

Isaiah 61 - The Servant of Jehovah

III. Prophecies of comfort (Is 40:1–66:24)

(3) Israel as the delivered (Is 58:1–66:24)

(A) First round (Is 58:1–63:6)

(d) Kingdom (Is 60:1–63:6)

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(b) Personified nation praises Messiah (61:10-11)

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1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD **anointed me** To bring good news to the humble; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim release to captives And freedom to prisoners;

1 The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;

1 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed and to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives, and release from darkness for the prisoners;

1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD **And the day of vengeance of our God**; To comfort all who mourn,

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2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

- "...And the day of vengeance of our God" - when Jesus quotes this verse in Luke 4:18-20, He stops at the comma and does not finish the verse

- v1-2a, up to the comma, was His mandate for His first coming, as declared at Nazareth (Luke 4); v2b will be fulfilled at His Second Coming
- See [Dispensational Gaps](#) for a list of 24 intervals in Scripture.

Presenting His Mandate

Luke 4:16-19:

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

- Note the period in Luke in place of the comma in Isaiah!

3 To grant those who mourn *in Zion*, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The cloak of praise instead of a disheartened spirit. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

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3 to provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a mantle of praise instead of a spirit of despair." "Then people will call them "Oaks of Righteousness", "The Planting of the LORD", in order to display his splendor.

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

The Restoration of Israel

4 Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, They will raise up the former devastations; And they will repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

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4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins; they will restore the places long devastated; they will build again the ruined cities, they will build again the places devastated for many generations.

4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

5 **Strangers** will stand and pasture your flocks, And **foreigners** will be your farmers and your vinedressers.

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5 Strangers will stand and feed your flocks, and foreigners will work your land and dress your vines.

5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

- "Strangers...foreigners" - Gentiles

- 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; see note: **The Center of Gentile Attention** in Ezek 37:23.

6 But you will be called the priests of the LORD; You will be spoken of as ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, And you will boast in their riches.

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6 But as for you, you will be called priests of the LORD, and you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of the nations, and you will boast about their riches.

6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

7 Instead of your shame you *will have a double portion*, And *instead of* humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double *portion* in their land, Everlasting joy will be theirs.

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7 Instead of your shame you will receive double, and instead of disgrace people will shout with joy over your inheritance; therefore you will inherit a double portion in their land; everlasting joy will be yours."

7 For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

- The Gentiles will conduct (assist) the Jews back to the Land of Israel and also will be possessed by Israel as servants (Is 14:2; 49:22-23)
- This was promised by Moses (Deut 15:6) for their obedience (Deut 28:1,13)

8 For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; And I will faithfully give them their reward, And make an everlasting covenant with them.

8 For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; And I will faithfully give them their recompense And make an everlasting covenant with them.

8 "For I, the LORD, love justice, and I hate robbery and iniquity; I will faithfully present your reward and make an everlasting covenant with you.

8 For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 Then their offspring will be known among the nations, And their descendants in the midst of the peoples. All who see them will recognize them Because they are the offspring *whom* the LORD has blessed.

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9 Your offspring will be known among the nations, and your descendants among the people. All who see them will acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed."

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.

(b) Personified nation praises Messiah (61:10-11)

10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a groom puts on a turban, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

10 "I will heartily rejoice in the LORD, my soul will delight in my God; for he has wrapped me in garments of salvation; he has arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, just like a bridegroom, like a priest with a garland, and like a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a

bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth produces its sprouts, And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise To spring up before all the nations.

11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise To spring up before all the nations.

11 For just as the soil brings forth its shoots, and as a garden makes what is sown within it spring up, so the LORD God will make righteousness and praise spring up before all the nations for Zion's sake."

11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.