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## Hear the Word of the LORD, You Who Tremble at His Word 66: 5-6

Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at His word **DIG**: Why is this message necessary? What will the faithful remnant endure during the Great Tribulation? Who will oppose them during the first three-and-a-half years of Tribulation? Why? Who will persecute them during the second three-and-a-half years? Again, why? Why is it important that the enemies of God get all they deserve?

**REFLECT**: How are you distinguished from your nation as a whole? When did your rebirth take place (John 3:1-21)? Where does your citizenship lay (see Philippians 3:20)? If you were arrested for being a believer in Yeshuah Messiah, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Are you a friend of the world? Or trying to please an audience of One?

The fervent prayer of the believing remnant in Chapter 64 is answered by God in Chapters 65 and 66. **ADONAI** makes it very clear that their sins and unfaithfulness were responsible for the judgment they had endured during the Great Tribulation. But their sins had not frustrated His promises and purposes concerning Isra'el; therefore, looking back at their actions during the Great Tribulation, here the **LORD** addresses the faithful remnant.

This message distinguishes **the faithful remnant** from the secular Jews as they went through the Great Tribulation. **God** acknowledges the ones that the world did not acknowledge. Just before the Second Coming, as **the believing remnant** confesses their sins and pleads for **Yeshua Messiah** to return, **He** acknowledges that **they** did not participate in the worthless sacrificial system in the Tribulation Temple (**to see link click [Ks - The Rejection of the Tribulation Temple](#)**). The secular Jews disfellowshipped them from the Tribulation Temple (not that they wanted to worship there anyway), and supposedly put the *cherem judgment*, or *that which was devoted to destruction*, upon them (**Joshua 6:18; Isaiah 34:2**). Little did they know; however, that they had actually put the *cherem judgment* on themselves!



**God** will make the distinction between the true and the false – that which is spiritually alive and that which is spiritually dead. In **His** parable of the Weeds, **Christ** said: **Let the wheat and the weeds grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into My barn” (Matthew 13:30).** The believing remnant was protected from destruction because of **their** faithfulness to **His Word**. **Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at His Word (66:5a).** **ADONAI** is always . . . always on the side of those who love **His Word**.

**The LORD’s** plan of action at *the end* of the Tribulation included protection from the antichrist as they were held up at Bozrah (**63:1-6**). Earlier, at *the beginning* of the Tribulation, He had allowed them to suffer as **ADONAI** reminded them: **Your brothers hate you, and exclude you because of My name.** To be totally sold-out for **God**, to make **His** ways the very focus of your life, is to be an embarrassment to those who choose to follow their own way. Those truly seeking **God** become the butt of jokes. The lost say, “They are always constantly talking joy of **the LORD** and the glory of **God**.” Fine! **Let the LORD be glorified** somewhere else, so **that we may see your joy** when you’re on the street (**66:5b**)! During the first three-and-a-half years of the Great Tribulation the secular Jews will **hate** and taunt Jewish believers because they will refuse to worship in the Tribulation Temple. Interesting, the entire first part of **verse 5** describes the problem, and only the last two Hebrew words describe **ADONAI’s** solution. But those last two words slam the door on their fate when **He** says: **They will be put to shame (66:5c).**

The very **Temple** that was supposed to be a blessing will be a curse. Like **Malachi, Isaiah**

saw that Jerusalem and its apostate **Temple** would be the scene of **God's** final judgment on faithless Isra'el (**Malachi 3:1-5**).<sup>257</sup> **The sound** that will be heard coming from **the** Tribulation **Temple** in Jerusalem will be **the sound of ADONAI repaying His enemies for all they deserve (66:6). As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will weed out of His Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous believing remnant will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear (Matthew 13:40-43).**

Who are **the enemies of God**? The Bible is very clear about this: **Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world (First John 2:15-17) becomes the enemy of God (James 4:4). His enemies** will not be Jews, but the wicked Gentiles present at **the Temple** at the end of the Great Tribulation. The Jews will not be anywhere near **the Temple** at the end of the seven years of Tribulation because they will be fleeing the persecution of the antichrist and his armies. But **ADONAI** will deal with **the enemies** of Isra'el because they are **His enemies** also. So just when **the LORD's** judgment is about to be completed and **the** Tribulation **Temple** has been proven to be totally useless, the rebirth of **Isra'el** will come. Darkness will suddenly turn to **joy**.