

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

IX. Isaiah’s *Disclosure* of Conditions and Events Preceding the Kingdom (60:1-66:1-24)

- A. The *Dawning* of Israel’s Future Glory (60:1-22)
- B. The *Description* of Messiah’s Ministry of Restoration (61:1-11)
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F. The *Demise* of Ungodly Israel (65:1-16)

- 1. The *Calling* of the Gentiles (65:1)

¹I permitted Myself to be *sought* by those who did not ask for Me;
I permitted Myself to be *found* by those who did not seek Me.

I said, ‘Here am I, here am I,’
to a nation which did not call on My name.

- 2. The *Condemnation* of a Rebellious and Unrepentant Israel (65:2-7)

²“I have spread out My hands *all day long* to a rebellious people,
who walk *in the way* which is not good, following their *own thoughts*,

³ A people who *continually* provoke Me to My face,
offering sacrifices in *gardens* and burning incense on *bricks*;

⁴ who sit among *graves* and spend the night in *secret places*;
who eat *swine’s flesh*,
and the broth of *unclean meat* is in their pots.

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 silent**, but I will **repay**; I will even **repay** into their **bosom**,

⁷ **both** their **own iniquities** and the **iniquities**
of their fathers **together**,” says the LORD.

“**Because** they have **burned incense** on the **mountains**
and **scorned Me** on the **hills**,
therefore I will **measure** their **former work** into their **bosom**.”

3. The **Conserving** of a **Righteous Remnant** in Israel (65:8-10)

⁸ Thus says the LORD,
“As the **new wine** is found in the **cluster**,

and one says, ‘**do not destroy it**, for there is **benefit** in it,’
so I will **act** on behalf of **My servants** in order **not** to **destroy all** of them.

⁹ “I will bring forth **offspring** from **Jacob**,
and an **heir** of **My mountains** from **Judah**;

even **My chosen ones** shall **inherit it**, and **My servants** will **dwell there**.

¹⁰ “**Sharon** will be a **pasture land** for **flocks**, and the valley of **Achor**
a **resting place** for **herds**, for **My people** who **seek Me**.

4. The **Contrasting Destinies** of **Unfaithful Israel**, and the **Righteous Remnant** within Israel (65:11-16)

¹¹ “But **you** who **forsake** the LORD, who **forget My holy mountain**,
who set a **table** for **Fortune**,
and who **fill cups** with mixed wine for **Destiny**,

¹² I will **destine you** for the **sword**,
and all of you will **bow down** to the **slaughter**.

Because I **called**, but you did **not answer**;
I **spoke**, but you did **not hear**.
And you **did evil** in **My sight** and **chose** that in which I did **not delight**.”

¹³ Therefore, thus says the **Lord GOD**,
“Behold, **My servants** will **eat**, but **you** will be **hungry**.

Behold, **My servants** will **drink**, but **you** will be **thirsty**.
Behold, **My servants** will **rejoice**, but **you** will be **put to shame**.

¹⁴ “Behold, **My servants** will shout **joyfully** with a **glad heart**,
but **you** will **cry out** with a **heavy heart**,
and **you** will **wail** with a **broken spirit**.

¹⁵“**You** will leave **your name** for a curse to **My chosen ones**,
and the **Lord GOD** will **slay you**.

But **My servants** will be *called* by another name.

¹⁶“Because **he** who is *blessed* in the **earth**
will be *blessed* by the God of truth;
and **he** who *swears* in the **earth** will *swear* by the God of truth;

Because the **former troubles** are *forgotten*,
and because they are *hidden* from **My sight**!

Personal Application

In our **study** tonight we saw the “*Condemnation* of a
Rebellious and Unrepentant **Israel** (65:1-7)”

We also saw how that **God** was **going to**, as **He** had
done throughout **Israel’s history**,

“*Conserve* a **Righteous Remnant** *within* **Israel**!”

Thus says **the LORD**,
“As the **new wine** is found in the **cluster**,

and one says, ‘**do not** destroy it, for there is **benefit in it**,’
so **I will act** on behalf of **My servants** in order not to **destroy all** of them.

“**I will** bring forth offspring from **Jacob**,
and an heir of **My mountains** from **Judah**;
even **My chosen ones** shall *inherit it*, and **My servants** will *dwell there*.

Adat Shalom’s ministry and **mission** is to share the
hope of salvation through faith in **Messiah** to *all* people.

However, *we also* **believe** that we have a special **calling**
to **share this good news**

to the “**remnant**” of **Israel** in this **present age**:

I (Paul) say then, **God** has not **rejected His people**, has **He**?
May it **never be**! For **I too** am an Israelite,
a descendant of **Abraham**, of the tribe of **Benjamin**...

In the **same way** then,
there has also come to be at the **present time**
a remnant according to **God’s gracious choice**. (Romans 11:1, 5)

We also believe, that as we **presently share** the **gospel**

to the **Jewish community**, we may *possibly* be *planting* “seeds” for the **predicted spiritual revival** among the **Jews** that **precedes** the **kingdom age**.

And I (**John**) heard the **number** of those who were **sealed**,
one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed
from **every tribe** of the **sons of Israel**!..

Then I looked, and behold, **the Lamb** was standing on **Mount Zion**,
and **with Him** **one hundred and forty-four thousand**,
having **His name** and the **name of His Father *written*** on their **foreheads**...

...These *are* the **ones** who **follow the Lamb** wherever **He goes**.
These have been **purchased** from **among men** as ***first fruits*** to **God**
and to **the Lamb**. (Revelation 7:4, 14:1, 4b)

We also believe, that as we ***presently*** bear witness
of the **Messiah** to the **Jewish community**,
that it is a **testimony to them** our ***shared hope***
in the **prophetic promises** made to **Israel**
concerning their ***future salvation*** and **restoration**.

Now if their (**Israel's**) ***transgression*** is ***riches*** for the **world**
and **their failure** is ***riches*** for the **Gentiles**,
how much **more** will **their fulfillment** be!..

For if their ***rejection*** is the **reconciliation** of the **world**,
what will **their acceptance** be but **life from the dead**?...

;..and so ***all Israel*** will be **saved**; just as it is **written**,

“THE **DELIVERER** WILL COME FROM ZION,
HE WILL *REMOVE* UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.”
(Romans 11:12, 15, 26)

Closing Comments