

Isaiah 65:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts.' The open hands picture invitation and appeal. The Hebrew 'paras' (spread) indicates welcoming gesture. Yet Israel is 'rebellious' (sarar), walking 'their own way' (darkam) and 'their own thoughts.' Divine invitation met by persistent rejection.

Historical Context

Romans 10:21 cites this regarding Israel's rejection of the gospel. God's patience (all day) contrasts with Israel's stubbornness.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How has God spread out His hands to you?
2. What 'own thoughts' and 'own ways' prevent response to God's invitation?

Interlinear Text

סֹרֶךְ	רַע	עַם	אַל	וְיֻם	כָּל	יְדִים	פָּרֶשֶׁתִי
I have spread out	my hands			all the day	H3605		
H6566	H3027			H3117			

מִחְשְׁבָּתִים:	אַטְרָם	טָוֵב	לֹא	בַּדְּ רָהָה	הַלְּכִים	בַּדְּ רָהָה	מִחְשְׁבָּתִים:
which walketh	in a way			that was not good	H3808		
H1980	H1870			H2896			

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after							
H310							

Additional Cross-References

Romans 10:21 (Parallel theme): But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

Proverbs 1:24 (Parallel theme): Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

Jeremiah 4:14 (Parallel theme): O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

Isaiah 1:2 (Parallel theme): Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

Isaiah 63:10 (Parallel theme): But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

Psalms 36:4 (Good): He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.

Jeremiah 3:17 (Parallel theme): At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the

LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

Jeremiah 7:24 (Parallel theme): But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

Jeremiah 5:23 (Parallel theme): But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone.

Romans 2:5 (Parallel theme): But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

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