

## Isaiah 66:1-24 **Righteousness of God Revealed in Judgment**

### True Worship and False

1 Thus says the Lord:

"Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool.

Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?

2 For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the Lord.

"But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.

3 "He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; He who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog's neck; He who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine's blood; He who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol.

Just as they have chosen their own ways, And their soul delights in their abominations, 4 So will I choose their delusions, And bring their fears on them;

Because, when I called, no one answered, When I spoke they did not hear; But they did evil before My eyes, And chose that in which I do not delight."

### The Lord Vindicates Zion

5 Hear the word of the Lord, You who tremble at His word:

"Your brethren who hated you, Who cast you out for My name's sake, said, 'Let the Lord be glorified, That we may see your joy.' But they shall be ashamed."

6 The sound of noise from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of the Lord, Who fully repays His enemies!

7 "Before she was in labor, she gave birth; Before her pain came, She delivered a male child.

8 Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.

9 Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?" says the Lord. "Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?" says your God.

10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem, And be glad with her, all you who love her; Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her;

11 That you may feed and be satisfied With the consolation of her bosom, That you may drink deeply and be delighted With the abundance of her glory."

12 For thus says the Lord:

"Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; On her sides shall you be carried, And be dandled on her knees.

13 As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

### The Reign and Indignation of God

14 When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, And your bones shall flourish like grass; The hand of the Lord shall be known to His servants, And His indignation to His enemies.

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 The Lord will judge all flesh; And the slain of the Lord shall be many.

17 "Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves, To go to the gardens After an idol in the midst, Eating swine's flesh and the abomination and the mouse, Shall be consumed together," says the Lord.

18 "For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory.

19 I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles.

20 Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the Lord out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the Lord, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord.

21 And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says the Lord.

22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the Lord, "So shall your descendants and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the Lord.

24 "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

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#### Facts Revealed:

✧ Thus says the Lord:

"Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool.

Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?

For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the Lord. [\[Isaiah 66:1-2\]](#)

✧ Even Solomon acknowledged that the Temple he was building is not able to house God Whom Heaven itself cannot contain, saying:

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!" [\[1 Kings 8:27\]](#)

✧ God Himself made and sustains both the Heaven and the Earth.

✧ "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word. [\[Isaiah 66:2\]](#)

✧ Yahweh looks with tender love upon the humble believer who fears Him.

- ☆ "He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; He who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog's neck; He who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine's blood; He who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol.

Just as they have chosen their own ways, And their soul delights in their abominations,  
So will I choose their delusions, And bring their fears on them;

**Because**, when I called, no one answered, When I spoke they did not hear; But they did evil before My eyes, And chose that in which I do not delight." [Isaiah 66:3-4]

- ◇ Yahweh looks on the sacrifices of the arrogantly disobedient as a disgusting abomination. [Amos 5:21-22, Isaiah 1:10-15]

### The Lord Vindicates Zion

- ☆ Hear the word of Yahweh (the Lord), You who tremble at His word:  
"Your brethren who hated you, Who cast you out for My name's sake, said, 'Let Yahweh (the Lord) be glorified, That we may see your joy.' But they shall be ashamed." [Isaiah 66:5]
  - ◇ Those who ridicule the Saints of God will come to acknowledge that it is the Saint whom God loves and accepts. [Revelation 3:9-10, Isaiah 65:8-15, Matthew 8:11-12, Luke 13:24-29]
- ☆ The sound of noise from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of Yahweh (the Lord), Who fully repays His enemies! [Isaiah 66:6]
  - ◇ Judgment begins at the House of the Lord. [1 Peter 4:17-18]
  - ◇ All receive judgment according to his ways. [Hosea 12:2, Zechariah 1:6, Matthew 16:27, Romans 2:5-11, 1 Peter 1:17, Revelation 2:23, 20:12-13, 22:12]
- ☆ "Before she was in labor, she gave birth; Before her pain came, She delivered a male child. Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her **children**.

Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?" says Yahweh (the Lord). "Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?" says Elohayik (your God).

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, And be glad with her, all you who love her; Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her;

That you may feed and be satisfied With the consolation of her bosom, That you may drink deeply and be delighted With the abundance of her glory." [Isaiah 66:7-11]

- ◇ A time for rejoicing at the revelation of God's Kingdom plan for Zion and Jerusalem because of the blessings that will accompany its establishment.
  - ◇ It will happen in one day as appointed by God Most High When He sets up His Kingdom on the earth reigning from Zion in Jerusalem.
  - ◇ This will bring the Glory of righteousness and its fruit into visible sight.
- ☆ For thus says the Lord:  
"Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; On her sides shall you be carried, And be dandled on her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."  
When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, And your bones shall flourish like grass; The hand of Yahweh (the Lord) shall be known to His servants, And His indignation to His enemies. [Isaiah 66:12-14]
    - ◇ God's promise to Zion and Jerusalem is PEACE and ABUNDANCE as the wealth of the world will flow to the Seat of World Government as Christ reigns for a thousand years.

- ✧ Yahweh will certainly comfort His people as the world recognizes His righteousness in governing and the resulting universal peace that will abound between peoples, nations, and even the animal world.

### The Reign and Indignation of God

- ✧ For behold, Yahweh (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. For by fire and by His sword Yahweh (The Lord) will judge all flesh; And the slain of Yahweh (the Lord) shall be many. [\[Isaiah 66:15-16\]](#)
- ✧ When Yahweh comes to set up His Kingdom, His rewards are with Him and His work is before Him. [\[Isaiah 40:10, 62:11, Matthew 16:27, Revelation 22:12, Jude 1:14-15\]](#)
- ✧ First He will purge everything from the earth that is offensive to Himself. [\[Matthew 13:41-43, 25:31-46\]](#)
- ✧ The slain of Yahweh will be many. [\[Isaiah 66:16\]](#)
- ✧ Then He will set up world government. [\[Revelation 20:4\]](#)
- ✧ The wicked will find their place of eternal punishment in the fire prepared for Satan and his angels. [\[Matthew 25:41, 46\]](#)
- ✧ The righteous will be invited to inherit the Kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world. [\[Matthew 25:34, 46\]](#)
- ✧ "Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves, To go to the gardens After an idol in the midst, Eating swine's flesh and the abomination and the mouse, Shall be consumed together," says the Lord.

"For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. [\[Isaiah 66:17-18\]](#)

- ✧ All nations and tongues will be gathered before Yahweh for judgment and will see the Glory of Yahweh.
- ✧ The ones that are abominable to Yahweh will be consumed together in eternal fire. [\[Matthew 25:41, 46\]](#)
- ✧ Judgment will be entirely righteous because Yahweh knows the very thoughts as well as the works done by each individual.
- ✧ I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles.

Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to Yahweh (the Lord) out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says Yahweh (the Lord), "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of Yahweh (the Lord).

And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says the Lord. [\[Isaiah 66:19-21\]](#)

- ✧ The Saints who survive the Great Tribulation and the purge will be sent world wide to declare the Glory of Yahweh among the Gentiles.
- ✧ The Gentiles will bring all of the Children of Israel in their lands to Israel as an offering to Yahweh in Zion at Jerusalem.
- ✧ The only ones surviving the Great Tribulation and the purge will be the Saints of God from every land both Jew and Gentile, the promise considering Israel will be fulfilled, and all Israel will be saved as will all the remnant of the Gentiles. [\[Romans 11:26\]](#)

- ✧ Those who were victorious over the Antichrist, his image, and his mark pushed by the False Prophet of every nation will reign in the Temple with Christ for the thousand years. [\[Revelation 20:4, 7:9-17\]](#)
- ✧ "For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the Lord, "So shall your descendants and your name remain.

And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says Yahweh (the Lord). [\[Isaiah 66:22-23\]](#)

- ✧ The promise that a remnant of Israel will survive to enter the Kingdom is as certain as the eternal endurance of the New Heaven and New Earth that Yahweh will create for His dwelling with man forever.
- ✧ All flesh includes all the nations of the earth and that they will all come to worship before Yahweh during the Kingdom age.
- ✧ There will be no New Moon or Sabbath on the New Earth under the New Heaven because there will be no sun or moon to measure the days, there will be no night there forever. [\[Revelation 21:23-25, 22:5\]](#)
- ✧ "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh." [\[Isaiah 66:24\]](#)
- ✧ I do not know what it means that they will look upon the corpses of the wicked because they will be in the Lake of Fire which is not on the New Earth.
- ✧ The concept of the wicked whose worm or life does not die and the fire is not quenched is confirmed by the Lord Himself and Isaiah. [\[Mark 9:44, 46, 48, Isaiah 30:33, 66:24\]](#)
- ✧ To be watching them eternally would seem to me to be repulsive beyond measure.

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