

Isaiah 65:1
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The Gentiles Find Salvation Isa 65:1-2

1 "I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask for Me; I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Here am I, here am I,' To a nation which did not call on My name. 2 "I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in the way which is not good, following their own thoughts,

Rom 10:19-21 But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says, "I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION, BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU."20 And Isaiah is very bold and says, "I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME, I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME." 21 But as for Israel He says, "ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE."

"I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask for Me"; "I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me." "To a nation which did not call on My name."

Rom 9:30-32 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith; but Israel ...

1Pt 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION ...

Last week:

Isa 63:16 For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us And Israel does not recognize us. You, O LORD, are our Father, Our Redeemer from of old is Your name.

God calls this people (nation) "My people". Isa 65:13-16

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, My servants will eat, but you will be hungry. Behold, My servants will drink, but you will be thirsty. Behold, My servants will rejoice, but you will be put to shame. 14 "Behold, My servants will shout joyfully with a glad heart, But you will cry out with a heavy heart, And you will wail with a broken spirit. 15 "You will leave your name for a curse to My chosen ones, And the Lord GOD will slay you. But My servants will be called by another name. 16 "Because he who is blessed in the earth Will be blessed by the God of truth; And he who swears in the earth Will swear by the God of truth; Because the former troubles are forgotten, And because they are hidden from My sight!

Comparison of "My servants" to "but you" [the nation of Israel]:

| My servants; My chosen ones | But you (national Israel) |
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| Will eat, will drink | Will be hungry, will be thirsty |
| Will rejoice | Will be put to shame |
| Will shout joyfully with a glad heart | Will wail with a broken spirit |
| Will be called by another name | Will leave your name as a curse |

Mt 21:43-44 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. 44 "And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

"Because the former troubles are forgotten, And because they are hidden from My sight" (v. 16)

2Cor 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Isa 43:25 "I am he who blots out your transgressions, and remembers your sins no more."

Ps 32:1-2 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 2 Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Ps 103:12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

A nation born in a day Isa 66:7-9

"Before she travailed, she brought forth; Before her pain came, she gave birth to a boy. 8 "Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day? Can a nation be brought forth all at once? As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons. 9 "Shall I bring to the point of birth and not give delivery?" says the LORD. "Or shall I who gives delivery shut the womb?" says your God.

Isa 54:1 "Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; For the sons of the desolate one will be more numerous Than the sons of the married woman," says the LORD. (Gal 4:27)

(See Gal 4:20-31 Abraham has two sons, Ishmael and Isaac. Allegorically they speak of Israel (children of the old covenant of Law, natural Israel) and the church (children of the new covenant of grace).

Ac 2:41-42 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. 42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Ac 4:4 the number grew to 5,000)

The mercy of God to the chosen Isa 65:8-10

Thus says the LORD, "As the new wine is found in the cluster, And one says, 'Do not destroy it, for there is benefit in it,' So I will act on behalf of My servants In order not to destroy all of them. 9 "I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, And an heir of My mountains from Judah; Even My chosen ones shall inherit it, And My servants will dwell there. 10 "Sharon will be a pasture land for flocks, And the valley of Achor a resting place for herds, For My people who seek Me.

"I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, And an heir of My mountains from Judah;" (v. 9)

God promised an heir to Abraham Gen 15:1-6

Gen 21:10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir with my son Isaac."

Gal 3:16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

Gal 3:19 Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.

"the valley of Achor a resting place for herds" (v. 10)

The valley of Achor ("trouble") - received its name when Achan, the "troubler" of Israel, was stoned and burned there (Jos 7:22-26; 1Chr 2:7).

Hos 2:15 "Then I will give her vineyards from there, And the valley of Achor as a door of hope."