

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 277 – Arise, Shine Through Lord Will Hasten It In His Time (Isaiah 60:1-22)

1. When darkness was to cover the earth, what did God want His people to do?
Shine: *“(1) Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. (2) For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee” (Isaiah 60:1-2).*
 - God’s people needed to arise (**Isaiah 3:24-26** and **Isaiah 52:1-2**).
 - The coming light is prophetically discussing Jesus (**Isaiah 9:1-7**, **Matthew 4:16-23**, **John 1:1-14**, and **John 12:46**).
 - The darkness would figuratively be sin (cf. **Acts 26:18-20**).
 - The work of Christ was to bring people from darkness to the light (**Colossians 1:12-14**).
2. What would the Gentiles and other nations do regarding the kingdom of the Lord?
Come to the light: *“(3) And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. (4) Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. (5) Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. (6) The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD. (7) All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. (8) Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? (9) Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. (10) And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee” (Isaiah 60:3-10).*
 - **Isaiah 2:2-3**, **Isaiah 11:10**, **Isaiah 42:1-6**, **Daniel 2:31-45**, **Micah 4:1-2**, **Acts 13:46-48**, **Ephesians 2:11-17**, and **Ephesians 3:1-11**; cf. **Luke 24:47**.
3. When would the gates be shut in the kingdom of the Lord?
They were not to be shut: *“Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought” (Isaiah 60:11).*
 - We know this is not the physical kingdom after bondage (**Nehemiah 13:19**).
 - It is reflective of the spiritual kingdom/church of Christ (**Revelation 21:22-27**).

4. Will it fair well for those whom choose to be enemies of the Lord's people?
 No, the opposite: *"(12) For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. (13) The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. (14) The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel"* (**Isaiah 60:12-14**).
- **Matthew 21:33-44** and **Luke 19:11-27**.
 - In the end, God get's vengeance (**Romans 12:17-21**).
 - In the end, every knee bows to the king (**Romans 14:10-12** and **Philippians 2:9-11**).
5. In what way did the standing of Zion turn (from bad to good or good to bad)?
 From forsaken and hated to excellency: *"Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations"* (**Isaiah 60:15**).
- Zion was an outcast (**Jeremiah 30:17** and **Lamentations 1:1-4**).
 - However, she shall be the center of the establishment of the eternal kingdom of Christ (**Acts 1:6-9**; **2:1-46** and **Romans 11:26-27**).
6. Would the Gentiles and kings be for the aid or destruction of God's kingdom?
 Israel would feed off of them: *"Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob"* (**Isaiah 60:16**).
- The idea here is that Jerusalem, the beginning of the spiritual kingdom (**Acts 6:7**), would flourish do to all nations flowing unto her (cf. **Isaiah 66:1-13**).
7. Did God promise peace or violence?
 Peace: *"(17) For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. (18) Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise"* (**Isaiah 60:17-18**).
- Again, we know from these promises, we are not talking about the physical city of Jerusalem even in the 1st century (**Matthew 24:1-34**).
 - The exchange rate in the kingdom of Christ is phenomenal (**Matthew 19:16-22**, **Ephesians 3:8**, and **Revelation 3:18**).
 - Salvation for walls (**Isaiah 26:1**).
 - Praise (**I Peter 2:9**).
 - Peace rather than violence (**Romans 14:17**).

8. Who serves as a greater source of light than the sun and moon?

God: *“(19) The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. (20) Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended” (Isaiah 60:19-20).*

- Again, the draw here is to the spiritual rather than the physical (**I John 1:5-7** and **Revelation 22:5**).
- In the kingdom of Christ one is a child of light (**Ephesians 5:8**).
- The mourning is gone because of the joy and hope in Christ (**I Peter 1:3-9**).

9. What kind of people did God foretell His people that they would be?

Righteous: *“Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified” (Isaiah 60:21).*

- All righteous (**Acts 10:35, Romans 6:13-20, Ephesians 4:24, I John 2:29, and I John 3:7-10**).
- The land is the new and spiritual, eternal dwelling (**II Peter 3:10-14**).
- The branch of His planting (**John 15:1-10**).
- Being the work of the hands of the Lord (**II Corinthians 5:17** and **Ephesians 2:8-10**).
- That God may be glorified (**Romans 16:27** and **I Peter 4:11**).

10. Who would create strength and numbers in this spiritual nation of God’s people?

The Lord: *“A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time” (Isaiah 60:22).*

- Small to great (**Matthew 13:31-33**).
- The Lord being the source of strength (**Ephesians 6:10** and **Philippians 4:13**).