

# Isaiah 65:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

## Analysis

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'Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.' Wordplay on 'Meni' (number): since you serve 'number,' I will number you to judgment. The Hebrew 'manah' (number/destine) is ironic. Despite calling and speaking, they didn't answer or hear - deliberate choice of evil.

## Historical Context

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This judgment corresponds to their sin. They chose Fate; God chooses their fate. Divine calling rejected leads to divine judgment.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does judgment often correspond to the nature of the sin?
2. What does it mean to 'not answer' and 'not hear' when God calls?

## Interlinear Text

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וּמִן יְתִי	אֶתְּךָ מִ	לְךָ רֶב	וְכָלְכֶם	לְטֹבַח
Therefore will I number	H853	you to the sword	H3605	to the slaughter
H4487		H2719		H2874
וְתִכְבְּ עוֹ	יָעַן	קָרָאתִי	וְלֹא א	עָנִיתָ מִ
and ye shall all bow down	H3282	because when I called	H3808	ye did not answer
H3766		H7121		H6030
וְדַבַּרְתִּי	וְלֹא א	שָׁמַעְתָּ מִ	וַתַּעַשׂ ו	הָרָע
when I spake	H3808	ye did not hear	but did	evil
H1696		H8085	H6213	H7451
				before mine eyes
				H5869
וּבְאֵשׁ ר	לֹא	חִפֵּיתִי	בְּחִרְתָּם:	
H834	H3808	that wherein I delighted	and did choose	
		H2654	H977	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 7:13** (Parallel theme): And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;

**Isaiah 50:2** (Parallel theme): Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.