

## A Trek Through Isaiah 82 - 60:10-22

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<b><u>The Work Accomplished 59:14 - 63:6</u></b>
Situation and remedy: the promised Conqueror 59:14-21
The universal city 60:1-22
The Anointed One and His transforming work 61:1-9
The Savior and His gathered people 61:10 - 62:12
Consummation of the work 63:1-6

- In the book of the Conqueror (56 - 66)
  - Question: How will God's people fulfill their promise?
  - Three areas of emphasis
    - The contrast between the ideal community and the actual community
    - God's glorious promises for the faithful.
    - A Conqueror: the third messianic figure who accomplishes God's purpose and fulfills His promises.
- The Work Accomplished 59:14 - 63:6
  - God's purposes accomplished.
- The universal city 60:1-22
  - V1-3 The glory of the Lord in Zion
  - V4-9 The world in Zion
    - V4 The gathering
    - V5-7 Joy in Zion
    - V8 Speed and safety
    - V9 coming to the Lord

- V10-14 The city of **destiny**

- Structure

- V10, 14 international enterprise
- V11, 13 glory of the city
- V12 city of destiny

- V10 international enterprise 1

10 Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you.

- Foreigners shall build up your walls.
  - Lit “sons of a stranger”
  - Inclusio w v14 sons of those who afflicted you
  - Now full citizens. As v7 they shall come up with acceptance on my altar,
- and their kings shall minister to you.
  - Not slavery but willing service
  - Young notes Calvin’s statement that when kings serve Zion, they do not lose their status as kings, but on the contrary are then enabled to carry out their proper function so as to glorify God and to manifest righteousness in their reigns.
- for in my wrath I struck you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you.
  - God’s anger has turned to compassion.
  - Manifested in the return from exile.
  - Fulfilled in the Millennium.

- V11 Zion’s glory 1

11 Your gates shall be open continually; day and night they shall not be shut, that people may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession.

- Your gates shall be open continually; day and night they shall not be shut,
  - Speaks of peace
- That people may bring to you the wealth of the nations,
  - Why the gates are open
  - Speaks of prosperity
- with their kings led in procession.
  - Not as slaves but as willing subjects.

○ V12 city of **destiny**

12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

- Center verse of this passage
- Each nation's outcome depends on how they treat Zion
- Description: will not serve you
  - These do not come to the light
  - They will not seek the Lord
  - They presume upon His compassion rather than fearing Him.
- Outcome
  - Perish...be utterly laid waste

○ V13 Zion's **glory** 2

13 The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

- The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary,
  - As Solomon building the first temple in 1 Ki 5.
- I will make the place of my feet glorious
  - God's footstool.
  - Where He touches the earth.
  - Made glorious by
    - Believers from all nations
    - The offerings they bring
    - The glory of the LORD

○ V14 **international** enterprise 2

14 The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending low to you, and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet; they shall call you the City of the LORD, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

- The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending low to you, and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet;
  - Total role reversal
  - Zion's former oppressors now willingly submit themselves to her.
  - Bending low...bow down at your feet;
    - Humble, as in supplication.
- they shall call you the City of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
  - Here is the reason for their submission: to come to the Lord.
  - Evidence of true conversion
  - This is a triumph of grace.

- V15-22 Zion **transformed**
  - V15-16 Majesty and joy

15 Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age. 16 You shall suck the milk of nations; you shall nurse at the breast of kings; and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

- The Lord speaking to Zion
- Three items of rejection
  - forsaken
  - hated
  - No one passing through. Shunned.
- Replaced by three items of blessing
  - majestic
  - a joy
  - Rich provision
    - You shall suck the milk of nations; you shall nurse at the breast of kings.
    - Picture of maternal care and nourishment.
- Forever...from age to age.
  - For eternity
- you shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.
  - Know. Experiential knowledge.
  - The Lord...the Mighty One of Jacob. What Isaiah has said over and over.
  - Savior...Redeemer. All done by the Lord.

- V17-18 Riches and peace

17 Instead of bronze I will bring gold, and instead of iron I will bring silver; instead of wood, bronze, instead of stones, iron. I will make your overseers peace and your taskmasters righteousness. 18 Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

- Material transformation

- Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
  - Replacement of good materials with better.

- Social transformation

- I will make your overseers peace and your taskmasters righteousness.
  - Previously oppression
  - Now peace and righteousness
- Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders;
  - Previously violence, devastation, destruction, but no more.

- I will.

- 3x to emphasize the divine action

- you shall call your walls Salvation,

- What the Lord does.
- Walls. Of protection.

- and your gates Praise.

- What the people do
- God-honoring thankful praise keeps the believer secure.

○ V19-20 Constant illumination

19 The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. 20 Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

- Beyond the Millennium in the new Jerusalem.
- The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light;
  - Now the the whole world is under the cycle of night and day. The sun and moon come and go.
- the Lord will be your everlasting light,
  - As Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.
  - Darkness, the result of sin, is dispelled forever.
- your God will be your glory
  - God's people will be transformed, reflecting His glory
- your days of mourning shall be ended.
  - The days of mourning are the time of sin and ignorance.
  - As Rev 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

○ V21-22 The people of God

21 Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I might be glorified. 22 The least one shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the LORD; in its time I will hasten it.

- Your people shall all be righteous
  - The church in all her perfection
  - Eph 5:27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.
- they shall possess the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I might be glorified.
  - Established forever
  - All the Lord's doing
  - All the Lord's glory
- The least one shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation;
  - Fulfilling the promise to Abraham in Gen 22:17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore.
- I am the Lord; in its time I will hasten it.
  - God's promises are based on His character.
  - He accomplishes His purpose according to His timetable
  - May also be "I will enjoy it". The Lord regains the delight that He has in His people.

## Discussion

We will break into three groups for discussion. The questions are

1. **Building up and ministering 60:10-11**
  - a. **Willing service and willing giving**
  - b. **2 Cor 9:6-7 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**
2. **Kings seeking the Lord 60:10-11**
  - a. **In authority; seeking the Lord**
  - b. **Calvin: when kings serve Zion, they do not lose their status as kings, but on the contrary are then enabled to carry out their proper function so as to glorify God and to manifest righteousness in their reigns.**
3. **Forgiveness 60:13-14**
  - a. **Those who afflicted you and despised you shall come**
  - b. **God beautifying His house**

Remember to worship the Lord: (1) See (2) Know (3) Respond

For next week:

- The Anointed One and His transforming work 61:1-9

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