

25 - GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED (ISAIAH 66:1-24)

I. The Humble to be Esteemed (Isaiah 66:1-6)

A. The view of the humble (Isaiah 66:1-2)

- The Lord proclaims that heaven is his throne and that the earth is his footstool.
- The Lord proclaims that no one can build a house for him.
- The Lord gives his attention to the one who is poor in spirit.

B. The view of the wicked (Isaiah 66:3-6)

- The Lord compares their religious rituals to the reality of their evil thoughts.
- As they offered sacrifices, they were plotting evil in their hearts.
- They were not truly seeking after God, even though he called to them.
- The Lord calls to those who were persecuted for his name sake.
- The Lord will repay his enemies.

II. Hope and Abundance (Isaiah 66:7-14)

- Israel will be like a woman who gives birth to a son before she experiences labor pains.
- Israel will return to the land quickly and joy will fill the people.
- Peace will come to Jerusalem and the wealth of the Gentiles will flow to her.
- The Lord will comfort Israel as a mother comforts a child.
- Those who witness this will flourish, but his enemies will know his indignation.

III. Judgment and Hope (Isaiah 66:15-24)

- The Lord will come in fury to execute his judgment.
- The Lord will judge all humanity and the enemies of the Lord will be slain.
- Those that practice idolatry will be judged by the Lord.
- The Lord knows everything about humanity, and his glory will be seen in his judgment.
- The Lord will send them among the nations to tell of his glory.

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- Believers from these nations will bring an offering to the Lord in Jerusalem.
- The Lord will select some of these believers as priests and Levites to serve him.
- The descendants of Israel will remain forever as the new heavens and the new earth.
- All mankind will worship before the Lord.
- The wicked will endure eternal punishment in hell.