

Isaiah 26 New King James Version

A Song of Salvation

26 In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

- "We have a strong city;
God will appoint salvation *for* walls and bulwarks.
2 Open the gates,
That the righteous nation which ^[a]keeps the truth may enter in.
3 You will keep *him* in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on You,
Because he trusts in You.
4 Trust in the LORD forever,
For in YAH, the LORD, *is* ^[b]everlasting strength.
5 For He brings ^[c]down those who dwell on high,
The lofty city;
He lays it low,
He lays it low to the ground,
He brings it down to the dust.
6 The foot shall ^[d]tread it down—
The feet of the poor
And the steps of the needy.
7 The way of the just *is* uprightness;
O Most Upright,
You ^[e]weigh the path of the just.
8 Yes, in the way of Your judgments,
O LORD, we have waited for You;
The desire of *our* soul *is* for Your name
And for the remembrance of You.
9 With my soul I have desired You in the night,
Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early;

For when Your judgments *are* in the earth,
The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

10 Let grace be shown to the wicked,
Yet he will not learn righteousness;
In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly,
And will not behold the majesty of the LORD.
11 LORD, *when* Your hand is lifted up, they will not see.
But they will see and be ashamed
For ^[i]*their* envy of people;
Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall devour them.

12 LORD, You will establish peace for us,
For You have also done all our works ^[g]in us.
13 O LORD our God, masters besides You
Have had dominion over us;
But by You only we make mention of Your name.

14 *They are* dead, they will not live;
They are deceased, they will not rise.
Therefore You have punished and destroyed them,
And made all their memory to perish.
15 You have increased the nation, O LORD,
You have increased the nation;
You are glorified;
You have expanded all the ^[h]borders of the land.

16 LORD, in trouble they have visited You,
They poured out a prayer *when* Your chastening *was* upon them.

17 As a woman with child
Is in pain and cries out in her ^[i]pangs,
When she draws near the time of her delivery,
So have we been in Your sight, O LORD.

18 We have been with child, we have been in pain;
We have, as it were, ^[j]brought forth wind;
We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth,
Nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 Your dead shall live;
Together with ^[k]my dead body they shall arise.
Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust;

For your dew *is like* the dew of herbs,
And the earth shall cast out the dead.

Take Refuge from the Coming Judgment

- 20 Come, my people, enter your chambers,
And shut your doors behind you;
Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment,
Until the indignation is past.
- 21 For behold, the LORD comes out of His place
To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;
The earth will also disclose her [□]blood,
And will no more cover her slain.

Footnotes

- a. [Isaiah 26:2](#) Or *remains faithful*
- b. [Isaiah 26:4](#) Or *Rock of Ages*
- c. [Isaiah 26:5](#) *low*
- d. [Isaiah 26:6](#) *trample*
- e. [Isaiah 26:7](#) Or *make level*
- f. [Isaiah 26:11](#) Or *Your zeal for the people*
- g. [Isaiah 26:12](#) Or *for us*
- h. [Isaiah 26:15](#) Or *ends*
- i. [Isaiah 26:17](#) *sharp pains*
- j. [Isaiah 26:18](#) *given birth to*
- k. [Isaiah 26:19](#) So with MT, Vg.; Syr., Tg. *their dead bodies*; LXX
those in the tombs
- l. [Isaiah 26:21](#) Or *bloodshed*

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