

# The Book of Isaiah

## Trusting God More #36

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

Review: Isaiah chapter 60

### Chapter 61

Opening Discussion: How do you feel about the first and second comings of Christ?

- The prophets saw both the first and the second comings.
- What are the differences between the first and the second coming?
- How did Christ come the first time?
- How will Christ come the second time?
- What signs do we hear of in Matthew 24:7 about the second coming?
- Can we say we are living in between the two?

This chapter continues the full blessings of the millennium with Israel as the center of all earthly benefits. The last section projects unto us the total benefits of the thousand-year period.

Review Luke 4:16-21. This is the passage Jesus read in His hometown of Nazareth at the synagogue during His public ministry.

Note how Jesus broke off the reading in the middle of verse 2. He proclaimed, “the acceptable year of the Lord.” What does this mean? The Scripture was fulfilled at His first coming. The statement following, “and the day of vengeance of our God” relates to Isaiah 34:8.

Notice in verse 3, “Beyond the “day of vengeance” is the peace and prosperity of the millennium. Isaiah makes a play on words with “beauty and ashes.” Do you think there is going to be an exchange? You had ashes, now, look forward to beauty. How does this speak to you today?

In verse 4, Israel will receive a facelift that will restore its beauty. I like this! How do you feel about the facelift? The key word is **restore**.

Notice in verse 6. It was God’s original intention that the entire nation of Israel would be priests. Read Exodus 19:6. Read 1 Peter 2:9. Are we too, priests as believers?

Read verses 7-9. Did you hear the expression of joy?

In verse 10, the Messiah speaks. He is the Bridegroom. All that belong to Him can join in this song of praise.

Verse 11 proclaims not only will there be material benefits and physical improvements, but the true blessings will be spiritual.

## Chapter 62

This chapter gives us more details about the millennial joys of restored Israel. The Bible proclaims in Matthew 5:6. Discuss for they shall be filled or satisfied?  
How does verse 1 correlate with Matthe 5:6?

All creation will yearn for this long-anticipated day! Do you yearn for the day when you will enjoy the fellowship of the Father's House?

Look at verse 2...a new heart, a new situation, and a new righteousness...we will see this in verse 4. In verse 3, Israel has a new position; they will be a crown of glory in the house of the Lord.

Discuss in verse 4 how Israel has been forsaken (since the crucifixion of Christ. Desolate is a name as well as a description. In the coming kingdom, they will be called "Hephzibah" which means delightful. "Beulah" is the name given to the land which means married. Think about the old song the saints used to sing about Beulah land?

*Beulah Land, I'm longing for you  
And some day, on thee I'll stand  
Where my home shall be eternal  
Beulah Land, sweet Beulah Land  
I'm kind of homesick for a country  
Where I've never been before  
No sad goodbyes will there be spoken  
For time won't matter anymore.*

What did you hear?

In verses 5-8, we hear the longing is contagious and the fulfillment of the long-awaited promises will satisfy the longing soul. In verse 8, God promises will ALL be fulfilled.

Read verse 10. What does verse 10 say about anticipation? Do you think the promises concerning Israel should be part of the Gospel message today? If so, why?

Israel will experience a transformation! The people will be called holy, and the land will be greatly desired.