

All Coming To The Kingdom

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Isaiah 60 – March 15, 2017 – Wednesday

- I. ARISE TO THE LIGHT, 60:1-5
- A. This chapter speaks of the nation of Israel and her witness to the world of the Lord Jesus Christ and his Gospel.
 - B. As a result, many Jews as well as Gentiles will come into the kingdom of God.
 - C. First, Isaiah instructs Israel to arise and shine, for the light is come, “the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.”
 - D. Verse 2 – The darkness of human depravity is upon the earth, and a great light shines in the darkness.
 - 1. John 1:5 *And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*
 - 2. John 12:46 *I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.*
 - E. Verse 3 – Even the Gentiles will come into Israel’s light, which is Jesus; because they also will see the light.
 - 1. Isaiah 49:6 *And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.*
 - F. Verse 4 – Israel is to lift up her eyes about and see and notice all the people coming to the Lord through the light of the Gentiles, for, as Jesus has said, “salvation is of the Jews.”
 - G. Verse 5 – Then Israel shall see that there is a multitude that will flow together, Jew and Gentile, to give praise and glory to the Lord, who is the light.
- II. GIFTS FROM AFAR, 60:6-10
- A. Verse 6 – Camels, dromedaries, gold, incense shall come in praise to the Lord.
 - B. Verse 7 – Flocks of Kedar, rams of Nebaioth, will come to be used in worship and for the glory of the Lord. “I will glorify the house of my glory” evidently refers to the local church, for Paul told the Ephesians in Ephesians 3:21 *Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*
 - C. Verse 8 – As clouds and as doves to their windows people will come from afar to hear the message of the Gospel and to help in the building up of God’s kingdom and the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - D. Verse 9 – The isles (many think of this as the British Isles) will wait for the Lord to be brought to them by those who have the message. Israel has the message. Gentiles have borrowed it for a while. Today the Jews have their Holy Scriptures, and “they are they which testify of me,” Jesus said in John 5:39.
 - E. Verse 10 – Even strangers (Gentiles) will build up their walls. The sons of strangers (Gentiles) in future days will help to build up the walls of the kingdom of God through preaching the Gospel to the whole world. God smote them in his wrath, but in his favor he has had mercy on Israel. Therefore, the future days are bright.

III. THE GRAND INVITATION, 60:11-12

- A. Verse 11 – The gates will be open continually so that Gentiles can come into this spiritual kingdom. Everyone who desires may come into the kingdom of God. No one is excluded or cast out. The forces of the Gentiles represent their strength, their honor, and their wealth to help the kingdom of God.
- B. Verse 12 – Those who will not come and will not serve the Lord, they shall perish, and nations who will not serve the Lord will be wasted.

IV. THE GRAND SUPPLY 60:13-14

- A. Verse 13 – God will supply all that is needed for his kingdom to be built. He will supply it with needed wood from Lebanon and any other that is needed to present the Lord in a beautiful way. Many people give much money to build church buildings in which to worship, and they build them to be beautiful. Gentiles give money, work, and advice in these situations, and God is honored with our endeavors, or EVANGELISM (Rom. 10:15).
- B. Verse 13 – The place of my feet
 1. In the tabernacle and the temple God’s presence was upon the mercy seat, which sat atop the ark of the covenant.
 2. 1 Chronicles 28:2 *Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:*
 3. “The place of my feet” here may signify the churches of the Lord, because he is the head of all of his churches as though the churches may be his footstool. The churches make the place of his feet glorious.
- C. Verse 14 – The sons of those who afflicted are the Gentiles. Many, many Gentiles will come to the kingdom through the light of the Jews. The first churches were made up of Jews or mainly Jews. The sons of the Gentiles who afflicted Israel will join with them in faith to be a part of God’s great kingdom. They will call God’s kingdom “The city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.”

V. THE FORSAKEN MADE EXCELLENT, 60:15-17

- A. Verse 15 – God, at least seemingly, had forsaken Israel, for they were in captivity. They were hated of all nations. While in captivity the Jews’ city of Jerusalem was destroyed; therefore, no one went through the city, but God will bring out from Israel, as they return to their own land after captivity, a new and eternal excellency, a joy for many generations. This speaks, I believe of the Lord Jesus himself, coming as a prophecy through the Jews to be the Savior of the world.
- B. Verse 16 – They will “suck the milk of the Gentiles,” and of kings, or enjoy the fellowship of Jew and Gentile alike in God’s kingdom through faith, bringing in the Gentiles into the churches with the Jews. – *and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.*
- C. Verse 17 – This verse simply means that God will make everything better.

VI. THE SPIRITUAL LAND, 60:18-22

- A. Verse 18 – Violence will no more be heard in the land: no TV news or radio talk show hosts telling how bad things are in the world. No robberies or beatings or killings. No abortion (which is violence). The WALLS will be called Salvation, and the gates will be called Praise. This is a spiritual house.
- B. Verse 19 – No sun, no moon. The Lord will be the light.
1. Revelation 21:25 *And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.*
 2. Revelation 22:5 *And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*
- C. Verse 20 – The sun will not go down, and the moon will not withdraw itself. The Lord will be the everlasting light, and mourning will end.
1. Revelation 21:4 *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*
- D. Verse 21 – The people will all be righteous. They shall inherit the land. No one but the righteous can inherit this land, because it is perfect.
1. These people are the “branch of my planting” and the work of my hands.”
 - a. Psalms 1:3 *And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*
 2. This so that God may be glorified.
- E. Verse 22 – A little one (a child of a believer) shall become a thousand; that is, through the witness of the Gospel many shall come to know the Lord and a multitude will follow the Lord. A small one will become a strong nation, a holy nation. Witness to our children.
1. 1 Peter 2:9 *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*
 2. The Lord will hasten it.
 - a. Nothing is done without the will of the Lord being satisfied.
 - b. Christ is the Lord of lords and the King of kings.
 - c. He is able – Ephesians 3:20 *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*
 - d. So, it is by his power and according to his will that all of these things happen.
 - e. None of us is responsible for any of these good things.
 - f. We owe it all to him, because he gave his all for us.