

Isaiah 6

who have now, by His sovereign grace, been brought into the kingdom, the contrast between those/^{then}and those who have made the prayer, at least some of them. Verse 11--But ye are they that forsake the Lord. These are addressed in the second person in answer, I believe, to those who have been making the prayer. But ye are they that forsake the Lord, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop. I think " " is better ; that furnish a drink-offering unto that number, or many unto destiny--used, I think, for/^{re}presenting following after other gods; perhaps not meaning turning completely away from God but at least forming a syncretism with the worship of these other gods. Or perhaps it doesn't mean actually gods but other objectives. Fortune, destiny, seeking one's own welfare in the world. At least they have forsaken the Lord, perhaps not in words but in actuality, they have forsaken Him; they are following after other objectives than fulfilling of the will of God. There I shall number you with the sword and you shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear, but did evil before mine eyes and did choose that wherein I delighted not. You have in Chapter 29 of Isaiah the declaration that these people will become like a beacon on a hill; that a thousand of them will flee before one and ten thousand before two. The terrible desolation, the terrible suffering that is to come to God's people. It certainly does not mean a complete end to them--they shall all bow down to the slaughter, but it means the people are subjected to terrific slaughter and terrific persecution. Mr.---? (Student) Yes. (Student) Yes. That's right. (Student) Well, it is. V. 1 is referring to the Gentiles. Isn't it? V. 1 is the Gentiles, and V. 8 says that this--there is not a contrast in V. 1 and V. 2, that God is going to cast aside the Jews and build up the Gentiles, making an entirely new thing, but the contrast here, that God is casting aside the bulk of the Jews for a time and that from a section of the nation, of the Jews, He is building up that which the Gentiles are going, and