Treasure Hunt

● Why should we not be afraid when we see God’s judgments falling on people around us?

● How does the experience of God’s servants in this chapter differ from the experience of God’s servant earlier in the book?

● Why are Sharon and the Valley of Achor singled out as places of God’s blessing in v. 10?

● Who are “that troop” and “that number” in v. 11?

● What does it mean to “leave your name for a curse” (v. 15)?
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Servants and Sinners in 65:8-15

vv. 8-12

My Servants

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But ye...

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My Servants

But ye...
Preserving the Remnant

Isa 65:8  As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it:

Gen 18:23  And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ... 25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? ... 32 And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

Mat 13:27  So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.
Servant vs. Servants in Isaiah

God’s Servant:

50:6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:

53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief:

God’s Servants:

54:17 This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

65:9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

Isa 65:13-14 Behold, my servants shall eat, ... behold, my servants shall drink, ... behold, my servants shall rejoice, ... 14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart,

Isa 66:14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants,
65:9 “I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob”

Lot’s experience:
   Gen 19:16 they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

Peter:
   2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:
65:9b *mine elect* [plural] shall inherit it, and *my servants* shall dwell there

Previous uses of the paired singulars:

Psa 89:3   I have made a covenant with *my chosen*, I have sworn unto David *my servant*,
Isa 45:4   For Jacob *my servant's* sake, and Israel *mine elect*, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.
Isa 42:1  Behold *my servant*, whom I uphold; *mine elect*, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
The Sharon
Region of brown-red sandy soil along the coastal plane between Caesarea and Joppa

- Agricultural: poor unless irrigated
- Military: main highway North-South (note passes through Carmel at Yoqneam and Megiddo)

Under God’s judgment,
Isa 33:9 The earth mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits.

Valley of Achor

Location:
Jos 15:5 And the east border was the salt sea, even unto the end of Jordan. And their border in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan: ... 7 And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward,... 8 And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of the Jebusite; the same is Jerusalem:

History (Achan):
Jos 7:25-26 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. 26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

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### Inverting the Hinge

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<td>Isa 65:11-12 But <strong>ye are</strong> they that <strong>forsake</strong> the LORD, that <strong>forget</strong> my holy mountain, that <strong>prepare a table</strong> for that troop, and that <strong>furnish the drink offering</strong> unto that number.</td>
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<td><strong>you</strong> ... which <strong>have burned incense</strong> upon the mountains, and <strong>blasphemed me</strong> upon the hills:</td>
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65:15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse

Num 5:21 and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell;

Jer 29:22 And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;