Isaiah 56:1-12 Righteousness & Justice required for acceptance of Jew & Gentile

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- "Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed.
- ² Blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who lays hold on it; Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil."

Acceptance for the Gentiles

- 3 Do not let the son of the foreigner Who has joined himself to Yahweh (the Lord) Speak, saying,
- "Yahweh (The Lord) has utterly separated me from His people"; Nor let the eunuch say, "Here I am, a dry tree."
- ⁴ For thus says Yahweh (the Lord): "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant,
- ⁵ Even to them I will give in My house And within My walls a place and a name Better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name That shall not be cut off.
- 6 "Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to Yahweh (the Lord), to serve Him, And to love the name of Yahweh (the Lord), to be His servants Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant —
- ⁷ Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."
- 8 Adoney Yahweh (The Lord God), who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet I will gather to him Others besides those who are gathered to him."

Israel's Irresponsible Leaders

- 9 All you beasts of the field, come to devour, All you beasts in the forest.
- 10 His watchmen are blind, They are all ignorant; They are all dumb dogs, They cannot bark; Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.
- 11 Yes, they are greedy dogs Which never have enough. And they are shepherds Who cannot understand; They all look to their own way, Every one for his own gain, From his own territory.
- 12 "Come," one says, "I will bring wine, And we will fill ourselves with intoxicating drink; Tomorrow will be as today, And much more abundant."

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Facts Revealed:

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 - 2 Blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who lays hold on it; Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil." [Isaiah 56:1-2]

- ♦ As we approach the return of the Lord and His Kingdom, we need the more to focus our lives on Justice and Righteousness which is pleasing in His sight. [Deuteronomy 16:19, 1 Kings 10:9, 2 Chronicles 9:8, Psalm 7:9, 33:5, 37:5-6, 72:2, Proverbs 21:3, Isaiah 5:7, Amos 5:24, Zephaniah 2:3]
- ♦ It was for this reason Abraham was chosen by the Lord to be the Father of faith. [Genesis 18:19]
- ♦ Yahweh is a God of Righteousness and Justice. [Deuteronomy 32:4, Psalm 89:14, 97:1-2, 103:6]
- → Justice and Righteousness will be the fame of the Kingdom of Yahweh. [Isaiah 16:5, 28:17, 32:1, 33:5]
- ★ Keeping the Sabbath is hand in hand with doing righteousness and is desired by God.

 [Exodus 20:8, 31:14, Leviticus 26:2, Deuteronomy 5:12]

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- ♦ Yahweh readily accepts Gentiles who join His people as evidenced by the mixed multitude
 who joined them as they left Egypt. [Exodus 12:37-39]
- ♦ The Law also provides for the gentile equally with the Israelites. [Exodus 12:48-49]
- ♦ All who keep the Lord's Sabbaths and do what pleases Him by keeping His covenant are accepted by Yahweh and receive a special reward.
- ♦ When the time comes to gather the Saints to the Kingdom, all both Jew and Gentile who love Him will be included and gathered to Him.
- ♦ They will be gathered to His Holy Mountain and made joyful in His House of Prayer and their offerings and sacrifices will be accepted by Yahweh.
- ♦ The word "others" refers to Gentiles. [Isaiah 56:8]

Israel's Irresponsible Leaders Judged

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- ♦ The beasts are called as a cleanup crew to devour the dead who die from the judgment of Yahweh. [Isaiah 56:9, Ezekiel 39:4, Revelation 19:17-18]
- ♦ The reason for God's wrath against Israel is that Yahweh viewed the leaders of Israel as greedy dogs chasing after their own pleasure with no thought for the welfare of the people. The description is very much like the politicians around the world today.
- ♦ Surely worldwide judgment must be coming very soon.