

picture in 65 of the turning to the gentiles and then of the regrafting in of the Jews again. The blessing upon them. You get into 66 and you have this picture of a nation born in a day. Verse 7 to 8, "Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." It fits with the idea of a great sudden conversion of the Jews at the end of the age. A nation born in a day and fits in with the sharp transition between verses 1 to 16 and verses 17 following, in the previous chapters.

Now the first part of 66 seems to again to summarize some of the rebukes in the first part of 65. These people have asked the Lord to rebuild His temple. They want Him to reestablish Jerusalem, our beautiful houses where our fathers worshipped. Look at chapter 64 verse 11. "Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire. And all our pleasant things are laid waste. Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O Lord? wilt thou hold thy peace and afflict us very sore? "

Isaiah 77.

Is God going to be quiet when the temple has been destroyed? Is He not going to cause a new temple to be built, to be reestablished? For the Lord says, heaven is my throne and the earth my footstool. Where is the house that ye built unto me? And where is the place of my rest? He is going to have a great new wonderful temple built in the millennial age. But that's not the important thing, he says. "Heaven is my throne. And the earth is my footstool." What difference does it make if the particular house I have. It's only the means of impressing these thoughts on your minds. "All these things my hand has made." The Lord has caused His great temple to be built and He could cause a hundred other if He chooses. But this is what matters, He says. This will I look to him that is of a meek and of a contrite spirit, and that trembles at my word. The meek shall inherit the earth says the Lord, in the sermon on the mount. That we have the stress on that. "He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man. He that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck. He that offered an oblation,