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## The Consummation of All Things

Isaiah 66:1-24

### Introduction

This is an extension to Isaiah 65, which together with chapter 66 form the postlude to the Servant Songs. Chapters 65 and 66 are an answer to the prayer of Isaiah 64:1-12. When read together in order 64-65-66 the chapters form a grand climax of the Book of Isaiah and a wonderful vision of the coming Kingdom of God.

As with several other eschatological passages it includes the millennial reign of the Messiah and merge into the everlasting Kingdom.

- I. The Kind of Worship God Accepts, and Worship He Rejects, 66:1-4**
  - 1. The place of true piety and humility, vv. 1-2a; cf. Isa 57:15
  - 2. The importance of obedience to His Word, 2b; cf Ps 34:18
- II. The Salvation of Israel, 66:5-13**
  - 1. Sacrifices: not a means of salvation but a lesson in obedience, vv. 3-4.
  - 2. Yahweh will vindicate His people, vv. 5-6; cf 60:15-16
  - 3. Yahweh gave birth to the nation, vv. 7-11; cf Isa 54:1-3
  - 4. The peace of the coming Kingdom, vv. 12-13; cf. Isa 11:1-16
- III. The Coming of the King and His Kingdom, 66:14-17**
  - 1. The justice and judgment of Yahweh, vv. 14-15; Ezek 37:1-14
  - 2. The universal scope of God's judgment, vv. 16-17; Isa 65:3-8
- IV. The Restoration of Israel and Jerusalem, 66:18-21**
  - 1. Yahweh's judgment on the enemies of Israel, vv. 18-19a; Isa 45:20-25
  - 2. Gentiles will declare the glory of God, vv. 19b; Isa 62:1-5
  - 3. Gentiles will bring an offering to Yahweh, and some may become priests and Levites, vv. 20-21; Zech 8:1-23
- V. The New Heavens and the New Earth, 66:22-24**
  - 1. All will come before the Lord to worship, vv. 22-23; Isa 65:17-19
  - 2. All the saved will see the judgment of the lost, v. 24; Mark 9:44-46

### Conclusion

This is a wonderful overview of the coming millennial Kingdom of the Messiah and its merger into the everlasting Kingdom of God. The language is very similar to Revelation chapters 21-22, which should be read in conjunction with these chapters.