

Israel's Glorious Future

Text: Isaiah 60:1-9

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I. Zion is made glorious because of Jehovah's light (Isa. 60:1-3)

The nation could not arise and shine in its current state for it was separated from God by the darkness of its own sinfulness. "To *arise* is to get up from the prostrate position; this 'word of power....puts new life in her limbs' (Delitzch)" (Hailey 60). The only way that Zion can arise is that Jehovah makes a way and gives it power to fulfill this task.

When the darkness is the worst, when the light seems snuffed out and nowhere to be found, Jehovah will rise up and place His glory upon Zion.

II. Zion is made glorious because her children will return (Isa. 60:4-9).

Look all around and see what is happening that your sons and daughters and those of the Gentiles are returning from afar.

The nation will *flow together*, a term meaning *radiant* or *having a joyful countenance*. The nation will rejoice in what the glorious return of Jehovah will do for them.

It is abundantly clear why Zion radiates and rejoices for "she sees a blessing of which she never dreamed. The nations and their wealth will come to her, for 'All things are yours', that they may be used for the glory of God" (Young 447). See Hag. 2:7-8; Zech. 14:14.

The greater truth is that the Gentiles who have been converted to Christ will bring all that they have in devotion and service to God. In this the descendants of Abraham through Hagar and Keturah will join the descendants of Abraham through Sarah together to honor God's majestic temple. "Some of this wealth will be used **as offerings** (60:7; cf. 56:6-7) and some will be used to **adorn** the **temple** (cf. 60:13), undoubtedly the millennial temple (Ezek. 40-43)". ¹ God will be glorified by receiving Abrahams's cast away descendants and their presents. "All are Jehovah's by creation, and creations best belongs to Him" (Hailey 488). Psalm 149:1-2

"Drawn to Zion because she has been glorified and beautified by Jehovah's presence, light, and name, multitudes of foreigners from throughout the world come bringing their all; everything they have is dedicated to Him" (Hailey 488). They now realize the place they are bringing these sons for they know His Name. Isaiah writes that He is the Lord thy God and the Holy One of Israel. The realization is now apparent that God's glory reigns in Zion, that He has made Zion glorious, and He has inspired and energized the nations to wait for Him. What grace. What greatness. What glory. All because of God.

¹ Martin, J. A. (1985). Isaiah. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 1115). Victor Books.