

Isaiah 65:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:

Analysis

'Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed.' Sharp contrast between servants and rebels: eating vs. hunger, drinking vs. thirst, rejoicing vs. shame. The Hebrew 'eved' (servant) marks the blessed group. Parallel structure emphasizes the contrast.

Historical Context

This division anticipates the eschatological separation of sheep and goats. Present choices determine eternal destinies.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What distinguishes 'my servants' from those who forsake the LORD?
2. How do contrasting eternal destinies affect present choices?

Interlinear Text

לְכָה	אֶמְרָא	אָדָן	יְהִי הָבֵב	עֲבָד
H3651	H3541	Therefore thus saith the Lord	GOD	H2009
		H559	H136	H3069
shall eat	but ye shall be hungry			Behold my servants
H398	H859	H7456	H2009	H5650
shall drink	but ye shall be thirsty			Behold my servants
H8354	H859	H6770	H2009	H5650
shall rejoice	but ye shall be ashamed			Behold my servants
H8055	H859	H954		

Additional Cross-References

Malachi 3:18 (References God): Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Isaiah 66:14 (References Lord): And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

Isaiah 66:5 (References Lord): Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

Isaiah 61:7 (Parallel theme): For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

Isaiah 44:9 (Parallel theme): They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

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