

ISAIAH CHAPTER 66

THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER

Vs 1 God is sitting in Heaven.
Rev 4:1-11; Isa 6:1-4 quoted in Acts 7:48-50

with the earth as His footstool.

No one can build Him a dwelling place because of Who He Is!
1 Kgs 8:10-29ff

Vs 2 Man cannot build for God without using materials which God made for man.
Heb 11:3; Rom 4:17

God is not looking for a house to dwell in!
He is looking for a people who:
1. are humble
2. contrite of spirit Isa 57:15
3. tremble at His Word (Bible)

Put simply: God is interested in “who we are” more so than in what we do! What we do SHOULD be a reflection of who we are!
This puts all humans on a level playing field.

Vs 3 Ritual – which their soul delights in, is what makes them an abomination.
Isa 1:11-17
Ritual is a way that men are drawn to – but not God!

Vs 4 So – because of the way man is (including Israel, and more so), God will choose their eternal place
1. I called
2. I spoke Rom 3:1-4a
This verse is almost identical to Isa 65:12

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Vs 5 There are in the visible gatherings of “God’s people”

1. tremble at His Word
2. hate those who tremble at His Word

Those who “hate” those who tremble at His Word, who exclude such from the assembly...will be put to shame.

Vs 6 When the Lord returns to the city – Jerusalem, and the Temple within it, He will render recompense (pay back) to His enemies.
Heb 12:2; Mtt 25:41-46; Rev 20:11-15

Note: Enemies of His children are enemies of His!

Vs 7-9 Israel’s ultimate rebirth, at the Second Advent, will happen so quickly that the timing can be compared to a woman who gives birth at the same time as her first labor pain.

God does not start something and not finish it.

1. Can a land be born in one day?
2. Can a nation be brought forth all at once?

WATCH ZION

Vs 10-11 The people of Israel will delight in Jerusalem just as an infant delights in her mother’s sustenance.

Vs 12-16 TWO DESTINIES

1. Israel – God will
 - a. extend peace to her like a river
 - b. grant her the glory of the nations
 - c. cause the people of Israel to be nursed, carried, & fondled
 - d. comfort her like a mother
 - e. comfort her in Jerusalem (today’s question: Does Israel have a right to Jerusalem?)
 - f. bless them and their heart shall be glad and their bones shall flourish
 - g. make His Hand known to the People of Israel

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2. His enemies – God will
 - a. show His indignation
 - b. render His anger with fury
 - c. render His rebuke with flames of fire
 - d. execute judgment by fire
 - e. execute judgment by His sword – on all flesh
 - f. slay many

Vs 17 Those who go to the garden Isa 65:3
eating unclean animals, detestable things – shall come to an end altogether.

It will happen for the Lord has declared it!

Vs 18 When the Messiah returns, His judgment will be upon all nations and
because of that judgment the world will see His glory.

Vs 19-21 (Remember that during the Millennium an entire world population
will be born)
God will use the Jews as missionaries having them travel to other parts of the
earth – Matt 28:18-20 and many will become believers,
though not all – Rev 20:7-9.

All who believe will be required to go to the Temple in Jerusalem to worship
the King.

Vs 22 Israel will endure as a separate people for as long as the new creation endures –
FOREVER!

Vs 23 In the Eternal Kingdom, God will be ALL IN ALL 1 Cor 15:28

Vs 24 The wicked's Eternal Experience will last as long as the Saved's will last, but
under awful conditions.

It may be that the Saved will know of the lost forever??? Luke 16:19-31