

INITIATION INTO ISAIAH

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CHAPTER SIXTY

THEME:

The Sun of Righteousness rises upon Israel, and Israel reflects this glory light upon the entire earth.

REMARKS:

We have come to the full manifestation of the Millennial glory. The prophet ascends to new heights of extravagant and poetic language. This must not be taken to imply that the meaning of the words are merely symbolic.

The literal content of the language is not to be washed out by adopting a low symbolic system of interpretation. Extravagant language is used because it alone can describe the exalted state of the Millennium.

There is a striking similarity between this description of the earthly Jerusalem and the heavenly Jerusalem.

This does not imply that they are one and the same city. The heavenly city comes down in sight of the earth, becoming part of the earthly system—rather, the earth becomes part of the heavenly scheme.

The earth will be a part of heaven.

The presence of the New Jerusalem assures this. Men, today, are putting a satellite into the heavens by shooting a missile upward. God will send a satellite downward from heaven, and its name is the New Jerusalem.

OUTLINE:

(This is one of the few chapters in Scripture that is difficult to outline).

1. **The REDEEMER and the Gentiles Come to Jerusalem.** Verses 1-7
2. **The RETURN of Israel to Jerusalem.** Verses 8-14
3. **The REALIZATION by Jerusalem of All That God Promised.** Verses 15-22

COMMENT:

Verse 1—**Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.**

Obviously, the Lord Jesus Christ is the Light to which the prophet refers, he is the Light of the World and is called by Malachi the Sun of Righteousness.

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall (Malachi 4:2).

The theme introduced in the last chapter is continued here. There He is identified as “**The Redeemer shall come to Zion.**”

Verse 2—**For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.**

The coming of the Light is necessitated by the night of spiritual darkness that has covered the earth.

In spite of the preaching of the gospel for 1900 years, there is a wider circle of darkness today than ever before. Light must precede the future blessings. The Sun of Righteousness must rise to bring in the Millennial day.

Verse 3—**And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.**

The Presence of the Redeemer in Zion will bring the Gentiles from afar.

For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? (Romans 11:15).

Verse 4—**Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.**

Rebellious and scattered, they will come to the Land of Promise.

The women who are weaker than men are carried, like women in the East often carry their children, on their hips.

Verse 5—**Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.**

The tremendous movement of all peoples toward Jerusalem—by land, by sea, and by the air—will be an occasion of astonishment.

Verse 6—The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.

Again wise men, not only from the East, will come with gifts of gold and incense for the Redeemer.

Note the omission of myrrh which spoke of His death at His First Coming.

Verse 7—All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

Flocks are brought to Jerusalem for sacrifice. The sacrifices will be reinstated in the Millennial temple. This may be difficult for some to accept, but the Old Testament is definite at this point (see Ezekiel 40-44). Evidently, the sacrifices will point back to the death of Christ as in the Old Testament they pointed forward to His death.

Verse 8—Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

If there is any prophecy in Scripture that suggests the airplane, this is it. Apparently, the direct reference is to ships upon the sea.

Verse 9—Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

Tarshish, as used here, is evidently a reference to all seagoing nations. The ships of the Gentiles will be used to return Israel to the Land of Promise.

Verse 10—And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

The nations that once destroyed Israel will now assist in its recovery.

Verse 11—Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.

The same conditions will prevail in the earthly Jerusalem that prevail in the heavenly city.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it (Revelation 21:24-26).

Verse 12—**For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.**

“... every knee should bow . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Philippians 2:10-11).

In the Millennium, men will be forced to bow to Jesus.

Verse 13—**The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. Trees from all over the world will adorn Jerusalem.**

Verse 14—**The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

Anti-Semitism will end.

Verse 15—**Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.**

Jerusalem will become the center of the earth.

Verse 16—**Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.**

The riches of Jerusalem, which were taken away by the nations, will be restored with interest.

Verse 17—**For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.**

Precious metals will become commonplace again.

And all king Solomon’s drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounting of in the days of Solomon. So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom (I Kings 10:21, 23).

“**Exactors**” means tax collectors. Even tax collectors will be righteous in the Millennium. Remember the publicans in Christ’s day were tax collectors.

Verse 18—**Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.**

Note the radical changes which will take place in the Millennium.

Verse 19—The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

Verse 20—Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

Jesus, the Light of the World, will be there, he is likewise the Light of the New Jerusalem.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof (Revelation 21:23).

Verse 21—Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Again this is a clear-cut statement regarding Israel's future. They will be made righteous—they will inherit the land forever.

Verse 22—A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

Human strength will be increased without resorting to vitamins.

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