### Isaiah

## Chapter 65

1‘I was seen by those not searching for Me  
 And found by those not asking for Me…  
 I said, ‘Here I am,’ to a nation  
 That had never called on My Name.  
  
 2‘For I’ve held out My hands all day long  
 To a people who just wouldn’t listen,  
 And to those who only talked back…  
 Those who have not followed in good ways,  
 But who’ve kept on [walking] in sin.  
  
 3‘Before Me, they stand and [do evil things]…  
 For they sacrifice in their gardens  
 And burn incense on bricks before demons;  
 4They sleep in tombs and in caves to have dreams,  
 Then eat pig flesh and [offer Me] gravy.  
  
 ‘So, all that [they offer] is tainted;  
 5Yet, they say, ‘Stay away… Don’t approach me!  
 For, I have made myself clean!’  
  
 ‘Such things will bring them the smoke of My rage,  
 And a fire that will burn throughout the rest of their days.  
  
 6‘Look! It’s written that here in My presence,  
 I won’t stay silent until I’ve repaid  
 And [raked] all their sins onto their chests,  
 7As well as the sins of their fathers,’ says Jehovah.  
  
 ‘So on those who burn incense on the mountains  
 And speak ill of Me in the hills;  
 I’ll [rake] their [bad] deeds onto their chests!’  
  
8Jehovah says:  
  
 ‘When they find seeds in grapes, they often say:  
  
 ‘Do not throw them away,  
 For they will bring us good luck!’  
  
 And that’s how I’ll deal with My servants…  
 It’s what I’ll do, so I don’t destroy all.  
  
 9‘From Jacob and Judah, I’ll pick out one offspring  
 Who’ll inherit my Holy Mountain.  
 My elected, he’ll also inherit,  
 And they will dwell with him there.  
  
 10‘Then, flocks will live in their groves,  
 And in the Valley of Achor,  
 My people’s herds will find rest…  
 Yes, the [sheep among those] that are searching for Me.  
  
 11‘But, you are the ones who have left Me…  
 From My Holy Mountain, you’ve turned away,  
 As you’ve prepared tables for demons,  
 And mixed [magic potions] to bring you good luck.  
  
 12‘So, to the sword, I’ll now hand you,  
 And you will fall in the slaughter.  
 For I called out, but you wouldn’t listen…  
 I spoke, but you paid no attention…  
 You kept doing what’s wicked before Me,  
 And the things I don’t want are the things that you chose.  
  
 13‘So because of this,’ says Jehovah,  
 ‘{Look!} My servants will eat, while you starve;  
 {Look!} My servants will drink, while you’re thirsty;  
 {Look!} And those serving Me will be happy,  
 While you will be filled with shame.  
  
 14‘Yes, those serving Me will cry out in joy,  
 While you cry out in misery of heart…  
 And you’ll shriek as you’re being destroyed!  
  
 15‘Then the names that you’ll leave behind  
 Will be a glut to My chosen ones.  
 For the Lord will do away with you all,  
 And I’ll give a new name to My servants.  
  
 16‘Throughout the whole earth, they’ll be blest,  
 And they will give praise to Jehovah.  
 Then, those on the earth that swear oaths,  
 Will swear them by the true God.  
 They’ll forget the trials that they had to endure…  
 Such things won’t enter their hearts.  
  
 17‘For there’ll be new lands and new skies,  
 And past things will not be remembered,  
 Nor will they enter their hearts.  
 18Then, all will be leaping for joy  
 Because of the happiness they’ll find there!  
  
 ‘{Look!} I’ll make JeruSalem a leaping for joy  
 And a source of glee to My people.  
 19About that city, I’ll shout in praise,  
 And be happy along with My people.  
  
 ‘No more will you hear sounds of weeping  
 Or the sounds of crying among them.  
 20No way will there be a miscarriage,  
 Or the old that don’t live out their days.  
 For a man will be young at 100,  
 And at 100, the sinners will be cursed and die.  
  
 21‘The rest will build houses in which they will live…  
 They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit,  
 And they will drink their own wine.  
 22No way will they then build for others,  
 And no way will they plant what others will eat.  
  
 ‘Then the days of My people will be like a tree,  
 And what they make with their hands will grow old.  
  
 23‘My elected won’t labor for nothing,  
 Nor will they give birth to cursed children;  
 For their offspring and all their descendants  
 Will then be blessings from God.  
  
 24‘Before they call, I will hear them,  
 And when they speak, I’ll ask what they want.  
  
 25‘Then wolves and lambs will all graze together,  
 And lions will eat straw like the ox.  
 The snake will eat the ground as its bread,  
 And none will harm or destroy  
 On My Holy Mountain,’ says Jehovah.