

# Isaiah 60 - Israel in the Messianic Kingdom

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Isaiah prophesied that the 2nd Coming will bring the dawn of Israel's greatest Age. The time of separation caused by their rejection of the Messiah will have ended with their acceptance. He is the Light that brings them life. The unbelieving world will mourn, realizing too late that they've been wrong about everything, and will remain in darkness forever. Although Isaiah directed this chapter to the Holy City, the blessings will accrue to Israel as a whole.

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1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

2 "For behold, **darkness** will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you.

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2 For look! Darkness will cover the earth and thick darkness is over the people, but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

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.

- "...darkness" - same word as used in Gen 1:2, before God created light

— Also used to describe the darkness so thick it could be felt in the plagues of Egypt (Ex 10:21)

(b) Nations (60:3-14)

3 "Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

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3 Nations will come to your light, and kings before your dawn.

3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

### The Attraction of the Gentiles

4 "Raise your eyes all around and see; They all gather together, they come to you. Your sons will come from afar, And your daughters will be carried on the hip.

4 "Lift up your eyes round about and see; They all gather together, they come to you. Your sons will come from afar, And your daughters will be carried in the arms.

4 "Lift up your eyes and look around: They all gather together, they come to you; your sons will come from far away, and your daughters will be carried on the hip."

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 you will see and be radiant, And your heart will thrill and rejoice; Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, The wealth of the nations will come to you.

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5 Then you will look and be radiant; your heart will swell with joy, because the abundance of the seas will be diverted to you, and the riches of the nations will come to you.

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 "A multitude of camels will cover you, The young camels of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba will come; They will bring **gold and frankincense**, And proclaim good news of the praises of the LORD.

6 "A multitude of camels will cover you, The young camels of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba will come; They will bring gold and frankincense, And will bear good news of the praises of the LORD.

6 Throngs of camels will blanket you: the young camels of Midian and Ephu; all those from Shebu will come. They'll carry gold and frankincense, and proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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.

- "...gold and frankincense" - notice no myrrh, because His death at this time will be behind Him

— First time, they brought myrrh, frankincense, and gold speaking of His coming roles of Prophet, priest and king

— In the Kingdom Age they bring only frankincense and gold: priest and king. No Myrrh, as it speaks of embalming, death.

A major characteristic of Israel's final restoration (in the Messianic Kingdom) is that they will become the center of Gentile attention. This is described in various passages: Is 14:1-2; 49:22-23; 60-1-3; 61:4-9; Micah 7:14-17; Zeph 3:20; Zech 8:23; Cf. The Center of Gentile Attention in Ezek 37:23.

7 "All the flocks of **Kedar** will be gathered to you, The rams of **Nebaioth** will serve you; They will go up on My altar with acceptance, And I will glorify My glorious house.

7 "All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth will minister to you; They will go up with acceptance on My altar, And I shall glorify My glorious house.

7 All Kedar's flocks will be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth will serve you. and they'll come up with acceptance upon my altar, and I'll glorify my glorious house."

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.

- "...Kedar" - second son of Ishmael, he settled in what is now Kuwait (sealands)

— Saddam Hussein attributed his genealogy to the second son of Ishmael

— Another descendant of the tribe of Kedar is Mohammed, who started Islam

- "...Nebaioth" - firstborn of Ishmael; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam (1 Chr 1:29)

8 "Who are these who fly like a cloud And like the doves to their windows?

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9 "Certainly the coastlands will wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish *will come* first, To bring your sons from afar, Their silver and their gold with them, For the name of the LORD your God, And for the Holy One of Israel because He has glorified you.

9 "Surely the coastlands will wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish *will come* first, To bring your sons from afar, Their silver and their gold with them, For the name of the LORD your God, And for the Holy One of Israel because He has glorified you.

9 For the coastlands will look to me, with the ships of Tarshish in the lead, to bring my children from far away, their silver and gold with them, to the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

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.

### **The Subsistence of the Gentiles**

10 "Foreigners will build up your walls, And their kings will serve you; For in My wrath I struck you, And in My favor I have had compassion on you.

10 "Foreigners will build up your walls, And their kings will minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, And in My favor I have had compassion on you.

10 "Foreigners will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you. Though in my anger I struck you down, in my favor I have shown you mercy.

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.

11 "Your gates will be open continually; They will not be closed day or night, So that *people* may bring you the wealth of the nations, With their kings led in procession.

11 "Your gates will be open continually; They will not be closed day or night, So that *men* may bring to you the wealth of the nations, With their kings led in procession.

11 Your gates will always stand open by day or night, and they will not be shut, so that nations will bring you their wealth, with their kings led in procession.

11 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.

- Gentiles will bring an obligatory tribute to the Temple during the Feast of Tabernacles (Zech 14:16-18)

12 "For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish, And the nations will be utterly ruined.

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12 For the nation or kingdom that will not serve you will perish; those nations will be utterly ruined.

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 will come to you, The juniper, the elm tree and the cedar together, To beautify the place of My sanctuary; And I will make the place of My feet glorious.

13 "The glory of Lebanon will come to you, The juniper, the box tree and the cypress together, To beautify the place of My sanctuary; And I shall make the place of My feet glorious.

13 "He has given you the glory of Lebanon, and it will come to you, the cypress, and the plane tree, and the pine, to adorn the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

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 of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you, And all those who despised you will bow down at the soles of your feet; And they will call you the city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

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14 "All the descendants of those who oppressed you will come bending low before you, and all those who despised you will bow down at your feet. They'll call you 'The City of the LORD,' 'Zion of the Holy One of Israel.'"

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.

- The Lord Jesus made it clear that His judgment upon the nations would be based on their treatment of the Jews (see Matt 25:31-46)

#### (c) Blessing (60:15-22)

**15** "Whereas you have been forsaken and hated With no one passing through, I will make you an object of pride forever, A joy from generation to generation.

**15** "Whereas you have been forsaken and hated With no one passing through, I will make you an everlasting pride, A joy from generation to generation.

15 "Although you have been forsaken and despised, with no one traveling through, I will make you the everlasting pride, the joy of all generations.

15 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.

- As He said in Is 2, Jerusalem will become the center of the earth

16 "You will also **suck the milk** of nations, And suck the breast of kings; Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

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16 You'll suck the milk of nations, You'll suck the breasts of kings. Then you will realize that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

16 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.

- "...suck the milk" - alludes to providing for someone

17 "Instead of bronze I will bring gold, And instead of iron I will bring silver, And instead of wood, bronze, And instead of stones, iron. And I will make peace your administrators, And righteousness your overseers.

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17 "Instead of bronze, I'll bring gold, and instead of iron, I'll bring silver; instead of wood, bronze, and instead of stones, iron. I'll appoint peace as your supervisor and righteousness as your taskmaster.

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 will not be heard again in your land, Nor devastation or destruction within your borders; But you will call your walls salvation, and your gates praise.

18 "Violence will not be heard again in your land, Nor devastation or destruction within your borders; But you will call your walls salvation, and your gates praise.

18 Then violence will no longer be heard in your land, nor devastation or destruction within your borders; but you'll call your walls 'Salvation', and your gates 'Praise'.

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.

19 "No longer will you have the sun for light by day, Nor will the moon give you light for brightness; But you will have the LORD as an everlasting light, And your God as your glory.

19 "No longer will you have the sun for light by day, Nor for brightness will the moon give you light; But you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, And your God for your glory.

19 "The sun will no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness will the moon shine on you by night— for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

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 "Your sun will no longer set, Nor will your moon wane; For you will have the LORD as an everlasting light, And the days of your mourning will be over.

20 "Your sun will no longer set, Nor will your moon wane; For you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, And the days of your mourning will be over.

20 Your sun won't set, nor will your moon withdraw itself— for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning will end.

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.

21 "Then all your people *will be* righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.

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21 Then your people will all be righteous; They'll possess the land forever. They are the shoot that the LORD planted, the works of his hands, so that I might be glorified.

21 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.

22 "The smallest one will become a thousand, And the least one a mighty nation. I, the LORD, will bring it about quickly in its time."

22 "The smallest one will become a clan, And the least one a mighty nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

22 The least of them will become a thousand, and the smallest one a mighty nation. "I am the LORD; When the time is right, I will do this swiftly."

22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.