

ISAIAH 56

Verses 1-8 – Promises to the Gentiles and Eunuchs who have joined themselves to the nation of Israel.

Vs. 1-2 Preserve justice.

Do righteousness.

Do this.

Take hold of it.

Keep from profaning the Sabbath.

(See Dr. Fruchtenbaum's notes on "Keeping the Sabbath" taken from his "Isrealology" series.)

Keep your hand from doing any evil.

FOR:

My salvation is about to come.

My righteousness is about to be revealed.

NOTE: present behavior affects future blessing.

Vs. 3 The foreigner (Gentile) who has joined himself to Israel (Proselyte) is not to fear that God will separate them from Israel when the millennium comes, Isa. 14:1.

Eunuchs who receive the Lord will also be included (unlike their present state, Deut. 23:1).

Vs. 4-8 The Eunuchs and Gentiles who have chosen the God of Israel, who:

1. Keep His Sabbaths.

2. Choose what pleases Him.

Will receive an everlasting name (Eunuch's – not to be passed down to their children, for they have none – must mean they will live forever), a name better than having children.

They will be made joyful in His temple.

Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable (see Dr. Fruchtenbaum's notes on "Sacrifices Offered in the Millennium" from his "Isrealology" series.)

NOTE: Non Jews who have joined themselves to Israel continue to be seen as separate from the nation.

God concludes this section with a declaration of His plan.

Verses 9-12 – Warning to those who refuse to respond positively to the call.

Vs. 9 A call will be sent out to the beasts of the field and forest to gather for a great feast. Rev. 19:17-18; Ezk. 39:17-29

Vs. 10-11 Israel's watchmen are:

1. Blind.
2. Know nothing.
3. Mute...unable to make a sound.
4. Dreamers.
5. Love to slumber.
6. Greedy.
7. Not satisfied.
8. Possess no understanding.
9. Turned to their own way...to unjust gain to the last one.

Vs. 12 The watchmen's word, attitude and mind set.