

## 22 - THE FUTURE RESTORATION (ISAIAH 58:1-60:22)

### I. The Call to Obedience (Isaiah 58:1-14)

#### A. The people's sin (Isaiah 58:1-3a)

- The Lord tells the prophet to cry out about the people's transgressions.
- The people presented themselves as wanting to know God, yet they sinned.
- The people questioned why God did not take notice of their religious exercises.

#### B. The Lord's response (Isaiah 58:3b-14)

- The Lord points out that they exploited others as they conducted their rituals.
- Their fasting did not change their hearts with regards to their relationships.
- The Lord points out that fasting was to encourage them to do right by the poor.
- If the people were truly righteous, the Lord would bless them.
- If they were truly righteous, the Lord would respond to them.
- If oppression and slander were removed from their lives, the Lord would bless.
- By honoring the Sabbath, they would find their delight in the Lord.

### II. The Provision of Salvation (Isaiah 59:1-21)

#### A. Israel's depravity (Isaiah 59:1-15a)

- The Lord proclaims that he is not weak and deaf that he cannot save them.
- Israel's sins have separated her from the Lord God.
- Because of their sins, the Lord chose not to hear them.
- Their sins included not seeking justice but rather planning evil.
- Just as cobwebs are not clothing, their works of iniquity cannot cover them.
- They actively sought to do evil and faced the destruction.
- Their sins resulted in a lack of peace and justice.
- Israel proclaims that justice and righteousness are far from her.

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- Rather than light, Israel experiences only darkness.

## B. The Lord's promise (Isaiah 59:15b-21)

- The Lord proclaims that he is the only one who can bring salvation to Israel.
- The Lord will go forth and fight for his people Israel.
- The Lord proclaims that the Redeemer will come to Zion.
- The Lord will establish a covenant with them and will pour out his spirit on them.
- The Lord will put his word in their mouths and it will stay with them forever.

## III. Peace and Prosperity (Isaiah 60:1-22)

### A. God's glory (Isaiah 60:1-3)

- Israel is called to shine forth as a light because his light has come.
- The world is covered by darkness, but Israel will be a light to it.
- The nations of the world will be attracted to the light of Israel.

### B. The wealth of the nations (Isaiah 60:4-9)

- Israel's sons will be regathered from far distances.
- The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to Israel for the worship of the Lord.

### C. The acknowledgement of the nations (Isaiah 60:10-14)

- Gentiles and their kings will aid Israel in rebuilding Jerusalem.
- This is an evidence of God's favor in contrast with his prior wrath.
- Any nation that tries to rise up against Israel will be struck by the Lord.
- Those who formerly despised Israel will acknowledge her as belonging to the Lord.

### D. The coming righteousness (Isaiah 60:15-22)

- Once Israel was forsaken, but she shall become a joy to future generations.
- Israel will be sustained by the nations; which causes her to acknowledge the Lord.
- Israel will receive enormous wealth.

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- Israel will be marked by a time of peace and righteousness.
- Israel will inherit the land.
- Her people will be righteous and numerous.