

The Preservation of Israel

Isaiah 65

God's will for Israel is salvation not judgment

A. The Receipt of the Gospel by the Gentiles (Isaiah 65:1)

1. Their (non)-expectation (65:1a)

Romans 9:30

2. Their unexpected discovery (65:1b)

3. The invitation of God (65:1c)

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B. The Rejection of the Gospel by Israel (Isaiah 65:2-7)

1. The invitation of God offered (65:2a)

2. The invitation of God ignored (65:2b-7)

a. Their pride (v 2b)

b. Their idolatry (v 3)

c. Their defiled sinful condition (v 4)

d. Their self-righteousness (v 5)

3. The indictment of God proclaimed (65:6-7)

a. Based on His Word (v 6)

Deuteronomy 32:34-40

b. Based on their iniquities (v 7)

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C. The Reservation of a Remnant (Isaiah 65:8-16)

- 1. God still sees the potential in Israel (and in each of us)
(65:8)**
- 2. God identifies the remnant (65:9)
“Out of Jacob”**
- 3. God gives rest to those who seek him (65:10)**
- 4. God rejects those who refuse him (65:11-12)**
- 5. God contrasts the outcome of those who chose Him
versus those who do not (65:13-15)**
- 6. God changes the attitude of those who follow Him
(65:16)**

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D. The Revelation of the New Heaven and New Earth (Isaiah 65:17-25)

**1. No comparison to current conditions or even the
Millennial Kingdom (65:17)**

Revelation 21:1-5

**2. The conditions in the “New” Jerusalem (65:18-19)
One of joy**

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**D. The Revelation of the New Heaven and New Earth
(Isaiah 65:17-25) - continued**

**3. The conditions in the Millennial Kingdom given as a
contrast (65:20-25)**

a. Longevity (v 20)

b. Sin judged (v 20)

c. Prosperity (vv 21-23)

**1). In work because of God's system of social justice
(vv 21-22)**

2). In children because of no harm (v 23)

d. The presence and provision of God (v 24)

e. The peace of God (v 25)

One Last Chance

Isaiah 66

**Knowing what the future holds should draw us closer to
God**

I. Looking for God (Isaiah 66:1-5)

Isaiah 66:1-5

1 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

3 He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

I. Looking for God (Isaiah 66:1-5)

Isaiah 66:1-5 - continued

4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

5 Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

I. Looking for God (Isaiah 66:1-5)

We need to look for God ...

A. Where He exists (66:1)

God is not confined to a temple

1 Kings 8:27

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

I. Looking for God (Isaiah 66:1-5)

We need to look for God ...

B. With the right attitude and actions (66:2-4)

1. A contrite and humble spirit (v 2)

Psalms 34:18

**The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart;
and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.**

2. Not with idolatry (vv 3-4)

Romans 1:25

**Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped
and served the creature more than the Creator, who is
blessed for ever. Amen.**

I. Looking for God (Isaiah 66:1-5)

We need to look for God ...

C. Expecting (66:5)

Titus 2:13

**Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing
of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

II. Bringing Israel Through The Great Tribulation (Isaiah 66:6-19)

A. A painful experience (66:6)

Isaiah 66:6

A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies.

B. Deliverance offered before God's judgment (66:7)

Isaiah 66:7

Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

II. Bringing Israel through the Great Tribulation (Isaiah 66:6-19)

C. God's plan to bring forth a remnant (66:8-9)

Isaiah 66:8-9

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God.

II. Bringing Israel through the Great Tribulation (Isaiah 66:6-19)

D. Blessing comes to the faithful (10-14)

Isaiah 66:10-14

10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:

11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

II. Bringing Israel through the Great Tribulation (Isaiah 66:6-19)

D. Blessing comes to the faithful (10-14)

Isaiah 66:10-14 - continued

12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees.

13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

II. Bringing Israel through the Great Tribulation (Isaiah 66:6-19)

E. Judgment comes to the unfaithful (15-18a)

Isaiah 66:15-18a

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 will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.

18a For I know their works and their thoughts:

II. Bringing Israel through the Great Tribulation (Isaiah 66:6-19)

F. All will acknowledge God to His glory (18b-19)

Isaiah 66:18b-19

18b ...it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

III. One Last Look At The Millennial Kingdom (Isaiah 66:20-24)

A. The remnant gathered in Jerusalem (66:20)

Isaiah 66:20

And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.

III. One Last Look At The Millennial Kingdom (Isaiah 66:20-24)

B. The faithful will serve God (66:21)

Isaiah 66:21

And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the LORD.

C. The remnant will be with God eternally (66:22)

Isaiah 66:22

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

III. One Last Look At The Millennial Kingdom (Isaiah 66:20-24)

D. God will be worshipped by all (66:23)

Isaiah 66:23

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

E. Sin will be eternally judged (66:24)

Isaiah 66:24

And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

Do Not Let This Time Be Your Last Look