

The Book of Isaiah  
*Chapters 60-62*

**Introduction:** Today, we move to the second of three sections of Isaiah's final movement.

Final Movement—Isaiah 56-66

- 56-59
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- 63-66

60-62 reveal the future of a Jerusalem in which the glory of God shines brightly through the Anointed Servant.

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified." Isaiah 61:1-3 NKJV*

I. **The Coming Glory** (60:1-22)

A. The Light has come (60:1-3)

NOTE: Contrast with hopelessness of Isaiah 59

*Therefore justice is far from us, Nor does righteousness overtake us; We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness! Isaiah 59:9 NKJV*

1. Source is NOT from within Zion
2. God's glory is being reflected
3. Servant of the Lord

*"I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles. Isaiah 42:6 NKJV*

*Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'" Isaiah 49:6 NKJV*

4. Zion will be the lamp out of which that light shines
5. God shows His glory with Israel because they have a mission—share the light with the nations

*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9 NKJV*

B. Sons and daughters return (60:4-9)

1. All the nations coming to honor and worship the Anointed One
2. Not to see Zion, but the Messiah
3. Bring back that which they thought forever were gone—sons and daughters (4, 9)
4. Also bring wealth

Insight

— Nations have always been intrigued by Jesus

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." Matthew 2:1-2 NKJV*

*Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. 21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." John 12:20-21 NKJV*

- Pictures return from exile
- 1948
- Return of Christ

C. Zion will be served by the nations (60:10-14)

NOTE: Fulfilling Abraham's promise

D. Israel restored by God (60:15-22)

*Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their J.sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:1-4 NKJV*

*And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Revelation 21:10-11 NKJV*

*But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. Revelation 21:22-26 NKJV*

Application: Historical setting can be difficult

1. Certainly an eschatological hope
2. Also believers—is His grace reflection in our lives? Is His light shining out of us?
3. Are our lives pre-Isaiah 60 or post Isaiah 61?
4. His glory in us—John 17:1-5

*J. Alec Motyer—"It is when the Lord in his holiness is present among His people, and manifested so, that the world is magnetized."*

## **II. The Means of Our Righteousness (61:1-11)**

QUESTION: What is the means by which God's people can live righteous lives and in turn draw the nations to God? The Anointed One!

- A. The Messiah—The Righteous One (1-3a)

READ: Luke 4:16-30

- B. The results of the Messiah's work (3b-9)

1. God's people become oaks of righteousness

*Zion shall be redeemed with justice, And her penitents with righteousness. 28 The destruction of transgressors and of sinners shall be together, And those who forsake the Lord shall be consumed. 29 For they shall be ashamed of the terebinth trees Which you have desired; And you shall be embarrassed because of the gardens Which you have chosen. 30 For you shall be as a terebinth whose leaf fades, And as a garden that has no water. 31 The strong shall be as tinder, And the work of it as a spark; Both will burn together, And no one shall quench them. Isaiah 1:27-31 NKJV*

But note the promise:

*I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city." Isaiah 1:26 NKJV*

2. Servant/Messiah will both deliver and transform
  - a. Transformation=rebuilding v. 4
  - b. Nations will make it possible v. 5, 6
  - c. From disgrace to inheritance v. 7
3. All of this is a divine work, not human 8, 9

C. Praise of God's people v. 10, 11

Application: God does for us that which we cannot do—dresses us in His righteousness. Wedding verbiage

*That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:27 NKJV*

*Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Revelation 19:7-8 NKJV*

*So that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. 1 Thessalonians 3:13 NKJV*

IMPORTANT:

- Most want God's power for holy living but want to stay in control of their lives.
- Will we become bond-slaves?
- Does doubt replace faith when we fail?
- Do we truly believe He will transform us?

### III. The Assurance of our Righteousness (62:1-12)

- A. It will come to pass (1)
- B. Nations will see (2, 3)
- C. No longer outcast but the elect of the Lord (4)
- D. Reconciliation with God (5)
- E. God watches over His own (6-9)
- F. He will bring it to pass

**Conclusion:** To a people in exile

- God is saying “I see worth in you! I see value!”
- The value He sees in us is not just as an individual—it is the good of a people—a community
- This is the truth of the Trinity

*That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:3 NKJV*

Invited into them

- Self-esteem culture/high suicide
- Why? Value is in Christ in His Body
- In who HE has made us!