

# Shalom AZ Ministries

In Pursuit of Israel's Redemption



## The Great and Final Gathering

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### Devotion and Discussion Questions

**Key Texts (TLV):** *Is 66:18-24; Is. 49:5-6; Is. 11:12; Is. 49:22; Is. 56:1, 3, 6-8; Ps. 37:11; 2 Cor. 5:17; Mk. 9:47-48; Rev. 22:12-17*

Isaiah closes with a final word that is both sobering and full of hope. The Lord has already exposed empty religion, self-chosen ways, and hearts that hear His voice but refuse to listen. He knows the works and thoughts of every person. Nothing is hidden from Him. But in the middle of that holy confrontation, the focus turns toward hope for those who tremble at His Word—those who have trusted, waited, and held on, even when their hope was mocked.

God's final word is not destruction. His desire is to gather, restore, and reveal His glory. The ones who have waited on Him in humility will discover that their hope was not misplaced. The Lord is bringing everything toward His intended end: all nations and tongues coming to see His glory, the scattered being gathered, the excluded being brought near, and all flesh bowing before Him.

#### 1. The Lord Will Gather All Nations to See His Glory

ADONAI says, *"It will come about that I will gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see My glory."* (Is. 66:18). This is not a side note in the heart of God. This has been His purpose from the beginning. He promised Abraham that through his seed all the families of the earth would be blessed. He called Israel to be a light, and He called the Servant to do more than gather Jacob back. As Isaiah 49 says, *"It is too trifling a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and restore the preserved ones of Israel. So I will give You as a light for the nations, that You should be My salvation to the end of the earth"* (Is. 49:6).

So the Lord says, in effect, "Keep holding on. Watch what I will do." The glory of the Lord will be revealed through the deliverance of His people and the gathering of the nations. The afflicted ones, the humble ones, the meek who have waited on Him will not be forgotten. As Psalm 37:11 says, *"But the meek will inherit the land, and delight in abundant shalom."* The Lord's glory will be seen when the scattered are gathered, when the oppressed are delivered, and when the nations behold the faithfulness of the God of Israel.

#### 2. THE LORD WILL SEND WITNESSES TO DECLARE HIS GLORY

Isaiah 66:19 says, *"Then I will set up a sign among them, and I will send survivors from them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul and Lud (who pull the bow), to Tubal and Javan, to distant islands that have not heard My fame or seen My glory. Then they will declare My glory among the nations."* The exact nature of the sign is not fully explained, but the result

is clear: God's glory will be made known to those who have not yet heard. The Lord will send rescued ones, survivors, witnesses, to the farthest places of the earth.

The nations listed paint a picture of world outreach in every direction—west, south, north, northeast, and out to the distant islands. More than the literal geography, the image points to a reversal of scattering. In Genesis, nations and tongues were divided and scattered. Here, in Isaiah's closing vision, nations and tongues are gathered. Those who were far off hear of His glory, and they come. The God who judges rebellion is also the God who gathers the distant, welcomes the outsider, and sends His people to declare His fame among the nations.

### **3. THE LORD WILL MAKE ONE WORSHIPING PEOPLE BEFORE HIM**

Isaiah 66:20 says, *"Then they will bring all your kinsmen from all the nations, as an offering to ADONAI, on horses and in chariots, and on litters, mules and camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem,"* says ADONAI, *"just as Bnei-Yisrael bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the House of ADONAI."* The nations come streaming to Jerusalem, but they do not come empty-handed. They bring "your brothers," the scattered kinsmen of Israel, back to the Lord as an offering. What a precious gift to bring before Him: the remnant of His own chosen people, brought home.

Then the Lord says something intentionally shocking: *"I will also take some of them as priests and for Levites,"* says ADONAI (Is. 66:21). Not only are the nations pictured as clean vessels, but some are even taken for priestly service. This is the wideness of God's redemptive purpose. The outsider who joins himself to Adonai must not say, "Adonai will surely exclude me." The Lord says, *"My House will be called a House of Prayer for all nations"* (Is. 56:7). In the new creation, the old divisions do not have the final word. All who are made new in Messiah are brought near to worship before Him.

### **CONCLUSION**

Isaiah 66:22–23 says, *"For just as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, will endure before Me"—it is a declaration of ADONAI—"so your descendants and your name will endure. And it will come to pass, that from one New Moon to another, and from one Shabbat to another, all flesh will come to bow down before Me,"* says ADONAI. The Lord's final vision is not fragile. His new creation will endure. His redeemed people will endure. His name and His purposes will stand. What He makes new will not collapse under the weight of sin, rebellion, division, or death.

But the book does not close without warning. Those who persist in rebellion are not simply overlooked. Isaiah says, *"For their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched"* (Is. 66:24), and Yeshua Himself repeats this warning in Mark 9. Yet even this warning is part of God's mercy, because He calls us while there is still time. The Spirit and the bride still say, *"Come!"* The thirsty are still invited to freely take the water of life – invited to abandon your own ways, soften your heart, surrender your will to His will, and come to the One whose ways lead to life, blessing, hope, truth, and newness.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Isaiah 66:18 says the Lord will gather “all nations and tongues” to see His glory. How does this expand our understanding of God’s heart for Israel, the nations, and the whole world?
2. The teaching notes emphasize that the hope of those who tremble at God’s Word has not been misplaced. Where do you need to keep holding on, even if obedience has felt costly or misunderstood?
3. Isaiah pictures witnesses being sent to those who have not heard God’s fame or seen His glory. How should this shape the way we think about sharing the good news today?
4. Isaiah 66:20–21 gives a surprising picture of Gentiles bringing Israel’s scattered brothers home and being received as clean vessels. What does this reveal about God’s power to overturn exclusion, division, and assumptions about who belongs?
5. The final verses hold together both invitation and warning. Are there areas in your life where pride, stubbornness, or self-chosen ways are keeping you from surrendering fully to the Lord?

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

ADONAI, thank You that Your final word is filled with hope for those who tremble at Your Word. Thank You that Your heart has always been to gather, restore, redeem, and reveal Your glory to Israel and to the nations. Teach us to wait on You with humility, to trust that our hope in You is never misplaced, and to live as people who declare Your glory to those who have not yet seen it.

Lord, soften our hearts where we have resisted You. Help us abandon our own ways and turn fully to Yours. Make us clean vessels in Your hands. Use us to bring others home to You. And let our lives bow before You now, so that we may rejoice in the day when all flesh comes to worship before You.

*B'Shem Yeshua*, In the name of Yeshua, amen.