

<sup>4</sup> And since ancient times, no one has heard,  
none has given ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides You,  
who acts for those who wait for Him.

<sup>5</sup> You meet him who works righteousness [and rejoiceth him  
that remembers]<sup>218</sup> you in Your ways; in [righteousness there]  
is continuance, and [such] will be saved.

<sup>6</sup> But [we have sinned];<sup>219</sup> we have all become as one who is unclean,  
and our righteous deeds like filthy garments,  
and all of us wither like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup> [And none]<sup>220</sup> calls on Your name,  
who rouses Himself to take hold of You,  
for You have hidden Your face from us  
and delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

<sup>8</sup> But now, O LORD, You are our Father. We are the clay  
and You are our potter; all of us are the work of Your hand.

<sup>9</sup> O LORD, be not exceedingly angry,  
nor remember iniquity forever.  
Behold, look please, we are all Your people.

<sup>10</sup> Your holy cities have become a wilderness.  
Zion is a wilderness;  
Jerusalem has become desolation.

<sup>11</sup> Our holy and glorious House {Temple},  
where our fathers praised You, has been burned by fire,  
and all of our pleasant places have become ruins.

<sup>12</sup> At such things, O LORD, will You hold yourself back?  
Will You keep silent and severely afflict us?

### THE INIQUITY OF ANCIENT ISRAEL (65:1-7)

**The LORD** **65** I [am found of them who seek after Me; I give unto all of  
them that ask of Me];<sup>221</sup>  
I am [not] found of them that sought Me not [or that inquired  
not after Me]:

218. Words in brackets in verse 5 are from JST.

219. From JST.

220. From JST.

221. Bracketed words in verses 1–2 are from JST.

I said unto My servant, “Behold Me,<sup>222</sup> look upon Me, I will send you] unto a nation that [are] not called by My name.”

<sup>2</sup> [For] I have spread out My hands all day to a people, who walk [not in My ways, and their works are evil and] not good, [and they walk] after their own thoughts.

<sup>3</sup> The people who continually provoke Me to My face, sacrificing in gardens and burning incense upon bricks,

<sup>4</sup> who sit in tombs and spend the night in secret places,

who eat the flesh of pigs and broth of abominable [beasts and pollute] their vessels.

<sup>5</sup> Who say,

**Wicked** “Keep to yourself; do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

**The LORD** These are smoke in My nostrils, fire that burns all day.

<sup>6</sup> Behold, it is written before Me, “I will not remain silent, but I will repay, and I will repay into their bosom

<sup>7</sup> both your iniquities and your father’s iniquities,”

**Isaiah** says the LORD,

**The LORD** “because they burned incense on the mountains and taunted Me on the hills, and I will measure their former deeds into their bosom.”

### BLESSINGS FOR THE RIGHTEOUS, CURSINGS FOR THE SINFUL (65:8-16)

**Isaiah** <sup>8</sup> Thus the LORD says,

**The LORD** “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says,

**Unnamed individual** ‘Do not destroy it, for a blessing is in it,’

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222. *Here am I, here am I.* This expression can also be translated, “Behold me, behold me.” “Here am I” is generally uttered by God’s prophets, but here the Lord uses the expression.

**The LORD** so, I will do for My servants' sake and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup> And I will bring forth offspring from Jacob  
and from Judah, those who will inherit My mountains;

My chosen<sup>223</sup> will inherit it,  
and My servants will dwell there.

<sup>10</sup> And Sharon will become a pasture for flocks,  
and the Valley of Achor, a place for herds to lie down,  
for My people who have sought Me.

<sup>11</sup> But you who forsake the LORD,  
who forget My holy mountain,  
who set a table for Fortune  
and fill a jug of mixed wine for Meni,

<sup>12</sup> I have destined you to 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 listen,

but you did evil in My eyes,  
and I did not delight in what you chose."

**Isaiah** <sup>13</sup> Therefore, thus says the LORD,

**The LORD** "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.

<sup>14</sup> Behold, My servants will sing with gladness of heart,  
but you will cry out for pain of heart,  
and you will wail for anguish of spirit.

<sup>15</sup> You will leave your name as a curse for My chosen ones,  
and the Lord, the LORD, will slay you,  
but He will call His servants a different name.

<sup>16</sup> So that he who invokes blessings in the land  
will do so by the God of truth;

223. "Chosen" can also be translated "elect." God's chosen, His servants, are the righteous saints.

and he who takes an oath in the land  
 will take an oath by the God of truth,  
 because the former troubles are forgotten  
 and are hidden from My eyes.”

### THE GLORIOUS MILLENNIUM (65:17–25)

- The LORD** <sup>17</sup>“For behold, I create new heavens  
 and a new earth,  
 and the former things will not be remembered,  
 nor come upon the heart.
- <sup>18</sup>But rejoice  
 and be joyful forever in that which I create,  
 for behold, I create Jerusalem for joy  
 and its people, for exultation.
- <sup>19</sup>I will be joyful in Jerusalem  
 and rejoice in My people,  
 and there will no more be heard in it the sound of weeping,  
 and the cry of distress.
- <sup>20</sup>[In those days]<sup>224</sup> there will not be from there an infant of days,  
 nor an old man who does not fill out his [day],  
 for the child will [not] die [but live to be] a hundred years old;  
 but the sinner [living to be] a hundred years old, will be accursed.
- <sup>21</sup>They will build houses and inhabit them,  
 and they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- <sup>22</sup>They will not build and another inhabit;  
 they will not plant, and another eat.  
 For the days of My people will be like the days of a tree,  
 and My chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.
- <sup>23</sup>They will not labor in vain  
 or give birth for calamity,  
 for they are the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,  
 and their descendants with them.
- <sup>24</sup>And it will come to pass, before they call, I will answer;  
 while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

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224. Bracketed words in verse 20 are from JST.

<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb will feed together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,  
and dust will be the food of the serpent;  
they will not harm  
nor destroy in all My holy mountain,”

**Isaiah** says the LORD.

### THE APOSTASY OF ANCIENT ISRAEL AND THEIR PUNISHMENT (66:1–6)

**Isaiah** **66** Thus says the LORD,

**The Lord** “Heaven is My throne,  
and the earth is My footstool.

Where is the House that you will build for Me?  
And where is My resting place?

<sup>2</sup>My hand has made all these things,  
and so, all these things exist,”

**Isaiah** declares the LORD.

**The Lord** “And to this one I look—  
to the humble and the contrite in spirit,  
who trembles at My word.

<sup>3</sup>Whoever slaughters an ox  
is like one who smites a man;  
whoever sacrifices a lamb  
is like one who breaks a dog’s neck;  
whoever presents a cereal offering  
is like one who offers swine’s blood;

whoever makes a memorial offering of frankincense  
is like one who blesses an idol.

These have chosen their own ways,  
and in their abominations their soul delights.

<sup>4</sup>I also will choose affliction for them,  
and I will bring upon them what they dread,  
because when I called, no one answered;  
I spoke, but they did not listen;  
they did what was evil in My eyes,  
and they chose that in which I do not delight.”