

Isaiah 65:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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

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

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

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

וְמִנְגַּד יִתְהַנֵּן	אֶתְכֶם מִלְחָמָה	לְכָה נָבָתָךְ	וְכָלְכָלָמָה	לְטַבְּנָה
Therefore will I number H4487	H853	you to the sword H2719	H3605	to the slaughter H2874
תְּכַבֵּעַ עַל אֶתְכֶם מִלְחָמָה	לְכָה אֶתְכֶם מִלְחָמָה	לְכָה אֶתְכֶם מִלְחָמָה	לְכָה אֶתְכֶם מִלְחָמָה	לְכָה אֶתְכֶם מִלְחָמָה
and ye shall all bow down H3766	H3282	because when I called H7121	H3808	ye did not answer H6030
בְּרִיתְמָה וְתַעֲשֵׂה אֶל אֶתְכֶם מִלְחָמָה רָתַי	וְתַעֲשֵׂה וְשִׁמְעֵת מִלְחָמָה בְּרִיתְמָה	בְּרִיתְמָה וְתַעֲשֵׂה אֶל אֶתְכֶם מִלְחָמָה רָתַי	בְּרִיתְמָה וְתַעֲשֵׂה אֶל אֶתְכֶם מִלְחָמָה רָתַי	בְּרִיתְמָה וְתַעֲשֵׂה אֶל אֶתְכֶם מִלְחָמָה רָתַי
when I spake H1696	H3808	ye did not hear H8085	H6213	but did H7451
בְּרִיתְמָה וְתַעֲשֵׂה אֶל אֶתְכֶם מִלְחָמָה רָתַי				
לֹא וּבָאֵשׁ רָתַי				
that wherein I delighted H2654	H2654	and did choose H977	H977	H977

Additional Cross-References

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.