

The Blessed Coming Kingdom

Text: Isaiah 65:13-25

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I. Blessings and Punishments (Isa. 65:13-16)

The promises of blessings and threats of judgment are rooted in the word of the Lord GOD (Yahweh), emphasizing His Lordship. He alone has the power and capability to carry out these promises.

Four contrasts between the righteous (*servants*) and the unrighteous (*ye*) are laid out in these two verses:

- Servants will eat; the unrighteous will be hungry
- Servants will drink; the unrighteous will be thirsty
The food and drink are spiritual in nature and describe the relationship or lack thereof that one will have with God.
- Servants will rejoice; the unrighteous will be ashamed
- Servants will sing joyfully; the unrighteous will cry from deep sorrow and weep from grief in their spirits
To those who believe, blessings of eternal joy and happiness will reign in their lives. “. . . Man’s spiritual needs will be abundantly supplied so that man may rejoice in God forever” (Hailey 510-11). But those who reject the light of the world will be condemned (John 3:19-21).

Apart from God there is no life, peace, joy, fulfillment, or singing.

The believing remnant will be raised up and called by a new name that will not be attached to the old one of Israel. The new name is described in 62:4. This new Israel will have a new character and a new nature.

A person can only be blessed by God as there are no blessings apart from Him.

These blessings come from the *God of truth* or *amen* for He is trustworthy and His blessings are certain.

Jehovah’s power, sovereignty, and justice will be on full display and clearly marked in the changes that have come over Zion and the people who now live in Jerusalem.

II. Qualities of the coming kingdom (Isa. 65:17-25)

****New Order**

Just as God created a perfect heaven and earth in Genesis, He will recreate a new heaven and new earth that will be glorious, ruled by the Messiah.

Jesus Christ will reign and rule and it will be the beginning of the future that no man can begin to imagine. Truly old things will be passed away; behold, they are become new (II Cor. 5:17).

****Everlasting Joy**

Instead of remembering the former things, the people are commanded to have everlasting joy over the fact God will rebuild Jerusalem.

****Longevity**

****Security and Fruitfulness**

God will provide security, permanence, and providence as He supplies and cares for their needs.

****Fruitful labors**

****Answered prayer**

“The greatest of blessings of redeemed Israel will be the readiness, indeed, the eagerness of Jehovah to answer their prayers, even before they formulate their prayers or express their needs” (Buksbazen 487).

****Peace**

The state of security would be as great under the Messiah as if the most deadly and poisonous kinds of reptiles should become wholly innocuous, and should not attempt to prey upon people” (Barnes, <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/isaiah/65-25.htm>).

This is not just a picture of harmony but of total transformation of human and animal nature. This can be viewed both literally and figuratively. To the holy mount and heavenly Jerusalem, God and His Messiah will come and rule and the people will experience special blessings beyond compare.