

“Here am I, here am I”

Isaiah 65

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Isaiah 65:1

“I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, ‘Here am I, here am I.’”

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“God’s statement goes far beyond the idea that he has answered those who called. It argues that, on at least some occasions, God graciously answered and compassionately appeared to those who were not even seeking or asking for him.”

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Romans 9:25-26

25 As he says in Hosea: “I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one,” **26** and, “It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”

“an obstinate people”

Isaiah 65:2-7

2 All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations — **3** a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick;

4 who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil; who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of unclean meat; **5** who say, 'Keep away; don't come near me, for I am too sacred for you!' Such people are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day.

6 “See, it stands written before me:
I will not keep silent but will pay
back into their laps; I will pay it
back into their laps — **7** both your
sins and the sins of your fathers,”
says the LORD. “Because they
burned sacrifices on the mountains
and defied me on the hills, I will
measure into their laps the full
payment for their former deeds.”

“an obstinate people”

“God said these people directly disobeyed His laws when they worshiped and sacrificed to idols, consulted the dead and evil spirits, and ate forbidden food. But they were so perverse that they still thought they were spiritually superior to others. Jesus called such people hypocrites.”

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“the past troubles will be forgotten”

Isaiah 65:8-10

8 This is what the LORD says:

“As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes and men say, ‘Don’t destroy it, there is yet some good in it,’ so will I do in behalf of my servants; I will not destroy them all.

9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah those who will possess my mountains; my chosen people will inherit them, and there will my servants live. **10** Sharon will become a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a resting place for herds, for my people who seek me.

“the past troubles will be forgotten”

Romans 9:27-28

27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved. **28** For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality.”

“the past troubles will be forgotten”

Isaiah 65:11-16

11 “But as for you who forsake the LORD and forget my holy mountain, who spread a table for Fortune and fill bowls of mixed wine for Destiny, **12** I will destine you for the sword, and you will bend down for the slaughter; for I called but you did not answer, I spoke but you did not listen. You did evil in my sight and chose what displeases me.”

13 Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “My servants will eat, but you will go hungry; my servants will drink, but you will go thirsty; my servants will rejoice, but you will be put to shame. **14** My servants will sing out of the joy of their hearts, but you will cry out from anguish of heart and wail in brokenness of spirit.

15 You will leave your name to my chosen ones as a curse; the Sovereign LORD will put you to death, but to his servants he will give another name. **16** Whoever invokes a blessing in the land will do so by the God of truth; he who takes an oath in the land will swear by the God of truth. For the past troubles will be forgotten and hidden from my eyes.

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**“...if we really have a loving bond-
slave relationship with the Lord, we
will want to express that love in every
possible way, from meeting together
with Christian brothers and sisters to
worshiping Him in the most profound
ways possible, to telling others about
Him. To reaching out to the
downtrodden for Him, to working for
justice in the world.”**

“new heavens and a new earth”

Isaiah 65:17-25

17 “Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. **18** But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. **20** “Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

21 They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. **22** No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They will not toil in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. **24** Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

“new heavens and a new earth”

Revelation 21:1-8

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. **2** I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. **4** ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” **6** He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. **8** But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars — they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Applications

- **Remember that the Kingdom includes all races, languages, and people groups.**
- **We proclaim the Gospel to all**
- **God is true love**

Final Thoughts

Revelation 7:9-10

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. **10** And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

Final Thoughts

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.. **12** It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

13 while we wait for the blessed hope — the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. **14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Final Thoughts

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; The old has gone, the new has come!