

Israel's Glorious Future – Part 2

Text: Isaiah 60:10-22

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- I. **Zion is made glorious because of Jehovah's light (Isa. 60:1-3)**
- II. **Zion is made glorious because her children will return (Isa. 60:4-9).**
- III. **Zion is made glorious through worship of Jehovah (Isa. 60:10-14).**

Previously God had used the foreign nations and kings to judge His people; now, Jehovah will use the descendants of these former enemies to bless His people.

God's intention is that His people be favored through His mercy and grace. Because He is a covenant-keeping, promise-keeping God, He will have mercy upon His people.

The resulting peace and Jehovah's favor will allow for Jerusalem's gates to be open at all times, contrary to Isaiah's day and Nehemiah's day (7:3) when the city gates were for protecting the city and keeping the enemies out. Why have walls anyway if the gates are open? This is not for protection but that the people may enter into the city (Isa. 26:2).

"Zion is beautiful when those who are converted to the truth yield to the Lord all that they have. A heart that is deeply devoted to God and consecrates to Him all its possessions is a heart whose possessions beautify the place of worship" (Young 452).

Those nations that had long caused Jerusalem to languish would now have descendants coming and bowing before Zion. These nations will come freely flowing to Zion for the express purpose of worship.

IV. **Zion is made glorious through permanent majesty and joy (Isa. 60:15-18).**

Zion will be taken from the lowest depths to the highest prominence. How long? For many generations – at least through the kingdom and probably references an eternal salvation.

Whereas the nation had been formerly enslaved and despised by the Gentiles, these former enemies were now attracted to her and willingly shared their wealth with her.

In this the nation will know who her true Source of supply is: He is the *Lord thy Savior, Redeemer, and the Mighty One of Jacob*.

God had truly redeemed, rebuilt, and relieved His people. Just as He built the nation, He will care for it lovingly and tenderly provide for His people by all means possible.

This indicates that the condition of the city will vastly improve so much that it will be a place of preciousness and priceless. "The outward beauty and stability will reflect an inner like condition" (Young 454). Peace and righteousness will rule throughout the nation. This doesn't just mean there will be peace and rightness; rather, this means that peace and righteousness will be the government and rulers themselves. The Messiah will rule with peace (Col. 3:15). He will break the yoke of oppression (Isa. 9:4) and will establish the righteous scepter (Heb. 1:8).

Violence will be a thing of the past (Isa. 2:2-4). Desolation and destruction will be in the past for that is of those who do not know Jehovah and the joys of Zion.

V. **Zion is made glorious through Jehovah's everlasting light (Isa. 60:19-22).**

Zion will be light reflecting the glorious light of her Messiah. Therefore, there will be no need to have the sun or the moon as light any longer. See Rev. 21:23 and 22:5; Matt. 24:29-30.