

Isaiah 60
A Look at Israel's Future

Light shines on Israel (1-3) (Numbers 6:24-27)

Throughout Israel's history, they were to desire His face to shine upon them

Darkness covers the earth (Revelation 18:23 / Isaiah 2:5; 9:2)

By the end of the tribulation there will be only darkness – we need His light!

Dawn of His rising glory (Malachi 4:2 / II Peter 1:19)

The morning star, the Sun of Righteousness shall rise with hope and healing.

Drawing the nations into the light (Isaiah 55:5 / Zechariah 14:16)

All the peoples will be drawn to honor and learn from the KING!

Lift up your eyes (4-9)

Open your eyes to see what the Lord is doing – Look to Him and not the darkness of the world.

Sons are brought from afar (Isaiah 49:22-23)

The return of His scattered people, now and after His return.

Swelling with joy (Nehemiah 8:10)

Once again made right with God – the joy of the Lord is our strength.

Sacrifices again made on your altar (Psalm 50:23)

Thank offerings to honor the Lord, desiring to be in His presence.

Lord's city (10-14)

Where He has placed His Name forever! (II Kings 21:7)

Rebuilt by foreigners (Ezra 1:2)

God moving the heart of Gentile leaders.

Receiving the wealth of the nations (Exodus 12:36)

God making the hearts of the Gentiles favorable toward His people.

Ruined are the nations that will not serve Israel (Zechariah 14:17-19)

The Abrahamic blessing stands true (Genesis 12:3)

LORD is your Savior (15-18)

He is our hope, our light, and our righteousness.

Pride and joy of all generations (Psalm 73:25-26)

He has always been and will always be our only source of hope and true joy.

Provisions of high quality (Romans 8:32)

His plan for us is greater than we can imagine (I Corinthians 2:9)

Peace as your governor (Psalm 119:150-152, 160)

The Prince of Peace ruling in true justice and righteousness.

Praise will be the name of your gates (Ezekiel 48:38b)

THE LORD IS THERE – the place of His glory and splendor.

LORD is your everlasting light (19-22)

Everlasting light with a sun that never sets (Psalm 139:11-12/John 8:12/Revelation 22:5)

We never have to walk in darkness!

End of all sorrows (Revelation 21:4) **He will dry every tear!**

Discussion questions for Isaiah 60

What is the expectation of this dark world as we grow closer to the Tribulation period? What evidence do we see that we are drawing close to this time? (Amos 8: 11-12 / Matthew 24:4-8, 10-12 / Luke 18:8 / II Thessalonians 2:3 / II Timothy 3:1-5; 4:3-4) ***The world will grow darker. We see fewer and fewer churches teaching the Word of God. We see peoples hearts becoming calloused as tragedy becomes the norm. We see less and less people believing in God. We see apathy growing even in the church. And we see the pursuit of self, pleasure, and money becoming all that matter to people.***

How can we walk in the light in the midst of such times? (John 8:12 / II Corinthians 4:6 / Colossians 3:1-4 / Ephesians 5:8-10 / I John 2:10) ***We must walk with Jesus, holding on to the truth of the gospel, that is, recognizing that we need Him in our lives every day. (John 15:5) Our focus needs to be on the unseen, looking to our heavenly hope and rewards, and the soon return of our Savior. We need to discover what things please our Lord, turning to Him and away from the deeds of darkness. We must be focused on sharing His love with others, rather than focusing on our sinful self.***

What is required for there to be true peace in this world? (Psalm 2:8-12 / Isaiah 9:6-7 / Luke 19:41-44 / Acts 10:34-36) ***Only the Prince of Peace has the power and authority to bring peace upon this earth. (Luke 2:14) If we do not turn to Jesus, we find ourselves siding with the enemies of God, and there is no peace for the wicked. (Isaiah 57:21) We can have peace with God individually (Romans 5:1), but the world will not have peace until Jesus returns and establishes His Millennial Kingdom.***

What is needed for us to have His peace in the midst of troubled times? (John 14:27; 16:33 / Philippians 4:6-7 / II Thessalonians 3:16 / Hebrews 13:20-21) ***Jesus offers us His peace, not the world's peace, and it is available to us even in times of trouble because He has overcome the world. We can overcome only through faith in Jesus. (I John 5:4-5) We need to bring every anxious thought or concern before His throne (Hebrews 4:16), thanking God for the manner in which He will use even my hardship for my good. (Romans 8:28) And He promises to give us His peace that passes all understanding. Our great Shepherd offers us peace as we look to Him and walk in His strength.***

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