

# Final Words – Part 1

Text: Isaiah 66:1-9

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## I. As Sovereign, God is over all (Isa. 66:1-3).

At front and center of this final prophecy are the greatness, the immensity, and the transcendence of God. This reminds us that God is the centerpiece to Isaiah's prophecy. God will sovereignly work His plan on behalf of His people thus once and for all bringing comfort to them (40:1-3).

In that backdrop Isaiah describes the enormity and boundlessness of God Almighty. He is so immense that heaven cannot begin to contain Him nor can earth begin to be compared to Him.

The Temple – as great, grand, and glorious as that was – cannot hold a candle to the greatness of God.

Jehovah cannot begin to be contained in a building built by human hands.

God has no desire to be worshipped in a man-made building when man's hearts are far from Him.

The infinite God cannot be made finite, His greatness cannot be contained by human hands who build something for Him, nor can the eternal God and Creator be made into a mere creature.

Yet, as we have already seen in Isa. 57:15, 61:1 the transcendent God both longs and loves to dwell with the poor and contrite one.

God desires something better for the future Zion. He longs for changed hearts. He longs for people that are spiritually changed on the inside.

God loves to dwell with these people because they have a proper view of Jehovah and their attitudes mimic the Lord Jesus, His Servant. Those who have this type of heart will become the true foundation for the spiritual Zion in the future.

“. . . When a man has seen God as the truly infinite One, then his own heart is abased" (Young 519).

## II. As Judge, God will punish sin (Isa. 66:3-4, 6).

The prophets of Isaiah and Jeremiah had spoken of the coming destruction and fall of their land on account of its spiritual corruption and moral bankruptcy. God will not suffer long forever for His justice demands that even those He calls His people, when they choose to live in rebellion, will face His wrath.

The people had complained that God would not hear them, but now God pointed out that they chose to not hear or answer Him when He called. They were too busy with their own wicked deeds to bother to respond to God. They openly did evil before God, choosing those things for which God had great displeasure.

## III. As Comforter, God will care for those who hear Him (Isa. 66:5).

Herein is the great comfort for the believer: Those who fear God will not be humiliated, but those who hate the righteous will be brought to contempt and disgrace.

## IV. As Promise Keeper, God will rebuild His nation (Isa. 66:7-9).

In this current verse a birth is pictured, but who is giving birth and who is being born? The answer must be Zion giving birth to the Servant, the Lord Jesus Christ. Even more this pictures the time of Christ culminated in the new *nation*, new *land*, and new *descendants*.

The rebirth of the nation of Israel will be so quick that it will be as if the pregnant woman, the nation, will not even go into labor or experience pain when suddenly the man is born. This most certainly pictures the new Zion, a collection of spiritual faith-filled believing saints. They are the very *all of Israel that will be saved*. This does not refer to the national Israel; rather, this refers to the spiritual Israel, the saved Jews who come to Christ at His second coming.

“God does not start something and leave it unfinished. As surely as a woman’s womb opens, not closes, for delivery, so God will do for Jerusalem what He has set out to do”.<sup>1</sup>

This will happen in one day, the day God’s people believe on Jesus Christ.

Would God just bring the nation to the point of birth, but then not deliver it? Would God bring the baby to the point of being delivered and then stop the delivery? NO! God’s Word will be kept and will be fulfilled. By means of these two questions, God is reiterating that His plan for His people will be accomplished.

### Questions

**Future:** Will God keep His word?

**Past:** Has God ever failed to keep His word?

**Present:** Do you trust in God’s unfailing word?

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<sup>1</sup> Martin, J. A. (1985). [Isaiah](#). In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 1120). Victor Books.