

²⁵ 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?

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.”

Isaiah ⁵ Hear the word of the LORD,
you who tremble at His word:

The LORD “Your brothers who hate you
and cast you out for My name’s sake have said,”

Haters “Let the LORD be glorified that we may see your rejoicing.”

The LORD “But they will be put to shame.”

Isaiah ⁶ The sound of a roar in the city,
a voice from the Temple,
the sound of the LORD dealing punishment to His enemies.

LADY ZION AND HER CHILDREN IN THE LAST DAYS (66:7-13)

Isaiah ⁷ Before she {Zion} was in labor, she gave birth;
before her labor pang came upon her, she delivered a son.

⁸ Who has heard such a thing?
Who has seen such things?

 Is the land born in one day,
a nation brought forth in one moment?

 For Zion was in labor;
she also brought forth her children.

The LORD ⁹ “Will I who bring on labor not bring forth birth?”

Isaiah says the LORD.

The LORD “Will I who cause birth to shut the womb?”

Isaiah says your God.

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and all who love her be joyful for her;
exult with her with exultation, all who mourn over her,

¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied with her comforting breast,
that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious
abundance.²²⁵

¹² For thus says the LORD,

The LORD “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream,
and you will be nursed and be carried on her side,
and you will be bounced on her knees.

225. The Hebrew *ziz*, translated “abundance,” literally means “breast.” It is a synonym for “breast” in the previous line.

¹³ As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you;
you will be comforted in Jerusalem.

And you will see, and your heart will exult,
and your bones will flourish like the grass.”

THE LORD WILL RETURN IN GREAT POWER (66:14B–18A)

Isaiah ¹⁴ The hand of the LORD will be known to His servants,
but His indignation against His enemies.

¹⁵ For behold, the LORD will come with fire,
His chariots like a whirlwind,

to render His anger with fury
and His rebuke with flames of fire.

¹⁶ For with fire and by His sword the LORD will execute judgment on all flesh,
and those pierced by the LORD will be many.

The LORD ¹⁷ “Those who sanctify themselves
and purify themselves in the gardens,
behind one in the center,
eating pig’s flesh and abominable things and the mouse,
they will come to an end together,”

Isaiah declares the LORD.

The LORD ¹⁸ “For I know their works
and their thoughts.”

GATHERING FROM ALL NATIONS (66:18B–21)

The LORD ¹⁸ “{The time} is coming to gather all nations
and tongues.

And they will come,
and they will see My glory.

¹⁹ And I will set a token among them,²²⁶
and from them I will send survivors to the nations,

to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow,
to Tubal, Javan, to the distant islands

that have not heard My fame or seen My glory;
and they will declare My glory among the nations.

226. The Hebrew word *’ot* may be translated “token,” like the one that the Lord gave to Moses

²⁰ And they will bring all your brothers from all nations, as an offering to the LORD, on horses, and in chariots, and in covered wagons, and upon mules, and upon dromedaries, to My holy mountain in Jerusalem,”

Isaiah says the LORD,

The LORD “just as the children of Israel bring the offering in a pure vessel to the House of the LORD. ²¹ And some of them I will also take for priests and for Levites,”

Isaiah says the LORD.

THE RIGHTEOUS'S OFFSPRING AND NAME WILL REMAIN (66:22-24)

The LORD ²² “For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I make, will remain before Me,”

Isaiah declares the LORD,

The LORD “so, your offspring and your name will remain.

²³ And it will come to pass, from new moon²²⁷ to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh will come to worship before Me,”

Isaiah says the LORD.

The LORD ²⁴ “And they will go forth and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against Me, for their worm will not die, their fire will not be quenched, and they will be an abhorrence to all flesh.”

(Exodus 3:12), or “sign,” like that offered to king Ahaz (7:11).

227. “New moon” (Hebrew *chodesh*) can also be translated “month.”