to those who perform "outward" acts without sincere heart, killing an ox with the imagination of killing a man is example of God's understanding our heart. This all leads toward the day of restoration, when God judges the thoughts of humanity.

Israel being established as a nation is a key element to God's plan of redemption, when the Jewish people know Messiah, then Jerusalem will receive the blessing of redemption. Therefore Israel as nation will be established in a miraculous way as described in Isaiah 66:7-13.

Following Israel the nations will be judged when they come against the nation.

#### Isaiah 66

1 Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?

2 For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the Lord. **"But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.**

3 "He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; He who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog's neck; He who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine's blood; He who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol. Just as they have chosen their own ways, And their soul delights in their abominations,

4 So will I choose their delusions, And bring their fears on them; Because, when I called, no one answered, When I spoke they did not hear; But they did evil before My eyes, And chose that in which I do not delight."

5 Hear the word of the Lord, You who tremble at His word: "Your brethren who hated you, Who cast you out for My name's sake, said, 'Let the Lord be glorified, That we may see your joy.' But they shall be ashamed."

6 The sound of noise from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of the Lord, Who fully repays His enemies!

#### *a nation born at once*

7 "Before she was in labor, she gave birth; Before her pain came, She delivered a male child.

8 Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? **Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.**

9 Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?" says the Lord. "Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?" says your God.

10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem, And be glad with her, all you who love her; Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her;

11 That you may feed and be satisfied With the consolation of her bosom, That you may drink deeply and be delighted With the abundance of her glory."

12 For thus says the Lord: **"Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; On her sides shall you be carried, And be dandled on her knees.**

13 As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

14 When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, And your bones shall flourish like grass; The hand of the Lord shall be known to His servants, And His indignation to His enemies.

### *Judgment of the earth*

15 For behold, the Lord will come with fire And with His chariots, like a whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For by fire and by His sword The Lord will judge all flesh; And the slain of the Lord shall be many.

17 "Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves, To go to the gardens After an idol in the midst, Eating swine's flesh and the abomination and the mouse, Shall be consumed together," says the Lord.

18 "For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory.

### *The Redeemed and lost*

19 "I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles.

20 "Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the Lord out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the Lord, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord.

21 "And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says the Lord.

22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the Lord, "So shall your descendants and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the Lord.

24 "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

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