

# WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

# Announcements

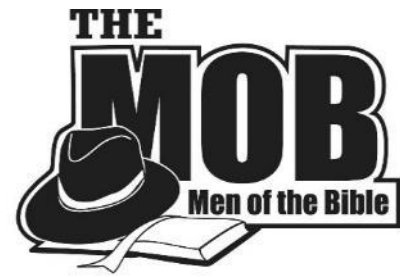
- MOB Website & Resources | [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)
- Summer Sundaes Series, 7-9pm, June 13, July 11 (Rosario Butterfield), & August 13

- Vacation Bible School  
June 24-28



- Summer Breakout Teaching Series, July 14, 21, 28

# Please Rise

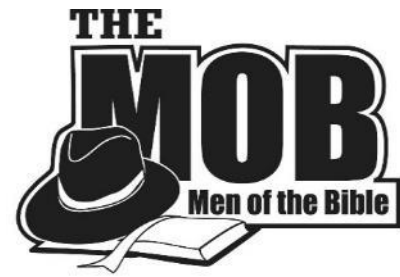


- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Song:**

**“The Church’s One Foundation”**

# The Church's One Foundation

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The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.

From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died.

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Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With ev'ry grace endued.

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Though with a scornful wonder  
This world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

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Through toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

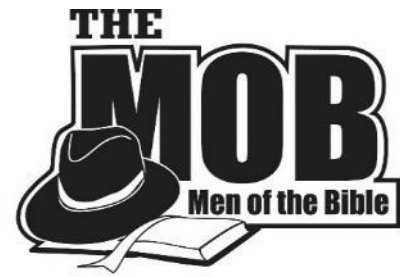
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Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.

O bless-ed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.



# Memory Verse



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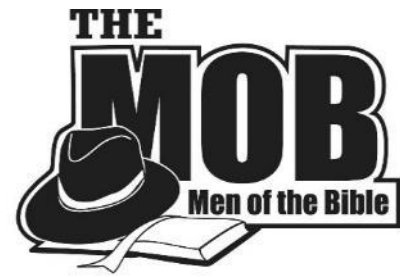
**Isaiah 66:1 (ESV)**

# Memory Verse

## Isaiah 66:1 (ESV)

*Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool;  
what is the house that you would build for me,  
and what is the place of my rest?"*

# Tonight's Meeting



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## Last Week

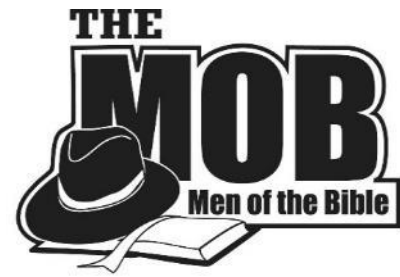
- Isaiah 65:1-25
- Memory Verse | Isaiah 65:1
- Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 466-475; Motyer, pp. 522-531
- Refreshment Host | Group G

## This Week

- Isaiah 66:1-24
- Memory Verse | Isaiah 66:1
- Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 255-486; Motyer, pp. 531-544
- Refreshment Host | Group H



# Isaiah Bible Study Schedule for Fall 2023 – Spring 2024



#	DATE	CHAPTERS	CONSTABLE	MOTYER	MEM VERSE	HOST GRP
29	16-Apr	62	440-443	505-509	62:4	D
30	23-Apr	63	443-453	509-518	63:7	E
31	30-Apr	64	453-455	518-522	64:4	F
32	7-May	65	455-466	522-531	65:1	G
33	14-May	66	466-475	531-544	66:1	H
34	21-May	Review	255-486	498-544	53:6	A
	28-May	MAKE-UP SESSION IF NEEDED				



# Isaiah Outline



Focus	Prophecies of Condemnation								Historical Parenthesis				Prophecies of Comfort					
	1:1		35:10						36:1		39:8		40:1		66:24			
Divisions	Prophecies Against Judah		Prophecies Against the Nation		Prophecies Against the Day of the Lord		Prophecies of Judgement and Blessing		Sickness and Sin		Hezekiah's Salvation		Israel's Deliverance		Israel's Deliverer		Israel's Glorious Future	
Topics	Prophetic Judgement								Historic Transition				Messianic Hope					
Place	Israel & Judah																	
Time	740 - 680 B.C.																	



# Section Overview

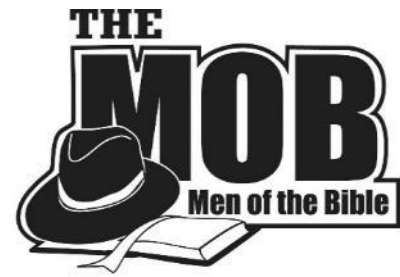
**Chs. 58-66 will end the section by explaining that Israel has received of Jehovah's hand double for all her sins.**

**-This last segment will be dealt with in seven parts:**

- 1) Israel's national wickedness (58:1-59:21)**
- 2) Her future in the Messianic kingdom (60:1-22)**
- 3) The Servant of YHWH (61:1-11)**
- 4) The redemption of Israel and Jerusalem (62:1-63:6)**
- 5) The penitential prayer of the remnant (63:7-64:12)**
- 6) Israel in the plan of God (65:1-25)**
- 7) The rebirth of Israel (66:1-24)**

# Chapter Outline

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- 1. HUMILITY RATHER THAN SACRIFICE 66:1-6**
  - 2. THE FUTURE GLORIES OF JERUSALEM 66:7-14**
  - 3. WORSHIP OR DESTRUCTION 66:15-24**



# Isaiah 66:1-2 (ESV)

Humility Rather than Sacrifice



**<sup>1</sup> Thus says the Lord:**

**“Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest?”**

**<sup>2</sup> All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.**

- “Yahweh reminded His people that He is sovereign over His universe” – Constable
- Since God created the universe, there is nothing we can make that would come close to even holding Him, 1 Kings 8:27
- The way we humans can please God is in the last part of v.2, having a humility that we must have in our relationship with God and trembling at His Word!
- Stephen quoted these verses in Acts 7 when he was tried by the Jews. His defense was more of a history of how bad Israel had been and when he finished, they stoned him!



# Isaiah 66:3-4 (ESV)

Humility Rather than Sacrifice



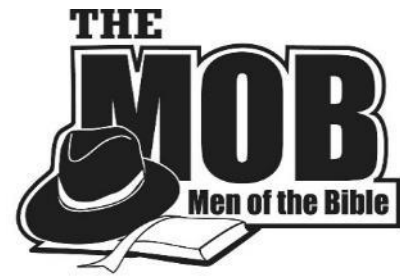
**<sup>3</sup> He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck; he who presents a grain offering, like one who offers pig's blood; he who makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol. These have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations;**

**<sup>4</sup> I also will choose harsh treatment for them and bring their fears upon them, because when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, they did not listen; but they did what was evil in my eyes and chose that in which I did not delight."**

- v.3 along with v.4 can seem odd unless you understand that these are about people who are not serious Jewish believers
- "The person who relies on ritual to satisfy God is repulsive to Him" – Constable
- The last part of v.3 is key, they are going their own way so much that they actually delight in their false actions!
- In some ways, these religious people are worse than plain unbelievers and they will suffer for it
- Things haven't changed today as those who claim to be Christians. Just watch some of the TV preachers!

# Isaiah 66:5-6 (ESV)

Humility Rather than Sacrifice



**<sup>5</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at his word: “Your brothers who hate you and cast you out for my name’s sake have said, ‘Let the Lord be glorified, that we may see your joy’; but it is they who shall be put to shame.**

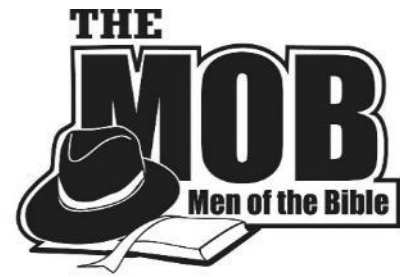
**<sup>6</sup> “The sound of an uproar from the city! A sound from the temple! The sound of the Lord, rendering recompense to his enemies!**

- These are the last two verses of this section.
- Those who really “tremble at his word” will not act like those in the preceding two verses
- In v.6, “These were enemies of His, not His true worshippers.” - Constable



# Isaiah 66:7-9 (ESV)

The Future Glories of Jerusalem



**7 “Before she was in labor she gave birth; before her pain came upon her she delivered a son.**

**8 Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment? For as soon as Zion was in labor she brought forth her children.**

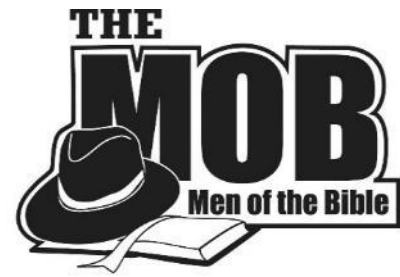
**9 Shall I bring to the point of birth and not cause to bring forth?” says the Lord; “shall I, who cause to bring forth, shut the womb?” says your God.**

- These verses begin a new section which are more like how Ch. 65 ended with hope
- You have to pay close attention here because it’s too easy to get confused as v.7 starts with a birth
- This is about Zion, v.8, but out in the future according to Constable
- Constable has a quote from Wiersbe that says in the future the “new Israel would be born in a day”! This is v.9 as God is saying He will cause it to happen. Most Premillennialist believe that this will certainly take place



# Isaiah 66:10-12 (ESV)

The Future Glories of Jerusalem



**10 “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her;**

**11 that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.”**

**12 For thus says the Lord:**

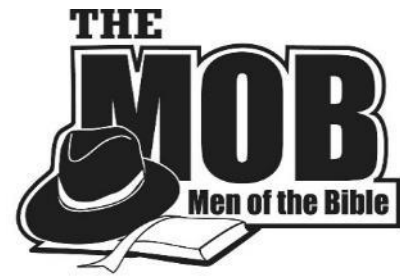
**“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees.**

- God is calling for all nations to rejoice that this has happened to Jerusalem, so this has to be in the future
- “Like a new mother, Jerusalem would be able to nourish her newborn” – Constable
- Again, this has to be in the future as Jerusalem/Israel had never been treated like this as v.12 says



# Isaiah 66:13-14 (ESV)

The Future Glories of Jerusalem



**13 As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.**

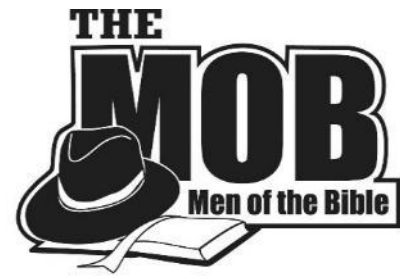
**14 You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.**

- As v.13 says, this will take place in Jerusalem
- This will be such a rejoicing time as Israel will be strengthened and if there are any enemies God will deal with them
- As we can see now, this is not happening but will happen in the future



# Isaiah 66:15-17 (ESV)

Worship or Destruction



**15 “For behold, the Lord will come in fire, and his chariots like the whirlwind, to render his anger in fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.**

**16 For by fire will the Lord enter into judgment, and by his sword, with all flesh; and those slain by the Lord shall be many.**

**17 “Those who sanctify and purify themselves to go into the gardens, following one in the midst, eating pig’s flesh and the abomination and mice, shall come to an end together, declares the Lord.**

- This pericope concludes the sections on the culmination of Israel's future (65:17—66:24), Israel's future transformation (chs. 56—66), Israel's hope (chs. 40—66), and the whole book: Yahweh's salvation. – Constable
- “We know that at the end of the Tribulation and Millennial there will be judgement, so this is in the future
- “fire” almost always means God’s judgement (v.15 & v.16)
- Again, we see those that act like believers but are not, v.17. Constable has this quote from Motyer, "... when people cease to heed the word of revelation, it is not that they then believe nothing but that they will believe anything—gardens, pigs, and rats included."



# Isaiah 66:18-19 (ESV)

Worship or Destruction



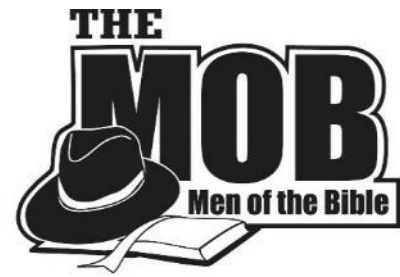
**<sup>18</sup> “For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup> and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations.**

- “When the Messiah returns, His judgment will be on all nations (cf. Zech. 14:3; Rev. 19:17–18) and because of that judgment the world will see His glory.” [BKC]
- In v.19, some think this could be the 144,000 mentioned in Revelation (7:4 & 14:1) and this will be on all the known world in Isaiah’s time
- “The book closes with a description of messengers going to the ends of the earth to announce what God has done for Israel”- Wiersbe writes describing this last section



# Isaiah 66:20-21 (ESV)

Worship or Destruction



**<sup>20</sup> And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord.**

**<sup>21</sup> And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.**

- This verse says that the believing Jews would be brought back to Israel during this last time period (Is 14:2; 49:22)
- These shall be "an offering to the LORD" and some will become priests and Levites
- Constable has this quote from Martin, "... all the nations will in fact be blessed through Israel (cf. Gen. 12:3)."





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# Isaiah 66:22-24 (ESV)

Worship or Destruction



**22 “For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain.**

**23 From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord.**

**24 “And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”**

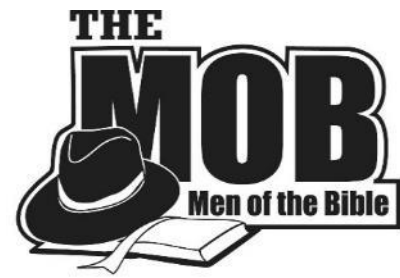
- We have seen the new heaven and new earth in Is 65:17
- Everyone, Jews and Gentiles, will worship in the New Jerusalem
- v.24 is somewhat difficult, but Motyer says this about it: "Remarkably, there is a cemetery beside the city. Always as they come to worship, the redeemed deliberately make themselves face (go out and look), vividly, horribly, the fate from which they have been spared."

# Conclusion

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- What is amazing about this chapter is that Isaiah provides judgement along with hope
  - There are many OT prophets that see somewhat of a future for Israel but none as specific as Isaiah
  - His amazing prophesying of the Millennial age is unique among the OT prophets
  - What he sees is something we all have to remember, that the future for Israel is for all believers. That means we all have hope!

# Discussion & Application

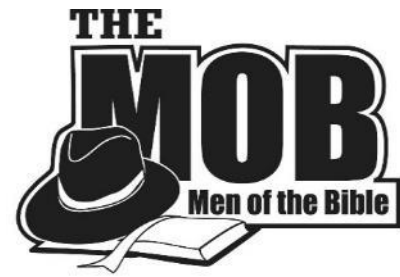
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- 1. Where does God say in this passage that He wants to dwell—and not to dwell—and how is this picked up and confirmed in the New Testament, and particularly in Revelation 21:3?**
- 2. What does it mean for one to “tremble at His Word”? Why would God be pleased with this response—and how might this apply to us today?**
- 3. What were some of the “religious practices,” cited in verses 3-4, that the Lord said He “despises”? How is this carried over and further addressed in verse 17—and how might these same practices be seen in our world, and in the church, today?**
- 4. What does the Lord promise to those who “tremble at His word”?**
- 5. How does this passage describe the tension and rivalry that would exist between the “apostate” Israelites and the faithful remnant, and how might this be experienced by those in our day, “who choose to live godly”?**
- 6. What’s your understanding of how the birthing process is used as a metaphor to describe how God worked in bringing about His will for Israel, and how does this apply to how He works in our lives as well?**

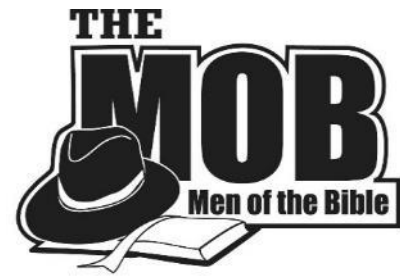
# Discussion & Application

Lowell's Notes  
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- 7. What does God say about the future of Jerusalem, in contrast with its past?**
- 8. What do these verses tell us about the second coming of Christ?**
- 9. How does Isaiah 66 picture the fulfillment of the “Great Commission” in the “last days”? How will it be accomplished, and how does it relate to Matthew 29:19-20, and the charge for us?**
- 10. How do verses 22-23 foretell the ultimate outcome for the world, and affirm the certainty of God’s promises for Israel?**
- 11. Why do you think Isaiah would close on the negative note of Isaiah 66:24?**
- 12. What’s so significant about Jesus making reference to this very verse in Mark 9:43-48—and how should it motivate us to become more involved in “spreading the Gospel”?**
- 13. What’s something that stands out especially about this lesson—something you will take with you and always remember?**

# Next Meeting



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## Review

- **Isaiah 66:1-24**
- **Memory Verse | Isaiah 66:1**
- **Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 466-475; Motyer, pp. 531-544**
- **Refreshment Host | Group H**

## Next Week

- **Isaiah 40-66 Review**
- **Memory Verse | Isaiah 53:6**
- **Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 255-486; Motyer, pp. 305-544**
- **Refreshment Host | Group A**

# Closing

- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**

