

for My House will be called  
‘A House of Prayer’ for all peoples.”

**Isaiah** <sup>8</sup>The Lord, the LORD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares:  
**The LORD** “I will gather others to it  
besides those already gathered.”

#### ISRAEL’S GROSS WICKEDNESS (56:9–12; 57:1–13A)

**Isaiah** <sup>9</sup>All beasts of the field, come to eat,  
all you beasts in the forest.  
<sup>10</sup>His watchmen are all of them blind;  
they do not know,  
they are all mute dogs,  
they cannot bark,  
dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.  
<sup>11</sup>And the dogs have a mighty appetite;  
they never have enough,  
and they are shepherds that have no understanding;  
they all have turned to their own way,  
each to his own gain,  
one and all.

**Wicked  
leaders** <sup>12</sup>“Come, let me take wine,  
and let us fill ourselves with strong drink.  
And tomorrow will be like today,  
or even better.”

**Isaiah** **57** The righteous perish, but no one takes it to heart;  
devout people are taken away, while no one understands  
that the righteous man is taken away from evil.

<sup>2</sup>He will enter into peace;  
they will rest on their beds, he who walks with uprightness.

**The LORD** <sup>3</sup>But you, draw near, children of the sorceress,  
offspring of the adulterer and the prostitute.

<sup>4</sup>Against whom are you making sport?  
Against whom do you open wide your mouth and put out  
your tongue?

Are you not children of transgression,  
the offspring of lies?

<sup>5</sup>You burn with lust among the oaks,  
under every leafy tree,

who sacrifice your children in the wadis,  
under the clefts of the rocks.

<sup>6</sup>Your portion is in sections of the wadi;  
they, they are your destiny.

Also, to them you have poured out a drink offering;  
you have brought a cereal offering.

Will I be appeased for these things?

<sup>7</sup>Upon a high and lofty mountain you have set your bed,  
and there you went up to offer sacrifice.

<sup>8</sup>Behind the door and the door post you have set up your  
memorial. Far removed from Me you have uncovered yourself,  
and you have gone up and made wide your bed. And you have  
made a covenant for yourself with them. You have loved their  
bed; you have seen their nakedness.

<sup>9</sup>You journeyed to Molech with oil  
and multiplied your perfumes;  
you sent your envoys far away  
and sent them down, even to Sheol.

<sup>10</sup>You were wearied with the greatness of your way;  
you did not say,

**The wicked** “It is hopeless.”

**The LORD** You found renewal for your power;  
therefore, you did not faint.

<sup>11</sup>Whom did you dread  
and fear, so that you lied  
and did not remember Me,  
nor did you lay it to heart?

Have I not held my peace for a long time,  
and you did not fear Me?

<sup>12</sup>I will declare your righteousness  
and your works,

but they will not profit you.

When you cry out, let your group of idols<sup>209</sup> deliver you;

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209. The Hebrew reads *qibbutz*, literally “has collection or assemblage,” but some commentators hold that the text implies a collection of idols, so “of idols” is added to the translation.

<sup>13</sup> the wind will lift all of them,  
a breath will take them away.

#### BLESSINGS FOR THE RIGHTEOUS (57:13B-21)

**The LORD** <sup>13</sup> But he who takes refuge in Me will possess the land  
and will inherit My holy mountain.

**Isaiah** <sup>14</sup> And He will say,

**The LORD** “Build up,  
build up the road,<sup>210</sup>

prepare the way;  
lift up the stumbling block from My people’s way.”

**Isaiah** <sup>15</sup> For thus says the High and Lofty One, who inhabits eternity,  
whose name is “Holy,”

**The LORD** “I dwell in the high and holy place  
and with the contrite and lowly in spirit,  
reviving the lowly in spirit and reviving the hearts of the contrite.

<sup>16</sup> For I will not contend forever,  
nor will I always be angry,

because the spirit would grow faint before Me,  
and the souls that I have made.

<sup>17</sup> I was angry at the iniquity of his covetousness. I smote him,  
hiding, and I was angry,  
but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.

<sup>18</sup> I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;  
I will lead him and restore comforts to him and to his mourners,

<sup>19</sup> creating the fruit of the lips.  
Peace, peace, to those far and near,”

**Isaiah** says the LORD,

**The LORD** “and I will heal him.

<sup>20</sup> But the wicked are like the tossing sea, for it cannot be quiet,  
and its waters toss up mire and dirt.

<sup>21</sup> There is no peace for the wicked,”

**Isaiah** says my God.

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210. “Road” (Hebrew *msilla*) is from DSS Isaiah