

## **A Study of the Prophets**

### **O.T. Survey Lesson 139--Isaiah 65:17-66:24**

**Introduction:** God's answer to Isaiah's prayer for national deliverance was to make clear His determination to recompense the wicked according to their deeds and to bless the faithful remnant that served him (65:1-16). These blessings are to be enjoyed in a "new heavens and new earth" which God would create (65:17-25). The final chapter makes clear that it is the humble and contrite of heart who would enjoy these blessings of the new Zion while the wicked would be destroyed.

**Lesson aim:** To understand the nature of the blessings of the new heavens and earth and who may enjoy them.

### **The new heavens and the new earth--Isaiah 65:17-25**

1. What does God prophesy that He would create?
2. What would not be found in the new Jerusalem? (v. 19-20)
3. What did God say about the houses and vineyards of those who dwelt in the new Jerusalem? (v. 21-22) About the children? (v. 23)
4. How will God deal with the inhabitants of new Zion? (v. 24)
5. What is the fulfillment of verse 25?

### **God's promise to judge the wicked--Isaiah 66:1-6**

1. Was satisfied with Israel simply because they had built a house for Him? (v. 1) What did God say was His throne and footstool? What N.T. preacher quoted the word of Isaiah 66:1? Of what did this quote remind him?

2. To whom then did God promise to look? (v. 2)
3. Describe the activities and attitudes of those people that God would judge? (v. 3-6)

### **The glory of the new Zion--Isaiah 66:7-24**

1. What is the fulfillment of v. 7-9?
2. To what is Jerusalem compared? (v. 10-11) What is God pictured as doing for His people through the new Zion? (v. 12-13)
3. What is God's promise to his servants? (v. 14) What will God do to the wicked? (v. 15-18)
4. In what way was God's glory made known among the nations? (v. 19) What would result from this? (v. 20)
5. What did God affirm would endure? (v. 22) What would all mankind do? (v. 23)
6. What would be the attitude of the people toward those who had transgressed against God? (v. 24) What did Isaiah affirm about them?