

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah those who will possess my mountains; my chosen people will inherit them, and there will my servants live."(65:9). So there is the promise that out of Judah there will come great blessing for the people that have sought God. God has blessing to bring in accordance with His purpose

The people have said, "Oh Lord, we are your people." God says, 'If you are my people, why don't you live as if you are?' They say, "You have not ruled over them; they did not call on your name." God says, "If you are my people why don't you show it by your loyalty to me? Why don't you show it by your life? Why don't you show it by your abhorance of heathen customs and staying away from them altogether." God says-" I will destine you for the sword, and you will all bend down for the slaughter; for I called but you did not listen. You did evil in my sight and chose what displeases me." (65:12). They are saying, Give us mercy. God says, When I called you did not answer, when I spoke you did not listen. You looked the other way when I had something I wanted you to do. Why should I pay attention now when you have something you want me to do? You did evil before my eyes and chose that in which I did not delight. "Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: 'My servants will eat, but you will go hungry; my servants will drink, but you will go thirsty; my servants will rejoice, but you will be put to shame. My servants will sing out of the joy of their hearts, but you will cry out from anguish of heart . . .'"

In contrast to "my servants" the "you" who are the people who prayed this prayer with the wrong attitude will go hungry, go thirsty, be put to shame and cry out in anguish of heart and wail in brokenness of spirit. It is a fact that the early Christians were all Jews and came out of Judaism but speedily became largely a Gentile movement. In the language of verse 15, God says to Israel, "You will leave your name to my chosen ones as a curse; the Sovereign Lord will put you to death, but to his servants he will give another name."(v.15) What does it mean "You will leave your name to my chosen ones as a curse?" Does it not carry back to Leviticus where it says that if the people turn away from God their name will become a curse and a byword among the nations? No true Christian would ever speak of the Jews in terms of curse, but great numbers of professing Christians do and of course it is not right.