

Let the Nations Rejoice in Jesus

Isaiah 61; Lk 4:16-27

Isaiah 61:1-2a was fulfilled in Jesus' first coming.

Isaiah 6:2b-11 will be fulfilled in Jesus' second coming.

Jesus' first coming was for salvation. That is grace.

Jesus' second coming will be for damnation. That is judgment.

- I. The work of the _____ (1-3)
 - A. Preach the gospel to the _____ (1b)
 - B. Heal the _____ (1c)
 - C. Proclaim release to the _____ (1d)
 - D. Recovery of sight for the _____ (Lk 14:18)
 - E. Free those who are _____ (1e)
 - F. Comfort those who _____ (2c-3)
 - G. Make joy out of _____ (3)

II. The work of God's _____ (4-7)

A. _____ what is ruined (4)

B. _____ the Lord (5-6)

C. _____ in God's blessings (7)

III. The work of the everlasting _____ (8-9)

IV. The worship of all _____ (10-11)

The background of this passage is the "Year of Jubilee" described in Leviticus 25:7ff. Every seven years, the Jews were to observe a "sabbatical year" and allow the land to rest. After seven sabbaticals, or forty-nine years, they were to celebrate the fiftieth year as the "Year of Jubilee." During that year, all debts were canceled, all land was returned to the original owners, the slaves were freed, and everybody was given a fresh new beginning. This was the Lord's way of balancing the economy and keeping the rich from exploiting the poor.

If you have trusted Christ as your Savior, you are living today in a spiritual "Year of Jubilee." You have been set free from bondage; your spiritual debt to the Lord has been paid; you are living in "the acceptable year of the Lord."
- Warren Wiersbe