

Isaiah 11

that escape of them unto the nations, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they will declare my glory among the Gentiles. And they will bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters and upon mules and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord. As the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord, God turned away from the Israelites to the Gentiles. The Gentiles were made the predominant factor in the Kingdom, as 65 tells us, but that is not forever. God's mercy returns to His covenant people. I will take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the Lord. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I shall make, shall remain before me, so shall your seed and your name remain. He was going to call His servants by another name but again the name is reestablished. And so shall your seed and your name remain. 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. This wonderful picture of great blessing to which we can look forward at the end of the age and then the book ends on a somber note, as if God wanted to act upon the fact that the heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked and that even in the midst of the glory that is predicted in Isaiah here it is necessary at the end to remind us during this age of sin, to remind us of the awfulness of turning away from God and of the terrible state of the finally impenitent. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh. of the punishment of the wicked, brought in at the end of all this glorious picture of God's blessing and of God's righteousness. It is necessary in this age that it be kept before us. It is even necessary in the millennial time that we be reminded, not only of God's blessing, but God's judgment, and of the terrible state of those who have turned away from Him. Now we didn't take the five minutes between the two hours which we ordinarily take so I suppose we'd better take it