

Isaiah 25:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

Analysis

And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast (וְעָשָׂה יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת לְכָל-הָעַמִּים...מִשְׁתֶּה, ve'asah YHWH Tsevaot lekhol-ha'amim...mishteh)—This marks dramatic shift from judgment to salvation. יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת (YHWH Tsevaot, LORD of hosts/armies) emphasizes sovereign power. **In this mountain** likely means Mount Zion, where God's presence dwells. **Unto all people** (לְכָל-הָעַמִּים, lekhol-ha'amim)—universal invitation, not just Israel but all nations.

The feast (מִשְׁתֶּה, mishteh) isn't ordinary meal but lavish banquet. **A feast of fat things** (מִשְׁתֶּה שְׁמָנִים, mishteh shemanim)—the choicest, richest foods. **A feast of wines on the lees** (שְׁמָרִים, shemarim)—aged wines that matured on their sediment, producing rich flavor. **Of fat things full of marrow** (שְׁמָנִים מְמֻחַיִם, shemanim memuchayim)—the very best portions, marrow-filled delicacies. **Of wines on the lees well refined** (שְׁמָרִים מְזֻקָּקִים, shemarim mezuqqaqim)—carefully filtered, purified wines of highest quality.

This banquet imagery represents messianic salvation—God hosting all nations at His table in the age to come.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern kings displayed power through lavish feasts (Esther 1:3-7, Daniel 5:1). Isaiah reverses this: the divine King hosts the feast, and guests are 'all people,' not just nobility. This democratization of God's blessing scandalized exclusivistic thinking. Jesus used feast imagery for the kingdom (Matthew 22:1-14, Luke 14:15-24), and instituted the Lord's Supper as foretaste of the messianic banquet (Luke 22:16-18). Revelation depicts 'marriage supper of the Lamb' (Revelation 19:9) when Christ welcomes all believers to eternal celebration. This prophecy assures that God's salvation reaches all nations—fulfilled as gospel spreads globally, gathering 'all people' to His table.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the extravagance of this feast (fat things, aged wines, marrow-filled delicacies) reflect the richness of salvation in Christ?
2. What does God's invitation to 'all people' teach about the gospel's universal offer and the church's inclusive mission?
3. How does the Lord's Supper serve as present foretaste of this future messianic banquet, and how should that shape our communion practices?

Interlinear Text

וַעֲשֵׂה	יְהוָה ה	צָבָא וְת	לְכָל	הָעַמִּים	בְּהָר
make	shall the LORD	of hosts	H3605	unto all people	And in this mountain
H6213	H3068	H6635		H5971	H2022
הֵן ה	מִשְׁתֵּה ה	שְׂמִנִים	מִשְׁתֵּה ה	שְׂמֵר ים	שְׂמִנִים
H2088	a feast	of fat things	a feast	of wines on the lees	of fat things
	H4960	H8081	H4960	H8105	H8081
מִמֶּה הִי	שְׂמֵר ים	מְזַקִּים:			
full of marrow	of wines on the lees	well refined			
H4229	H8105	H2212			

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 8:11 (Parallel theme): And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

Psalms 63:5 (Parallel theme): My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

Revelation 19:9 (Parallel theme): And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Luke 22:30 (Parallel theme): That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Hebrews 12:22 (Parallel theme): But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Isaiah 1:19 (Parallel theme): If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Zechariah 8:3 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

Matthew 26:29 (Parallel theme): But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Isaiah 25:10 (References Lord): For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

Psalms 78:68 (Parallel theme): But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

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