

Isaiah 65:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels.' Further abominations: necromancy (consulting the dead), swine consumption (explicitly forbidden in Leviticus 11:7), and unclean food. These are not accidents but deliberate violations of known law.

Historical Context

Necromancy was practiced in Canaan and strictly forbidden (Deuteronomy 18:10-12). Swine were sacrificed in pagan rituals. These practices represented complete apostasy from covenant faithfulness.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What forbidden practices do people today engage in while claiming faith?
2. How do dietary laws represent larger principles of holiness?

Interlinear Text

הַיֹּשְׁבִים	בְּקִבְרֵי יָם	וּבִנְצוּרֵי יָם	יָלִי יָנוּ	הָאֲכָלִים
Which remain	among the graves	in the monuments	and lodge	which eat
H3427	H6913	H5341	H3885	H398
בָּשָׂר	הַחֲזִיר	וּפֶגֶל יָם	כִּלְיֵהֶם:	
flesh	swine's	of abominable	things is in their vessels	
H1320	H2386	H6292	H3627	

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 66:17 (Parallel theme): They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.

Leviticus 11:7 (Parallel theme): And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you.

Isaiah 66:3 (Parallel theme): He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.