

A Rebellious People

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- “I PERMITTED Myself to be sought by ^athose who did not ask *for Me*;
I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me.
I said, ‘Here am I, here am I,’
To a nation which ^bdid not call on My name.
- 2 “^aI have spread out My hands all day long to a ^brebellious people,
Who walk *in* the way which is not good, ¹following their own ^cthoughts,
3 A people who continually ^aprovoke Me to My face,
Offering sacrifices in ^bgardens and ^cburning incense on bricks;
4 Who sit among graves, and spend the night in secret places;
Who ^aeat swine’s flesh,
And the broth of unclean meat is *in* their pots.
- 5 “Who say, “^aKeep to yourself, do not come near me,
For I am holier than you!’
These are smoke in My ¹nostrils,
A fire that burns all the day.
- 6 “Behold, it is written before Me,
I will ^anot keep silent, but ^bI will repay;
I will even repay into their bosom,
7 Both ¹their own ^ainiquities and the iniquities of their fathers together,” says the
LORD. “Because they have ^bburned incense on the mountains,
And ^cscorned Me on the hills,
Therefore I will ^dmeasure their former work into their bosom.”
- 8 Thus says the LORD, “As the new wine is found in the cluster,
And one says, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is ¹benefit in it,’
So I will act on behalf of My servants
In order ^anot to destroy ²all of them.
- 9 “And I will bring forth ^aoffspring from Jacob,
And an ^bheir of My mountains from Judah;
Even ^cMy chosen ones shall inherit it,
And ^dMy servants shall dwell there.
- 10 “And ^aSharon shall be a pasture land for flocks,
And the ^bvalley of Achor a resting place for herds,
For My people who ^cseek Me.
- 11 “But you who ^aforsake the LORD,
Who forget My ^bholy mountain,
Who set a table for ¹Fortune,
And who fill *cups* with mixed wine for ²Destiny,
- 12 I will destine you for the ^asword,
And all of you shall bow down to the ^bslaughter.
Because I called, but you ^cdid not answer;
I spoke, but you did not hear.
And you did evil in My sight,

And chose that in which I did not delight.”

13 Therefore, thus says the Lord ¹GOD, “Behold, My servants shall ^aeat, but you shall be ^bhungry.

Behold, My servants shall ^cdrink, but you shall be ^dthirsty.

Behold, My servants shall ^erejoice, but you shall be ^fput to shame.

14 “Behold, My servants shall ^ashout joyfully with a glad heart,

But you shall ^bcry out with a ¹heavy heart,

And you shall wail with a broken spirit.

15 “And you will leave your name for a ^acurse to My chosen ones,

And the Lord ¹GOD will slay you.

But ²My servants will be called by ^banother name.

16 “Because he who ¹is blessed in the earth

Shall ¹be blessed by the ^aGod of truth;

And he who swears in the earth

Shall ^bswear by the God of truth;

Because the former troubles are forgotten,

And because they are hidden from My sight!

New Heavens and a New Earth

17 “For behold, I create ^anew heavens and a new earth;

And the ^bformer things shall not be remembered or come to ¹mind.

18 “But be ^aglad and rejoice forever in what I create;

For behold, I create Jerusalem *for* rejoicing,

And her people *for* gladness.

19 “I will also ^arejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in My people;

And there will no longer be heard in her

The voice of ^bweeping and the sound of crying.

20 “No longer will there be ¹in it an infant *who lives but a few days*,

Or an old man who does ^anot ²live out his days;

For the youth will die at the age of one hundred

And the ³^bone who does not reach the age of one hundred

Shall be *thought* accursed.

21 “And they shall ^abuild houses and inhabit *them*;

They shall also ^bplant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 “They shall not build, and ^aanother inhabit,

They shall not plant, and another eat;

For ^bas the ¹lifetime of a tree, *so shall be* the days of My people,

And My chosen ones shall ^cwear out the work of their hands.

23 “They shall ^anot labor in vain,

Or bear *children* for calamity;

For they are the ¹^boffspring of those blessed by the LORD,

And their descendants with them.

24 “It will also come to pass that before they call, I will ^aanswer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

25 “The ^awolf and the lamb shall graze together, and the ^blion shall eat straw like the ox; and ^cdust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall ^ddo no evil or harm in all My ^eholy mountain,” says the LORD.

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^a Rom. 9:24-26; 10:20

^b Is. 63:19; Hos. 1:10

^a Rom. 10:21

^b Is. 1:2, 23; 30:1, 9

¹ Lit., *after*

^c Ps. 81:11, 12; Is. 59:7; 66:18

^a Job 1:11; 2:5; Is. 3:8

^b Is. 1:29; 66:17

^c Is. 66:3

^a Lev. 11:7; Is. 66:3, 17

^a Matt. 9:11; Luke 7:39; 18:9-12

¹ Lit., *nose*

^a Ps. 50:3, 21; Is. 42:14; 64:12

^b Jer. 16:18

¹ Lit., *your*

^a Is. 13:11; 22:14; 26:21; 30:13, 14

^b Is. 57:7; Hos. 2:13

^c Ezek. 20:27, 28

^d Jer. 5:29; 13:25

¹ Lit., *blessing*

^a Is. 1:9; 10:21, 22; 48:9

² Lit., *the whole*

^a Is. 45:19, 25; Jer. 31:36, 37

^b Is. 49:8; 60:21; Amos 9:11-15

^c Is. 57:13

^d Is. 32:18

^a Is. 33:9; 35:2

^b Josh. 7:24, 26; Hos. 2:15

^c Is. 51:1; 55:6

^a Deut. 29:24, 25; Is. 1:4, 28

^b Is. 2:2, 3; 66:20

¹ Heb., *Gad*

² Heb., *Meni*

^a Is. 27:1; 34:5, 6; 66:16

^b Is. 63:6

^c 2 Chr. 36:15, 16; Prov. 1:24; Is. 41:28; 50:2; 66:4; Jer. 7:13

¹ Heb., *YHWH*, usually rendered *LĪĪD*

^a Is. 1:19

^b Is. 8:21

^c Is. 41:17, 18; 49:10

^d Is. 5:13

^e Is. 61:7; 66:14

^f Is. 42:17; 44:9, 11; 66:5

^a Ps. 66:4; Is. 51:11; James 5:13

^b Is. 13:6; Matt. 8:12

¹ Lit., *pain of*

^a Jer. 24:9; 25:18; Zech. 8:13

¹ Heb., *YHWH*, usually rendered *LĪĪÐ*

² So with Gr.; Heb., *He will call His servants*

^b Is. 62:2

¹ Or, *bless(es) himself*

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^a Ex. 34:6; Ps. 31:5

^b Is. 19:18; 45:23

^a Is. 66:22; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1

^b Is. 43:18; Jer. 3:16

¹ Lit., *heart*

^a Ps. 98; Is. 12:1, 2; 25:9; 35:10; 41:16; 51:3; 61:10

^a Is. 62:4, 5; Jer. 32:41

^b Is. 25:8; 30:19; 35:10; 51:11; Rev. 7:17; 21:4

¹ Lit., *from there*

^a Deut. 4:40; Job 5:26; Ps. 34:12

² Lit., *fill out*

³ Lit., *one who misses the mark*

^b Eccl. 8:12, 13; Is. 3:11; 22:14

^a Is. 32:18; Amos 9:14

^b Is. 30:23; 37:30; Jer. 31:5

^a Is. 62:8, 9

^b Ps. 92:12-14

¹ Lit., *days*

^c Ps. 21:4; 91:16

^a Deut. 28:3-12; Is. 55:2

¹ Lit., *seed*

^b Is. 61:9; Jer. 32:38, 39; Acts 2:39

^a Ps. 91:15; Is. 55:6; 58:9; Dan. 9:20-23; 10:12

^a Is. 11:6

^b Is. 11:7

^c Gen. 3:14; Mic. 7:17

^d Is. 11:9; Mic. 4:3

^e Is. 65:11

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.