

Isaiah 60  
The Dawning of the World of Light

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 • Read Isaiah 60

Questions from the Scripture text: What does v1a command? Why (v1b–c)? What covers the earth (v2a–b)? What light will Israel have (v2c–d)? Who will come to it (v3)? What does v4 call these nations? How will believing Israel respond to this (v5a–b)? How big will this ingathering be (v5–6)? What will it supply (v7)? How will they seem to travel (v8–9b)? What are they called again in v9c? To what/(Whom!) will they come (v9e–f)? Why? Who will do what in v10a–b? Why does this need to be done (v10c)? Why will it be done in this way (v10d)? What will have to be done (v11a–b)? Why (v11c–d)? What will happen to those who do not serve the church (v12)? Whose contribution is described in v13? As being for what purpose? Who honor Israel in v14a–c? Calling her what (v14d–e)? What will have happened to them (v15a–b)? Then what will happen to them (v15c–d)? Whom will the Lord make to “nurse” them (v16a–b)? And what will Israel know in that day (v16c–d)? What upgrades will be made to their buildings (v17a–d)? And what upgrades to their societal structures (v17e–f)? What won’t happen there anymore (v18a–b)? And what will happen (v18c–d)? What won’t they have anymore (v19a–b)? Why not (v19c–d)? Causing what changes in lighting (v20)? What will the people be like in that day (v21a)? With what resultant covenant blessing (v21b)? How, and to what end (v21c–e)? How will the Lord multiply them (v22a–b)? When (v22c)?

**What does the coming of the Servant usher in?** Isaiah 60 prepares us for the first serial reading in public worship on the Lord’s Day. In these twenty-two verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **Christ’s coming has initiated a restoration of Israel that is of an international and spiritual Israel that ultimately belongs to an altogether new, glorious, and eternal creation.**

The arrival of the covenant Mediator (59:22) is now described as the rising of the light of Israel—YHWH Himself being not light not only for them (v2), but for gathering the nations to them (v3). Thus, the spiritual descendants of Israel from the nations will more than compensate for the Israelites who have been lost (v4–5, cf. 49:20–23).

Note that the gathering of the nations and their wealth is unto the purpose of worship: “gold and incense” (v6), “flocks ascending on My altar” (v7), “house of My glory” (v7), “the place of My sanctuary” (v13), “City of YHWH, Zion of the Holy One of Israel” (v14; cf. Heb 12:22; Rev 14:1; Rev 21).

This is far more than just restoration from exile. Enemies who had been raised up for chastening (v10c) are not merely removed but transformed into servants for the worship of God’s international assembly (v10–12). And the transformation described in v15–18 is otherworldly, as from a different creation altogether.

Indeed, in this new creation, heaven and earth collide, and the Lord Himself is the light of the place (v19–20, cf. Rev 21:23, 22:5). In this new world, it is the godly and pleased people themselves (v21a–b) who are especially the work of the Lord (v21c–f, 22c)—each individual being as fruitful and impressive as a great nation (v22a–b).

This is the new and everlasting covenant, the final and forever administration of the covenant of grace, when the kingdom of grace becomes the kingdom of glory. Christ has come. This morning has dawned (cf. Rom 13:11–14). How much, then, ought we to live as those who belong to the kingdom!

What are your hopes in life? How do they align with the hope in this chapter? How does Jesus make Israel glorious? Who are gathered into this glorious Israel? How can/could this happen?

*Sample prayer: Lord, forgive us, for we have been so consumed with smaller things that we have not rejoiced like we ought that Christ’s coming has brought glory to Israel and brought us into that glory. Forgive us for forgetting that worshipping You is the great reason that You have gathered us to Your people. And forgive us for being so satisfied with this creation that we are not sufficiently eager for the new creation. By Your grace and mercy, make us to be the branch of Your planting and the work of Your hands, that You may be glorified. Hasten it in its time, we ask through Christ, AMEN!*

**Suggested songs: ARP72C “May Waving Grain on Hilltops Thrive” or TPH471 “The Sands of Time Are Sinking”**

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Isaiah 60. These are the words of God. Arise shine for your light has come. And the glory of Yahweh has risen upon you. For behold the darkness shall cover the Earth and deep Darkness. The people But y’all, I will rise over you. And his glory will be seen upon you.

The Gentiles shall come into your light, and Kings to the brightness of your Rising. Lift up your eyes all round and see. They all gather together they come to you, your son. Shall come from afar. And your daughters. Shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant and your heart shall swell with joy.

Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shook them to you. The multitude of camels shall cover your land, geometries of Midian and IFA. All those from Sheba shall come They shall bring gold and incense. They shall proclaim, the Praises of Yahweh.

All the flocks of, qadar, shall be gathered together to The Realms of Nebayoth shall minister to you, they shall Ascend with acceptance on my altar. And I will glorify the house of my glory. Who are these, who fly like a cloud and like doves to their wrists? Surely the coastlands.

So, wait for me, the ships of tarshas will come first. To bring your sons from afar. They’re silver and they’re gold with them. To the name. Of you all. Are your God. Then to the Holy One of Israel. Because he has glorified you. The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls and their Kings shall minister to you.

Friend my Roth. I struck you. But in my favor, I’ve had mercy on you. Therefore your Gates shall be opened. Continually they shall not be shut day or night that men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles And their kings in procession. For the nation and Kingdom, which will not serve, you shall perish.

And those nations shall be utterly ruined. The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the Cyprus the pie and the Box Street together to beautify the place of my Sanctuary. And I will make the place of my feet, glorious. Also, the sons of those who Afflicted, you shall come bowing to you.

And all those are despised. You shall fall prostrate but the soles of your feet. And they shall call you the city of Yahweh. Zion the Holy One of Israel. Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so, No one went through you. I will make you an eternal Excellence. The joy of many generations.

You shall drink the milk, the Gentiles and milk, the breast of Kings. You shall know that I off. I am your savior. And your Redeemer. The mighty one of Jacob. Instead of bronze, I will bring gold instead of iron. Now I’ll bring silver. Instead of wood bronze, instead of stones iron.

That will also make your officers peace and your magistrate’s righteousness. Violence shall no longer be heard in your land. Neither wasting nor destruction within your borders. But you shall call your walls salvation and your Gates praise The sun shall no longer be your light by day. Nor for brightness, shall the moon, give light to you.

But y’all, I will be to you an everlasting light. And your God, your glory. Your son shall no longer go down. Nor shall your moon withdraw itself. For y’all, I will be your

Everlasting light. And the days of your morning shall be ended. Also, your people shall be righteous. They shall inherit the land forever.

The branch of my planting. The work of my hands. That I may be glorified. A little one sowing. I'm a thousand. And a small one, a strong Nation. We'll hasten it. It's

Amanda sends this reading of God's inspired and denatured word. The events of. Isaiah, 60 seemed far away from us today. Time at the last. All those who, Persist in being enemies of Christ and enemies of God. I have been. Banished. Destroyed cast into destruction. The time. Those who are the children.

Of God's people. The spiritual descendants. Of God's people have been gathered from all the nations. Gathered bringing all these things that Necessary for the sacrifice. Flocks and the Rams, and the gold, and the silver and the incense and All the different types of wood for building. The Temple and the sanctuary and beautifying it, and so forth.

I know, of course. That no such material things are brought. For Christ himself has obsoleted the temple in himself. And certainly, we are not going to go back. To sacrificing flocks and Rams. After the once for all sacrifice of the Lord Jesus. And that doesn't make what the Nations bring in their hands in this prophecy worse or less, it makes it better.

Each one is coming to the Lord. To the Lord in Christ bringing in his hand, also Christ. Whom God has given for us. Whom we heard at the end of Chapter 59. Is the Lord's Covenant with us? That we would have Christ himself. That his Spirit would be our spirit.

That the words that are put in his mouth or come from his mouth, Would never depart from our mouths. And so, all these nations streaming, Are carrying in their hands. Not the riches of this world. But the riches of Heaven, The Riches of God himself. Who has come to this world to be ours.

To be. What we have and how we come. To the Lord. Now, this is the great light. The chapter begins saying, arise shine for your light has come and the Lord is the light. And then as it goes on to describe what the assembly is like. that's part of the climax at the end.

verse 19 and That there's not sun or moon. This, Other creation. When he says, instead of bronze gold, instead of iron silver, instead of wood bronze, instead of wood Stones iron. it might just sound like Upgraded or improved. But then he starts saying things like, Instead of the Yahweh, instead of the Moon God.

You just think, oh, This is a new creation. This is not simply upgraded materials in the context of the old one. So, when Romans tells us, To awake out of sleep. Because this day, the Isaiah 60 day. Has dawned upon us and the Lord Jesus. And indeed as He who?

The Living. God, who dwells in unapproachable light in whom is light and there is no Darkness at all. He himself has come. He is our obedience, he is our righteousness. He is our sacrifice. Here's our atonement. And he sits on the throne of Glory. Bread gives to us by his To have his light, his life.

To have faith in us that we may be United to, to have faith in him that we may be United. To him, he puts faith in us that we may be United to him. So, here's Not just the righteousness, that is counted for us. The only righteous standing That we have before God but He is also the source of all righteousness within us.

When this righteousness, that is within us. Small so far. We grieve over how inconsistent and how incomplete? It is, but that also, As part of this new world. In verse 17 in the midst of this instead of bronze gold, instead of iron silver, Etc, says I'll also make your officers peace and your Magistrates righteousness.

We're actually not going to need officers or magistrates. Because we will have peace and righteousness. Remember a few days ago, in the proverb that because of sin, the princes of the land are multiplied. Well, because of righteousness, the princess of the land are going to be eliminated. We're gonna have peace and righteousness.

Again, verse 21. Also, your people shall be righteous, they so inherit the land forever. There are no, there are not Covenant blessings and Covenant curses. final Administration, the completion of the Covenant of Grace, when Christ returns. There are Covenant, blessings and Covenant blessings. Why? Because Covenant curses are for unfaithfulness and unrighteousness, and there's not going to be any of that.

And so, all your people shall be righteous, they shall inherit the land forever. Then he picks this image, this metaphor. That he with which he had begun Isaiah. The vine that was planted, did everything for it, but when he came To get grapes from it. Behold sour. Grapes, wild grapes all seeds?

No juice completely. Bitter uncultivated But now, Because of the branch, who is the Lord Jesus, the righteous branch. That Zachariah also prophesies about The shoot that has come from the stump of Jesse. The root of David. This church that is grafted into Israel. All these nations grafted into Israel because Christ himself was shot out and they are grafted into him.

They're called the branch of my planting, the work of my hands. He's pleased with the fruit that he sees. And he shines upon them. With his light. And his pleasure. The branch of my planting, the work of my hands. Sorry, the branch of my planting. The work of my hands.

That I may be glorified. And describing the multiplication or the flourishing, or the fruitfulness. Not just his. It was a pleasure in the quality of it, but promising even quantity. A little one shall become a thousand. And a small one, a strong Nation. And for us, Have a hard time waiting even for a meal, when we got a little annoying pain in our stomach.

It is a hard time waiting, but The Lord concludes with I Yahweh will hasten it. And it's time. And so, the Lord is not being slow and bringing it about He is urgent. He is glad for it. He Pursuing it with all of his wisdom, all of his power.

But, of course, Since it's in all of his wisdom. It has a particular appointed best time. And so we can trust to him. The timing of it and we could trust that he is not passive or slow. He is active and he is hastening it. He is bringing it about.

So, the Lord has risen upon us in the Lord, Jesus Christ. And this is the joy that is set before us. And if we are living, For the joy that is set before us just as the Lord Jesus. For the joy set before him, endured even the cross. What is there that we would not endure?

With this Choice set before us, But also to make the application of Romans 13.

Would we live in the manner? That belongs to the world that we Eagerly. Want to leave behind. Let us instead live in the manner. That belongs to this world of light. End of worship. And of the nation's all gathered in With Christ in their hands. Christ, as our way of worshiping him.

Let Christ also, then be our way of living before God. And righteousness and Holiness. And may, God grant to us to The light that has dawned upon us in Greece. Until the Lord, Jesus arrives arrives. And we see the full. Give me the spirit. Ravish, our hearts grip, our hearts.

With a desire. To see the full light of the return to Christ. And to live, as Who belonged to him and who belonged to that day? Let's,

Our gracious God in our heavenly father, we thank you for This prophecy that you gave to your people, Even some 2600 years ago. That still sets before us. Everlasting, joy. And Safety and pleasure in you. Grant by your spirit. That we would count the sufferings of this time. Not worthy to be compared with that Glory.

Grant that we would live as those Who know already your pleasure in Us, in Christ. And who look forward? To being freed from all our remaining sin. So that we may take full pleasure in you. Oh, help us, Lord. This seems so far, even from where our lives are today.

There's so much remaining sin. And we take, Disproportionate pleasure in that, which is not worthy of it. And disproportionately small pleasure. And you are worthy of all of it. So, please help us by your spirit, we pray. In Jesus name. Amen.