

## Final Judgment and Glory of Adonai Yesha'yahu 66:15-25

In my last post, we continued to examine the last chapter in the prophecy of **Yesha'yahu**, learning about **Rejoice with Yerushalayim** in **Yesha'yahu 66:7-14**. In this post, we conclude our long journey through to the prophecy of **Yesha'yahu**, learning about **Final Judgment and Glory of Adonai** in **Yesha'yahu 66:15-25**.

***<sup>15</sup> For - look! - Adonai will come in fire, and His chariots will be like the whirlwind, to render His anger furiously, His rebuke with blazing fire.<sup>16</sup> For Adonai will judge all humanity with fire and with the sword, and those slain by Adonai will be many. <sup>17</sup> "Those who consecrate and purify themselves in order to enter the gardens, then follow the one who was already there, eating pig meat, reptiles, and mice, will all be destroyed together," says Adonai.***

**Eating pig meat, reptiles and mice** is another description of foreign rites, probably of Canaanite origin. There is no extrabiblical evidence illuminating this custom. <sup>1</sup> The wicked who receive the punishment described are those who entered illegitimate worship sites. They ate the most unclean food, defiantly rejecting **Adonai's** law for **Isra'el**.

***<sup>18</sup> "For I [know] their deeds and their thoughts. "[The time] is coming when I will gather together all nations and languages. They will come and see my glory,***

**Adonai** was never interested in **Isra'el** alone. His promise to **Avraham** extended to the nations (Genesis 12:3). **Yesha'yahu** looked forward to the day when the nations would recognize **Adonai's** glory. When **Yeshua** returns to rule the earth, people in the farthest corners of the world will know of His salvation.

***<sup>19</sup> and I will give them a sign. I will send some of their survivors to the nations of Tarshish, Pul, Lud (these are archers), Tuval, Greece, and more distant coasts, where they have neither heard of my fame nor seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory in these nations;***

The **survivors**, the remnant of **Adonai's** people who survive the judgment, will go out to the nations to speak of **Adonai's** glory. Among the representative nations named are those at great distance. **Tarshish** is modern-day Spain; **Pul** (ancient Put) is equivalent to modern Somaliland (though some think a part of Libya); and, **Tuval** is an area near the Black Sea. The **distant coasts** represent all the nations of the world. <sup>2</sup>

***<sup>20</sup> and they will bring all your kinsmen out of all the nations as an offering to Adonai — on horses, in chariots, in wagons, on mules, on camels — to My holy mountain Yerushalayim," says Adonai, "just as the people of Isra'el themselves bring their offerings in clean vessels to the house of Adonai.***

Again, this describes the great gathering that will take place in the **Kingdom Age**, resulting in the Jews' return to **Yerushalayim**.

***<sup>21</sup> I will also take cohanim and L'vi'im (Levities) from them," says Adonai.***

**Yesha'yahu** presented a remarkable picture of the **nations** producing people set apart for service to the Lord like **cohanim and L'vi'im**.

***<sup>22</sup> "For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will continue in my presence," says Adonai, "so will your descendants and your name continue.***

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<sup>1</sup> Bible Background Commentary - Old Testament.

<sup>2</sup> HCSB Study Bible.

<sup>23</sup> ***"Every month on Rosh-Hodesh and every week on Shabbat, everyone living will come to worship in my presence," says Adonai.***

In this future day, no one will neglect the regular worship of the **Adonai**. **Rosh-Hodesh** (the New Moon festival) was a monthly sacred observance. What a great day it will be when the Jews join all people in converging upon **Yerushalayim** to worship. Sometimes I think we get a little taste of this in times of intense worship and fellowship even now.

<sup>24</sup> ***"As they leave, they will look on the corpses of the people who rebelled against me. For their worm will never die, and their fire will never be quenched, but they will be abhorrent to all humanity."*** ~ **Yesha'yahu** 66:15-24 (CJB)

Sadly, while the Kingdom is celebrating, there will be incredible suffering as those who reject the King will be left to the consequences of their own will.

For those of you who have been on this journey through **Yesha'yahu** from the beginning, we started on January 20, 2019. This last post is the 140<sup>th</sup> post in the series. I hope and pray that you have enjoyed this as much as I have enjoyed digging into the Word as proclaimed by **Yesha'yahu**.

In my next post, we will begin to examine the character and writings of **Kefa** (Peter).