

# Isaiah 66:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

## Analysis

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Universal worship is promised: "And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD." The Hebrew *midei-chodesh bechodsho umidei shabbat beshabbato* (from new moon in its time, from sabbath in its time) suggests regular, continuous worship—monthly and weekly cycles. "All flesh" (*kol-basar*) emphasizes comprehensive participation—everyone worships. This is extraordinary: earlier "all flesh" faced judgment (v.16); now "all flesh" worships! The distinction between elect and reprobate is assumed—only the redeemed "all flesh" worship. From a Reformed perspective, this describes the consummated kingdom where all the elect worship God perpetually (Revelation 7:15, 22:3). The new moon and sabbath language uses old covenant worship terminology to describe new covenant reality—continuous, corporate worship of all believers. The regularity (monthly, weekly) suggests ongoing, not merely occasional, worship. This is believers' eternal activity: glorifying and enjoying God forever through worship.

## Historical Context

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Under the old covenant, new moon and sabbath observances were significant worship times (Numbers 10:10, 28:11-15, Isaiah 1:13). Israelites gathered regularly for worship. This prophecy looked beyond physical Jerusalem and temporal observances to eternal worship in God's presence. The early church gathered weekly (Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 16:2) for worship, continuing the

pattern. Throughout church history, believers have maintained regular corporate worship. Complete fulfillment comes in the consummated kingdom where worship is perpetual (Revelation 4:8, 7:15). The new moon and sabbath references aren't mandating old covenant observances but using familiar language to describe regular, ongoing worship of all believers in the new creation.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the promise of perpetual worship describe the believer's eternal destiny and delight?
2. What does 'all flesh' worshiping indicate about the final distinction between elect and reprobate?
3. How should anticipation of eternal worship shape our present worship priorities and practices?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהָיָה	וְעָבַד	בְּחֹדֶשׁ	בְּחֹדֶשׁ
H1961		H2320	H2320
And it shall come to pass that from	one new moon	one new moon	
	H1767		
וְעָבַד	בְּשַׁבָּת	בְּשַׁבָּת	כָּל יָבֹא
			H3605
And it shall come to pass that from	one sabbath	one sabbath	come
H1767	H7676	H7676	H935
בָּשָׂר	לְהִשְׁתַּחֲוֹת	לִפְנֵי	אֲמַר
shall all flesh	to worship	before	me saith
H1320	H7812	H6440	H559
			הַיְהוָה
			H3068
			the LORD

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 46:1** (References Lord): Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

**Psalms 86:9** (Worship): All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

**Zechariah 14:16** (Worship): And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

**Ezekiel 46:6** (Parallel theme): And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

**Revelation 15:4** (Worship): Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

**Psalms 65:2** (Parallel theme): O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

**Zechariah 14:14** (Parallel theme): And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

**John 4:23** (Worship): But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

**Malachi 1:11** (References Lord): For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

**2 Kings 4:23** (Parallel theme): And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.