

## ~GOD OF GOOD LUCK, GOD OF DESTINY (38)

[Hebrew, *gadh*, Good Luck , *meni'*, Destiny]

- The apostate Jews in the time of Isaiah were involved in worshiping the god of Good Luck Hebrew, *gadh* and the god of Destiny Hebrew, *meni'*. The worshipers of these deities set a table of food and drink before them. Yehowah said to such worshipers that he would destine them to slaughter by the sword.
- But you men are those leaving Yehowah, those forgetting my holy mountain, those setting in order a table for the **god of Good Luck** and those filling up mixed wine for the **god of Destiny**. (Isaiah 65:11)
- And I will destine you men to the sword, and you will all of you bow down to being slaughtered, for the reason that I called, but you did not answer. I spoke, but you did not listen, and you kept doing what was bad in my eyes, and the thing in which I took no delight you chose. (Isaiah 65:12)
- The Assyrians and Babylonians frequently prepared food and drink for their **gods**. People in Haran made vows and hoped to be accepted by the **Lord of Luck**. In his comment on
- But you men are those leaving Yehowah, those forgetting my holy mountain, those setting in order a table for the **god of Good Luck** and those filling up mixed wine for the **god of Destiny**. (Isaiah 65:11)
- Jerome wrote that **in all cities, and especially in Egypt and Alexandria, there was an ancient idolatrous custom, that on the last day of the final month of their year they would spread a table covered with various kinds of foods, and a cup mixed with sweet wine, ensuring good luck for the fertility either of the past or the coming year.** [Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina, LXXIII A, S. Hieronymi presbyteri opera, Pars. 1,2A, Tyrnholt, 1963, p. 754]