

# The Book of Isaiah

## Trusting God More #35

Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:1 KJV, Comfort ye, Comfort ye my people, saith the Lord.”

Review: Isaiah chapter 58 & 59

### Chapter 60

Opening Discussion: Compare and contrast earthly Jerusalem and the heavenly Jerusalem.

The Old vs the New. In it interesting that Isaiah describes and gives the details of the New Jerusalem in the Old Testament.

Refer to Revelation 21:1-3

The theme of this chapter is the Sun of Righteousness rising upon Israel. We have come to the final manifestation of millennial glory. Read Malachi 4:32 as it relates to verse 1. Refer back to Isaiah 50:20 which tells us, “The Redeemer shall come to Zion. “

In verse 1, we hear the light has come. Who or what is that light? God wants His people to respond to the light. You can't shine until you have received the light. How does this relate to the response of the world to Jesus? In Matthew 17:22, we hear of Jesus at the Mount of Transfiguration. Describe His appearance.

Read verse 2. Why is the coming of the Light necessary? Don't you find it amazing that despite the preaching of the gospel for thousands of years, there is still a wider circle of darkness today than ever before? Light MUST precede the future blessings. The Sun of Righteousness must rise!

In verse 3, the presence of the Redeemer in Zion will bring the Gentiles from afar. Read Romans 11:15. The Gentiles will come to the light.

Read verses 4 & 5. Though they are rebellious and scattered, they will come to the Land of Promise. The women who are referred to as daughters will be carried the same way as children from the east. Notice the tremendous movements of people moving towards Jerusalem. They will come by land, sea and air. Think about the end of time.

Read verse 6. Again, wise men will come with gifts of gold and incense for the Redeemer. Note: This time myrrh is eliminated. Why? What did myrrh symbolize?

In verse 7, flocks are returned to Jerusalem for sacrifice. Please don't be confused. The sacrifices are not taking the place of Jesus. This can be further explained in Ezekeil 40-44. The sacrifices are a reminder and point back to the death of Jesus.

Verse 8 is a different reference to ships upon the sea. In verse 9, the ships of the Gentiles will be used to return Israel to the land of promise. Tarshish is reference to ships of all sea-going nations.

Notice in verse 10, the nations that destroyed Israel in the past will not assist in its recovery.

Read verse 11. The same condition will prevail in the earthy Jerusalem that prevails in the heavenly city. Refer also to Revelation 21: 24-26.

In verse 12, men will BOW unto the Lord. Refer to Phil 2:10-11i.

Nature will respond in verse 13. Trees from all over the world will adorn Jerusalem which is coming to pass now.

Praise God! In verse 14, all anti-semitism will end. Those who once despised Israel will bow down before Israel. At this point, Jerusalem will literally become the center of the earth.

The riches of the Jerusalem, which were taken away by the nations, will be restored to Israel. The exactors mean tax collectors. The tax collectors will be righteous in the millennium. Remember, Zacheus and the publicans.

What do you think about the radical changes that will take place in Jerusalem?

Read verses 19-20. Jesus the light of the world will be there. Jesus is the light of the New Jerusalem. Read Revelation 21:23.

In verse 21, Israel is made righteous. They will inherit the land forever. Let's talk about Israel being made righteous. We too, were made righteous. See Romans 4:22-25.

What does this process of being made righteous say to you?

In verse 22, human strength will be increased. Life will be longer.

## **Chapter 61**

This chapter opens with the benefits of the full blessings of the millennium (the one-thousand-year period).