

When I first read through Isaiah 64, something struck me with the idea that this was the prayer, the confession of sin, the plea for forgiveness, all Israel will give that will usher in the Second Coming of Christ. Who are the Jews today while the Church is still present on this earth? Do they, as a whole nation, recognize the Messiah as Yeshua (Jesus)? Has every, individual Israeli, in unison with their brothers and sisters cried out to God with this sinner's prayer in our day? Please read Zechariah 12:10–14 and Zechariah 13: 8-9 before working on the double-spaced worksheet for Isaiah 64. We have looked at these two Scriptures at other times in this study.

How do you know that not all Israel will make it to the end?

At the time of the end, all the Jews together who are left will call for their Messiah to come. There will be a national day of repentance and I'm sure the Israelis will be trembling in His presence out of fear for Him. However, with that national repentance and recognition of their Messiah, God will open up the floodgates of hope for Israel. They will finally take their place in God's Kingdom and all the promises to her, her land, and the city of Jerusalem will be realized. See Zechariah 13:8-9.

Day 1– Double-spaced Worksheet – Isaiah 64

Please mark the following words or ideas in your own unique way:

any reference to God, i.e., “Thy presence,” “Who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him,” “Thy name,” “our Father,” “our potter,”
 nations
 any reference to Israel, i.e., “all of us...like one who is unclean,” “the clay”
 saved
 all names for sin, i.e., “iniquities,” “unclean,” “sinned,” and their pronouns
 any references to body parts used to describe God, i.e., “hand,” “face”
 Zion and Jerusalem as the same marking
 rend
 righteousness, righteous deeds

Can you make any lists in the side margins of your double-spaced worksheet for chapter 64 and also in the space below?

God acts on behalf of the one who waits for Him. What else does this one who waits on Him experience. See Isaiah 64:5 and 64:8.

Day 2 - Questions on Isaiah 64 – True Righteousness vs. Filthy Garments

Moses, his brother, Aaron, Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu, and 70 elders of Israel, were allowed to "meet" with God after their sins were atoned for in Exodus 24. The Israelites should have been trembling, but God did not consume them while they were in His presence and they ate a covenant meal with the God of the Universe! What would be the conditions for God to "meet" with any human being? What conditions were in effect in order for God to meet with those who rejoice in righteousness in Isaiah 64:4-5? Were the requirements the same as when Israel's sins were atoned for in the Exodus account?

How can Man be truly righteous? Are the righteous acts, done through the Believer, a result of the Spirit's indwelling or do they come from something or somewhere else?

Take a look at Romans 10:1-11 to see what Paul says about righteousness. Record your thoughts in the space below.

It appears to me that there is a huge contrast made in the middle of Isaiah 64:4 through 64:6, between those whom God will meet with and those whom He will not. What has to happen to "national" Israel before God will "meet" with them again, before He will work wonders in their midst again?

What is the contrast here between the one who waits for Him in 64:4-5A and the one who is a sinner in Isaiah 64:6-9?

If God sees the Israelites' "righteous deeds (done in the flesh) like a filthy garment," how must He see their sins?ⁱ

Why has God hidden His face from the Israelites?

Do you remember what Isaiah did when He came into the presence of God? If you don't remember, go back and reread Isaiah 6. Why was Isaiah so fearful?

Isaiah writes in 64:1, "Oh, that Thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Thy presence." What does the word "rend" mean? Where have we seen this word or a similar concept of this verse in our studies of the New Testament? Check out Matthew 27:45-56 and the other Gospel accounts of this.

In history, did God already come down and rend the heavens? Has He already opened up His presence to us sinners by a way that we need not tremble in His presence? Find the references in the Gospel accounts in the New Testament and record them here.

When did God come down and the mountains quake at His presence? Did He come down at Creation? See Genesis 3. Also, check out Exodus 19:16-25 and Exodus 20:18-21. Write your thoughts below:

Day 3 – Double-spaced Worksheet - Isaiah 65

Please mark the following words or ideas in your own unique way:

any reference to God, i.e., Here am I (I Am), God of truth

Any reference to the Gentile nations, i.e., "those who did not seek Me," or "a nationwhich did not call on My name"

any reference to Israel, i.e., "A people who continually provoke Me," "Who sit among graves," "Who eat swine's flesh."

any reference to the Remnant, i.e., "My servants," "offspring from Jacob," "an heir of My mountains from Judah," "My chosen ones," "My people who seek Me"

Destiny, destine, fortune as one marking

create

Jerusalem

name

Can you make any lists in the side margins of your double-spaced worksheet for chapter 65 and also in the spaces below?

Make a list of the words or group of words God uses to describe the Gentile nations.

Make a list to describe the rebellious people whom God went out of His way to love and show compassion and yet they forsook Him.

Make a list of the wrongdoings of the Israelites.

Day 4 – Questions on Isaiah 65 – Those Who Found Him Without Seeking vs. Those Whom He Sought

Who is God talking about in the beginning verses of Isaiah 65? Who are those who did not seek Him, but yet He allowed Himself to be found by them? Who are those rebellious people who God has sought out and yet they have gone away from Him? Please read Romans 10:16-21 where Paul talks about Israel.

What comparison is made between those who found Him without seeking vs. those who He sought but they did not want Him in Isaiah 65:1-7? In other words, make a comparison between the Gentiles who were allowed to find Him vs. the Israelites who didn't want Him.

Those He Sought - Israel	Those Who didn't Seek Him – the Gentiles

When Israel rejected God's Messiah, God went to the Gentiles. Please read Acts 13:46 in the New Testament when Paul and Barnabas tell the Jews that of necessity the Gospel

was preached to the them first, but since they rejected it, the Gospel would then go out to the Gentiles.

In Isaiah 65:2-7, God gives the Israelites the reason why He did not answer their prayers. He lists their iniquities and their fathers' iniquities. What will God do to them because of these iniquities?

Remember in Part 6 of Isaiah, we discovered three servants. One of these servants was the nation of Israel. The Scripture in Romans 9:6, and 9:27 also revealed to us that not all who call themselves Israel are true Israel, but that a Remnant of true Israel would be saved. It is for this “new wine” that is found in the cluster of grapes, that He spares some of the servants of Israel and He acts on their behalf. “True Israel” are those of His own people who truly seek Him and want Him, i.e., the Remnant. God promises to bring forth true offspring from Jacob (Israel) and these offspring will inherit and dwell in the mountains of Judah surrounding the city of Jerusalem. When will these things happen?

How does God describe those whom He sought, but they did not want Him in Isaiah 65:11-12?

What comparison do you see made between those in the previous question and His true Servants in Isaiah 65:13-16? Do that comparison in chart form below.

<p style="text-align: center;">Those Whom God Sought – But They Did Not Want Him</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Those Whom God Sought – Who Wanted Him – The Remnant</p>

In Isaiah 65:16-18, God says something strange. It goes like this: He who is blessed in the earth, shall be blessed by the God of truth. He who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth, because...the former troubles are forgotten...the former troubles are hidden from God's sight...the former troubles (things) shall not be remembered or come to mind... because He has done a complete remodeling job on the heavens and the earth and Jerusalem upon the earth and in the hearts of the people.

What four things has God created anew?

In what time period is Isaiah 65:9-10 and 65:17-25 set? How do you know?

Describe the Millennial Kingdom according to the above verses.

Some expositors say that Isaiah 65:17, when it speaks to the creation of the new heavens and a new earth, is referring to the blessings of the Millennium; the view Isaiah gives us in this verse doesn't match the eternal picture of the new heavens and new earth. The new heavens and earth will only come about after all God's judgments on the earth have been completed and when Satan has been thrown into the Lake of Fire, at the end of the Millennium. However, there will be tremendous changes made to this earth during the Millennial Kingdom. Isaiah 65:18-25 tells us that troubles experienced here on the earth, during the time before the Millennial Kingdom, will be forgotten. There will be no sadness. All of those entering directly into the Millennium from the earth and all of those born on the earth after the start of the Millennium will appear young and will not grow old in the same way that we do today. Also, He says there will be much building and eating and drinking going on. The animal kingdom will be changed, and there will be no crime. It sounds like a very sweet deal to me. And as we discovered in Part 3 of this study, we, the true Believers, will be on the earth during the Millennial Kingdom even though some of us will have been raptured or some of us will have both died and been raptured, by the time of His second coming. This is something that I've never thought of before this study. It has been a totally new avenue for my thoughts to travel down. I don't know about you, but I am excited about the future!ⁱⁱⁱⁱⁱⁱ

Day 5 – Personal Application – Isaiah 64, 65

Jonathan Edwards was an evangelist in the early part of our history as a nation. His famous one liner was about how we are all sinners in the hands of an angry God. Today, are we sinners in the hands of an angry God or has Christ come between us and God and established peace for us with His blood? What does God think of those who have not placed their faith in His Messiah or trusted Him with their lives? Will He refrain from judgment upon them? How merciful, is He? How just is He? Did He die for Mankind one time for all sinners and for past, present and future offenses? What will He require of those who have not professed His name as God and Savior? Write your thoughts below.

There are many today who have not confessed their sins and asked for forgiveness. There are those of Israel who are only Israel on the outside, but inwardly they don't have a relationship with God. In like manner, there are many who are in churches today whose hearts are still far from Him.

These questions are as much for me as they are for you.

What about you? Do you pretend at being a Christian, or has the Holy Spirit of God really taken up residency in your heart and caused you to walk in His ways of righteousness?

What about your actions? Are your actions motivated out of a desire to be seen by others or do they come from a sanctified and compassionate heart that only wants to please God?

Is the fruit of the Spirit evident within your life? Are those nine parts of the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) increasing in intensity in your life over time or are they barely discernable?

Read Revelation 20:11-15. Who are the two groups of people at the Great White Throne Judgment?

What will be the judgment for those whose names are not found in the Book of Life?

Will the judgment on their deeds be the determining factor of where they will spend eternity? If not, what will determine their eternal destiny? Cite references if you can.

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Is your name in the Book of Life? At the judgment, will you tremble in His Presence and be cast away from Him forever, or will you name the name of Jesus and walk through an open gate of hope into eternity to be forever with the LORD? The decision is yours today.

Please write the themes of Isaiah 64 and 65 on their respective double-spaced worksheets and on the Isaiah-Theme-Summary chart in the appendix.

ⁱ Warren W. Wiersbe, *Be Comforted*, USA, SP Publications, Inc., 1992, p.160.

ⁱⁱ Ibid, p.162.

ⁱⁱⁱ J. Vernon McGee, *Isaiah Vol. II*, La Verne, CA, El Camino Press, 1978, p.197.

**TO TRUE ISRAEL & GENTILE BELIEVERS: I AM YOUR PERSONAL ADVOCATE,
COUNSELOR, AND TRAINER**

**Isaiah 64
Part 7
Lesson 8-1**

Personal Advocate	Personal Counselor	Personal Trainer
<p>Is 64:4</p> <p>Advocate - one who pleads the cause of another: Jesus applied word to HS where it is translated Comforter.; a consulting lawyer, one who presents his client's case in open court; or one, in trial or hardship, sympathizes w/ afflicted & administers suitable direction & support.¹</p> <p>ISRAEL - <u>Deut 28</u> - Israel to diligently obey LORD, careful to do all His commandments; if, then: He will set above other nations; will cause to be blessings, enemies defeated; nations will see Israel called by name of LORD; they will be afraid of Israel.</p> <p>Has Israel done all of these things? see Is 41:28-29</p> <p><u>Isaiah 40:31</u>- Yet those who <u>wait</u> for the LORD, will run & not get tired.</p> <p><u>Isaiah 41:17</u>- God will answer the <u>thirsty</u> w/ water - He will not forsake them, will provide shelter for them</p> <p><u>Psalm 34:7</u> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who <u>fear</u> Him.</p> <p>BELIEVING GENTILES - <u>Hebrews 8:1-2</u> J.C. sits at right hand of God, <u>interceding</u> for us until He comes again.</p> <p><u>Acts 1:4,8</u> The Believers were to <u>wait</u> for the HS before they acted.</p> <p><small>¹ Merrill F Unger, Unger's Bible Dictionary, Chicago, Moody Press,1977, p.25.</small></p>	<p>Isaiah 64:5</p> <p>Counselor - an adviser upon any matter; one who listens²</p> <p>ISRAEL</p> <p><u>Isaiah 9:6</u> Wonderful Counselor</p> <p><u>Ezra 7:28</u> "the hand of the LORD my God upon me." = Counselor, Guide</p> <p><u>Psalm 32:8</u> God will counsel you with His eye upon you</p> <p><u>Ps 25:8-15</u> Good & upright is the LORD. He instructs sinners in the way.</p> <p>BELIEVING GENTILES</p> <p><u>Lk. 2:25-35</u> Simeon waited; b/c of belief counted righteous</p> <p><u>Jn. 16:13</u> but when He, the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth</p> <p><u>Jn. 14:16-21, 26-27</u> God of all comfort</p> <p><u>2 Cors 1:4, &:6</u> God comforts the depressed</p> <p><small>²Ibid, 223.</small></p>	<p>Isaiah 64:8 "But now, o LORD, Thou art our potter; we are the clay, and all of us are the work of Thy hands."</p> <p>Coach, Trainer - One who works with pliable clay to mold it into a useful shape.³</p> <p>ISRAEL</p> <p><u>Ps 32:10-11</u> He who trusts in the LORD, be glad in the LORD & rejoice righteous ones, shout for joy upright in heart</p> <p><u>Is 41:8</u> to Israel My Servant (True Israel) God has chosen & not rejected you</p> <p>You are not to fear, God w/ you</p> <p>You are not to look worried, He is your God</p> <p>He will strengthen you, help you, uphold you w/ righteous right hand</p> <p>Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel</p> <p><u>Is 45:9, Is 64:8</u> potter & clay</p> <p>GENTILE BELIEVERS -</p> <p>Matt. 28:20 & lo I am w/ you always</p> <p>I Peter 1:1-2 sanctifying work of Spirit to obey</p> <p>I Thess 5:23 sanctifying work of God</p> <p>Romans 13:14 put on Lord JC</p> <p>Ephs 4:24 put on new self</p> <p>Ephs 6:11 put on full armour</p> <p>Romans 8:28 predestined into His image</p> <p>Hebs - moves upon mens' hearts & consciences - truth</p> <p><u>Jn 16:7-15</u> He convicts men of sin</p> <p><small>³Unknown Source</small></p>
<p>Prerequisites OT Jews & Gentiles for God to be their Advocate, Counselor, Trainer: must wait on Him, obey Him, trust Him</p> <p>Prerequisites NT Jews & Gentiles for God to be their Advocate, Counselor, Trainer: must accept JC as Savior, have sins forgiven, repentance</p>		

ABRAM BELIEVED & GOD ACCOUNTED AS RIGHTEOUSNESS (GEN. 15)

What will happen to the 2 groups of people at the gwt judgment?

Those who don't believe- names not written in Book of Life- those who cannot meet w/ God; righteous deeds are like filthy garments		Those who do believe - names written in Book of Life- can meet w/ God; do God's righteousness	
Unbelieving Jews	Unbelieving Gentiles	Believing Jews=Remnant	Believing Gentiles
<p>God sought them (65)</p> <p>OT unbelieving Jews- They offered sacrifices to idols (65:7)</p> <p>-A people who provoked God to His face (65:3)</p> <p>-Rebellious, walked in ways not good (65:2)</p> <p>-They sit among graves, spend nights in secret places (65:4)</p> <p>-Eat swine's flesh (65:4)</p> <p>-Tout their own righteousness (65:5)</p> <p>-God will repay for iniquities (65:7)</p> <p>-These did not respond to the light given - many heard many times & still didn't believe</p> <p>NT unbelieving Jews - those who have heard gospel & rejected it (Him).</p> <p>-They think their righteous deeds will get them into God's presence. They did not know about God's righteousness (Romans 10:1-11)</p> <p>-Actions done to be seen by others</p> <p>These are only Israel on the outside; inwardly no relationship w/ God</p>	<p>OT - have heard of Israel's God & did nothing about it; could have become Proselytes & worshiped Him in Jerusalem</p> <p>NT - have heard of JC & do not confess their sins, do not have their sins forgiven, do not trust in the Savior for salvation</p>	<p>OT</p> <p>-They responded to the light they had been given ; believed God as Abram had believed & accounted as righteousness</p> <p>-God is their advocate b/c they waited on Him, their counselor b/c they rejoiced in doing righteousness, their trainer b/c they allowed Him to mold them</p> <p>NT</p> <p>-They accepted God's Messiah as Savior, etc. and believed in Him and this was accounted to them as righteousness</p> <p>- with the heart man believes and that results in righteousness (Romans 10:1-11)</p> <p>-HS of God has really taken up residence in their lives</p> <p>-actions come from a truly sanctified heart</p> <p>-they rejoice in doing righteousness</p>	<p>OT</p> <p>-They responded to the light they had been given; came to worship under the wings of the God of Israel - became proselytes; believed as Abram believed & accounted to them as righteousness</p> <p>NT</p> <p>-They responded to the light they had been given; believed God through JC & accounted to them as righteousness</p> <p>- with the heart man believes and that results in righteousness (Romans 10:1-11)</p> <p>-HS of God has really taken up residence in their lives</p> <p>-actions come from a truly sanctified heart</p> <p>-they rejoice in doing righteousness</p>
<p>Their names not written in the book of life; therefore no hope of heaven; they will be resurrected to join their eternal bodies w/ their soul at the GWTJ & be judged for their deeds & then thrown into the lake of fire for eternity - Unbelievers.</p>		<p>Their names are written in the book of life; they will enter into the hope of heaven to be with God for all eternity; they, too will have their deeds judged but does not have to do w/ their salvation - Believers.</p>	