

The Prophecies of Isaiah ⁹⁴

Lesson 38

In Part 2 of this last section of Vision 22, Israel discovers that the Lord is her only provider of salvation and restoration. In Part 3, Israel discovers that the Lord will give her everlasting peace and prosperity.

Part 3

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Far Prophecy

LIGHT AND GLORY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1 " Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 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. ³"And nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. 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.

When the Lord returns to crush His enemies and restore Israel, His coming will be brighter than the radiance of the sun. Just prior to His arrival, darkness will cover the earth and at just the right time, the Lord will shine His light on Israel. The destruction of Israel's enemies is not mentioned here; however, they will be destroyed as the light of the Lord arrives. Following that event, all of Israel will be gathered together in the Promised Land. Gentile nations and kings who have not joined the enemies of the Lord will come to His light.

Far Prophecy

ISRAEL RADIANT

Isaiah 60:5a "Then you will see and be radiant, And your heart will thrill and rejoice;

With the arrival of the Lord, Israel's excitement and celebration will break forth and she will understand that she has received the fulfillment of all the Lord's promises.

Abundance of the Sea – Wreath of Nations

Isaiah 60:5b Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, The wealth of the nations will come to you.

In the new kingdom of the Lord, Israel will control the wealth of the world under the Lord's leadership. Human beings on earth will still need to work to provide for their families. Israel will also need to work to provide for her families. The Mediterranean Sea is Israel's main source of food products to sell to the world.

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Camels – Gold and Frankincense

Isaiah 60:6 "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.

Midian, Ephah and Sheba will bring gold and frankincense to Israel. Midian was a son of Abraham by Keturah whom he married after the death of Sarah. Before Abraham's death, he gave a gift to Midian and sent him away to raise his family apart from Isaac. His descendants become the Midianites. Moses ran from Egypt to the land of Midian, where he acquired a wife, and was then called by the Lord to the burning bush to hear the instruction to return to Egypt to lead the Lord's people out of slavery. Ephah was the firstborn son of Midian, the grandson of Abraham. Ephah's city became one of the major hubs of the Midianite land whose main beasts of burden were camels. Sheba was a strong nation in South Arabia whose main source of income was derived from delivering spices and supplies with their camels to her surrounding neighbor nations. Gold and frankincense were found in abundance in Midian and Sheba. The two will carry their gifts to the Promised Land and to the Lord on a regular basis and carry forth the good news of the Lord to the other nations of the world.

Flocks and Rams – Minister to Israel's Glorious House

Isaiah 60:7 "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.

Kedar and Nebaioth were sons of Ishmael and the grandsons of Abraham. Both sons established a tribal nations in the Arabian area east of the Dead Sea. Kedar was known for her flocks of sheep and Nebaioth her goats. Kedar was also known for her strong black tents. These tribes will recognize the status of Israel and bring gifts to her and the Lord during the 1,000 year kingdom.

Fly Like a Cloud – Ships of Tarshish with Silver and Gold

Isaiah 60:8 " Who are these who fly like a cloud, And like the doves to their lattices? 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.

It would have been difficult for the people of the world throughout the Bible times to understand the ability of people to board airplanes of the twentieth century and fly to the Promised Land with Jewish passengers. However, the thought of flying on clouds and on the backs of large birds is documented in several stories of antiquity. The ships of Tarshish were a class of boats made in Tarshish of Spain and purchased and used by merchants throughout the world. When the Lord gathers all of Jews to the Promised Land, some will fly in and some will sail, all with their belongings and wealth acquired while living in other parts of the world.

Foreigners and Kings – Compassion on Israel

Isaiah 60:10 "And 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.

In the writings of Isaiah, the word foreigners means Gentiles. In preparation for His kingdom, the Lord will use Gentiles to help prepare the Promised Land. Israel does not come to the Lord without His divine intervention. He uses Gentiles to turn her from her

obstinate self-sustaining arrogance that has kept her from accepting to Him. Although it is not mentioned here, the wrath of the Lord upon Israel occurs during the seven years of her tribulation prior to the Lord's return.

Gates open Continually – Wealth from Nations

Isaiah 60:11 "And 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.

During the 1,000-year realm of the Lord, the borders of the Promised Land will be wide open to the world for a parade of provisions given by the nations traveling there in a steady stream.

Nation and Kingdom Against Israel – Perish

Isaiah 60:12 "For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish, And the nations will be utterly ruined.

Why will the nations bring gifts and provisions to Israel? During the 1,000-year kingdom of the Lord, all of Israel's needs will be provided by the nations of the world; it is a requirement that nations must comply with or the Lord will destroy them.

Lord's Sanctuary – Beautiful and Glorious

Isaiah 60:13 "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.

As with the Temple of Solomon and the Temple of Zerrubabul, wood from the Lebanon area will be used in the Lord's construction of His Temple. We should notice in this passage that the cedar trees are not mentioned. In 710 BC, at the delivery of this vision, the tall forests of cedar trees still abound in Lebanon. However, beginning in 606 BC, with Nebuchadnezzar's rise to the throne in Babylon, he will begin to cut the cedar forests of Lebanon down and ship the wood back to Babylon. In their place, junipers, boxwood and cypress trees are planted which will abound in the land by the time of the Lord's return. They will be used to construct the Lord's beautiful Temple in His kingdom.

Sons of Israel's Enemies – Bow

Isaiah 60:14 "And the sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you, And all those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet; And they will call you the city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

In the valley of Armageddon, hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of rebellious enemies of the Lord will gather to fight Israel and the Lord when He arrives. Some of these enemies have sons who have been left behind in their homelands. These sons will not die when the Lord destroys their fathers in the valley but they will bow at the feet of the Lord and Israel when they find themselves in submission to Israel in the 1,000-year kingdom. Zechariah will confirm this in his prophecy.

Zechariah 14:14 And Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered, gold and silver and garments in great abundance. ¹⁵ So also like this plague, will be the plague on the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey, and all the cattle that will be in those camps. ¹⁶ Then it will come

about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

The city of the Lord will be the capital of Israel's Promised Land and the Lord's center of power which will radiate from Mount Zion.

Israel Forsaken and Hated – World's Everlasting Pride

Isaiah 60:15 "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.

Because Israel has been forsaken and hated by almost every nation of the world since the days she left her Egyptian bondage, no nation will offer her any aid to help her rid the Promised Land of the abomination of desolation until the Lord rescues her at His coming. Then He will make her the nation above every nation with 1,000 years of generations looking to her with pride.

Nations and Kings – Provisions for Israel

Isaiah 60:16 "You will also suck the milk of nations, And will suck the breast of kings; Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

As the child gains its sustenance from its mother, Israel will gain her sustenance from the wealth of the nations of the world. Like never before in Israel's history, the world will take care of her needs while the Lord is King of kings on earth.

Peace the Administrator – Righteousness Israel's Overseers

Isaiah 60:17 "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.

Notice the progression of the gifts the Lord will deliver to Israel to protect her and direct her to righteousness. The order is gold, silver, bronze and iron. It is the same order of the metals the Lord uses to introduce Nebuchadnezzar to the four major empires of the world in his dream of the statue. In order, gold is Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian Empire, silver is Cyrus' Persian Empire, Bronze is Alexander's Greek Empire and Iron is Julius Caesar's Roman Empire. When these empires have finished their cycle of life, it will be near the time for the Lord to set up His kingdom. The gold empire began in 606 BC. The iron empire will come to its end on the day of the Lord's Second Return after it is revived in the future.



Figure 56:
Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
of a Statue- Daniel 2

No Violence and Devastation – Salvation and Praise

Isaiah 60:18 " 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.

For the first time in the history of the Promised Land, peace will fill the country. We often hear the words, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem," said by King David in Psalm 122. It is not a command; it is a cry for prayer.

Psalm 122:1I was glad when they said to me,"Let us go to the house of the Lord." ²Our feet are standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem. ³Jerusalem, that is built As a city that is compact together; ⁴To which the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord—An ordinance for Israel—To give thanks to the name of the Lord. ⁵For there thrones were set for judgment, The thrones of the house of David. ⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. ⁷"May peace be within your walls, And prosperity within your palaces."** ⁸For the sake of my brothers and my friends, I will now say, "May peace be within you." ⁹For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

David has just asked permission from the Lord to build the Temple. The prophet, Nathan, has just given David permission to build the Temple. The story is found in 2 Samuel 7:4-17 and 1st Chronicles 7:1-15. The Lord called to Nathan that night and had him return to David to stop his building of the Temple. The Ark had been stored in a Tabernacle since 1443 BC and the Lord had not instructed anyone to build a permanent structure. David was not to build the house, but one of his descendants would. The Lord also promised David that his throne would be established forever. David is allowed to design the Temple and in doing so, he writes Psalm 122, knowing that he will never see it built. He also knows that many will try to capture the Temple and it and the land it sits on will not experience true peace until the Prince of Peace arrives.

No Light from Sun or Moon – Lord Everlasting Light

Isaiah 60:19 "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. ²⁰ "Your sun will set no more, Neither will your moon wane; For you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, And the days of your mourning will be finished. 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. ²² "The smallest one will become a clan, And the least one a mighty nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

Many passages in God’s Word describe the brightness of the light of the Lord and nothing shines brighter than the Lord. In addition, all of Israel will be righteous at that time as they live on all the land promised to them, from the Nile to the Euphrates. Even the least of Israel will be part of the mighty nation of Israel.

Passage	Summary	Time of Fulfillment
Isa. 60	<i>Far Prophecy</i> The Lord alone provide Israel with peace and prosperity.	Fulfilled at the Lord’s Second Coming