

ISAIAH 66

Verses 1-16 Poetry
Verses 17-22 Prose

Verse 1

Thus saith the Lord:

(and) The heaven is my throne,
The earth is my footstool.

(and) Where is the house that ye built unto me?
Where is the place of my rest?
(What house would ye build me, what would serve as a place of residence?)

Verse 2

(For) All th_(e)se things hath mine hand made,
(and) (Thus) all th_(e)se things (came into existence), saith the Lord.

(But) **To this man will I look** (will I have regard):

(Even) To him that is poor (humble) and of a contrite spirit,
(and) To him that trembleth at (is vigilant - watching for) my word.

Verse 3

(But):

He that killeth an ox,
Is as if he slew a man.

He that sacrificeth a lamb,
Is as if he cut off a dog's neck.

He that offereth an oblation (grain offering),
Is as if he offered swine's blood.

He that burneth incense,
Is as if he blessed an idol.

(Yea) **A** They have chosen their own ways,
(and) **A** Their soul delighteth in their abominations.

Verse 4

(and) **B** (So) will I choose their delusions,
B I will bring their fears (what they dread) upon them.

(because)

(For):

C When I called,
C None did answer.

C When I spake,
C They did not hear.

(but)

A They did evil before mine eyes,

(and)

A They chose that in which I delighteth not.

Verse 5

Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word:

Your brethren that hated you,
Your brethren that cast you out for my name's sake.

Said:

(but)

"Let the Lord be glorified,"

"He shall appear to your joy."

(Let the Lord manifest his glory, that we may see cause for your joy!)

(and)

They shall be ashamed (suffer shame).

(This statement suggests division within Israel itself, wherein the wicked cast out the righteous (51:7). The verb in Hebrew means "to excommunicate" but also suggests "to cast down" or "to reject," ...These are errant Israelites mocking their believing brethren. UI Pg. 585 - Professor Gileadi concurs - Asking for a sign in effect.)

Verse 6

(Hark,) a voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple!
(It is the) voice of the Lord that rendereth recompence to his
enemies.

Verse 7

(Zion's children - Birth)

A Before she travailed (was in labor),

B She brought forth (gave birth).

A Before her pain came,

B She delivered of a man child.

Verse 8

(Zion's children - Birth)

C Who hath heard such a thing?

C Who hath seen such things?

(or)

D Shall the earth be made to bring forth (labor) in one day?

D Shall a nation be born at once?

A For as soon as Zion travailed,

B She brought forth her children.

Verse 9

(Zion's children - Birth)

D "Shall I bring to the birth and not cause to bring forth?"
saith the Lord.

D "Shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb?"
saith thy God.

(Called, "The Birth Pangs of the Messiah" in Judaism - Matt. 24:4-8 - Deliverers to the Woman/Israel - Moses, David, Hezekiah, Jesus - Everything will happen very quickly, spiritual and political change, after the birth/coming of the son, then the other children of Zion - There are some who don't want this to occur, even among the righteous, but the Lord will not delay or stop the coming of Zion - Per Prof. Gileadi.)

Verse 10

(Zion's children - Birth)

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem and be glad with her,
Rejoice all ye that love her.

Rejoice for joy with her,
All ye that mourn for her.

Verse 11

(Zion's children - Lactation)

(and)

A Suck, (From now on nurse contentedly,)

B Be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations.

(and)

A Milk out, (Draw at your pleasure,)

B Be delighted with the abundance of her glory (bosom).

Verse 12

(Zion's children - Infancy)

(and)

For thus saith the Lord:

Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, (Isa. 48:18)

Behold, I will extend the glory (bounty) of the Gentiles (the nations)
like a flowing stream. (Isa. 2, 60)

(and)

Then shall ye suck (nurse):

Ye shall be borne upon her sides (her hip),

Ye shall be dandled (bounced) upon her knees.

Verse 13

(Zion's children - Childhood)

As one whom his mother comforteth,

So will I comfort you.

As one whom his mother comforteth,

So shall ye be comforted (for) Jerusalem.

Verse 14 (And)

(Zion's children - Youth - Manhood)

(and)

When ye see this, your heart shall rejoice,
When ye see this, your bones shall flourish like an herb (grass).

(and)

(and)

The hand of the Lord shall be known toward his servants,
The hand of the Lord shall be known in his indignation toward
his enemies.

Verse 15

For behold:

(and) A The Lord will come with fire,
B The Lord will come with chariots like a whirlwind.

(and) B To render his anger with fury,
A To rebuke with flames of fire.

Verse 16

(For) A By fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh,
(and) B The slain of the Lord shall be many.

Verse 17

They (the cultists) that sanctify themselves and they (the devotees of those) that purify themselves (through fornication) in gardens (with one in the center):

(and) Eating swine's flesh,
(and) Eating the abomination (prawn),
(and) Eating the mouse,

Shall be consumed together, saith the Lord.

Verse 18

(For) I know their works,
(and) I know their thoughts.

(The cultists shall be consumed together along with their practices and ideas – Per Prof. Gileadi's translation – manifestation of their wickedness as full)

It shall come that:

(and) I will gather all nations,
(and) I will gather all tongues.

(and) ***They shall come, and see my glory.***

Verse 19

(And) ***I will set a sign among (mark upon) them and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations:***

(The "mark" being a seal of protection from wickedness/the elements while they gather the rest of the people who may inhabit Zion – See Rev. 7:3, 9:4, 20:4, 22:4, D&C 77:9; 133:18 - Prof. Gileadi)

(and) to Tarshish,
(and) to Pul,
(and) to Lud (those that draw the bow),
(and) to Tubal,
(and) to Javan,
(and) to The Isles Afar Off,

(The place names were the extent of the known earth in ancient times, symbolizing the truth that the Lord will reach unto the ends of the earth. Tarshish may have been Spain, Pul and Lud are both probably in northern Africa, Tubal is probably in Asia Minor near the Black Sea and Javan is Greece. UI Pg. 592)

I will send those that have not heard of my fame,
I will send those that have not seen my glory.

(and) *They shall declare my glory among the Gentiles (the nations).*

Verse 20 (And) ***They shall bring all your brethren, for an offering unto the Lord, out of all nations:***

upon horses,
(and) upon chariots,
(and) in litters (in wagons),
(and) upon mules,
(and) upon swift beasts (dromedaries - one humped, fast camels),

To my Holy Mountain, Jerusalem.

(Just as the Israelites brought offerings in pure vessels to the House of the Lord,)

Verse 21 (And) I will also take of them (accept men of them) for priests,
(and) I will also take of them for Levites, saith the Lord.

Verse 22 (For) **As** the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make,
shall remain (endure) before me, saith the Lord,
So shall your seed and your name remain (endure) (before me).

(See Mosiah 5:10-11 - The Name of Christ)

Verse 23 (And) ***It shall come to pass that:***

From one New Moon to another, (New Moon after New Moon)
(and) From one Sabbath to another. (Sabbath after Sabbath)

All flesh shall come to worship before me, saith the Lord.

Verse 24 (And) ***They shall go forth and shall look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me:***

(For) Their worm shall not die,
Their fire shall not be quenched. (like trash smoldering)

(and) *They shall be an abhorring (a horror) unto all flesh.*

(In the last of the last days, those who are slain by war and pestilence will be so numerous that they cannot be buried (Jer. 7:30-8:2). Jeremiah 7:32 refers to one location that will be called "the valley of slaughter; for they shall bury [there], till there be no place" (See also Ezek. 39:11-15). Those who go out in to the land will see the dead bodies of those slain in the destruction of the wicked (Jer. 7:32-33). Motyer argues that inhabitants of Zion will deliberately "compel themselves to face the consequences of the last battle." They do so "to be repelled. To see and constantly refresh the memory that these are the consequences of rebellion, and so to turn in revulsion from such a thing and to be newly motivated to obedience by seeing that the wages of sin are indeed death." UI Pg. 594 - "Valley of Gehenna" - "Hamon Gog" - Valley of Slaughter - Valley of The Son of Hinnom (where child sacrifices occurred) - Called "The Pit of Hell" - Topheth/Tophet, "Place of Burning", "Place of the Tabret" Once the king's gardens with music and later the place of horrible cries from the sacrifice of victims.)