

people. What's the marvelous work He is going to do? The marvelous work He is going to do is, the wisdom of their wise men will perish. The understanding of their prudent men will be hid. Verse 16. "Your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay." You're turning things upside down. God's going to be making man the ruler and God the servant, God is going to turn these upside down, and make Israel the appointed spiritual leaders to not be the center of spiritual life. Verse 17, "Is it not yet a little while and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?" God is going to change things so that Israel will no longer be a center of His kingdom, but will be on the periphery and another nation will receive the leadership in the kingdom of God. He predicts this here. Back in chapter 7 he said that he was going to put a better man in place of Ahaz. In chapter 5 he said, he is disgusted with his vineyard. He is going to mow the vineyard.

Now we look over to chapter 65, or rather 63. In 63 we find, you remember in 29 He said that this people, they draw near with their mouth, and with their lips they honour me, but they removed their heart from me. Their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men, so I am going to turn things upside down, and remove them from their place of leadership. Now, it sounds beautiful, 63: 7, "I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord," How wonderful! God has done wonderful things to us. In all their affliction he was afflicted. "In all their affliction he was afflicted," and He'd borne them, he cared for them. He's done wonderful things. Verse 10, it is true, "they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit" and he will turn to be their enemy, but "then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people." He was turned to be their enemy, but after all, they were His people, so He speedily came back to them. He said, he would protect them. "Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he that put his Holy Spirit within him?" Where is this God that ^{remembered} ~~remembered~~ His people, even though they did rebel. He was their enemy for awhile. He remembered them and protected them, and cared for them. And verse 14, "so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name." God has done wonderful things for them in the past. He's our God. Verse 15, "Look down from heaven, and behold" our difficulty. "Where is thy zeal and your strength." Why aren't you helping us? "Doubtless you are our father, though