

ISAIAH 60

Lesson 49: "The Glory of Zion"

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MAIN IDEA

The stunning glory of Zion, the heavenly City of God, is revealed in words that soar beyond any earthly fulfillment in the physical city of Jerusalem (Davis).

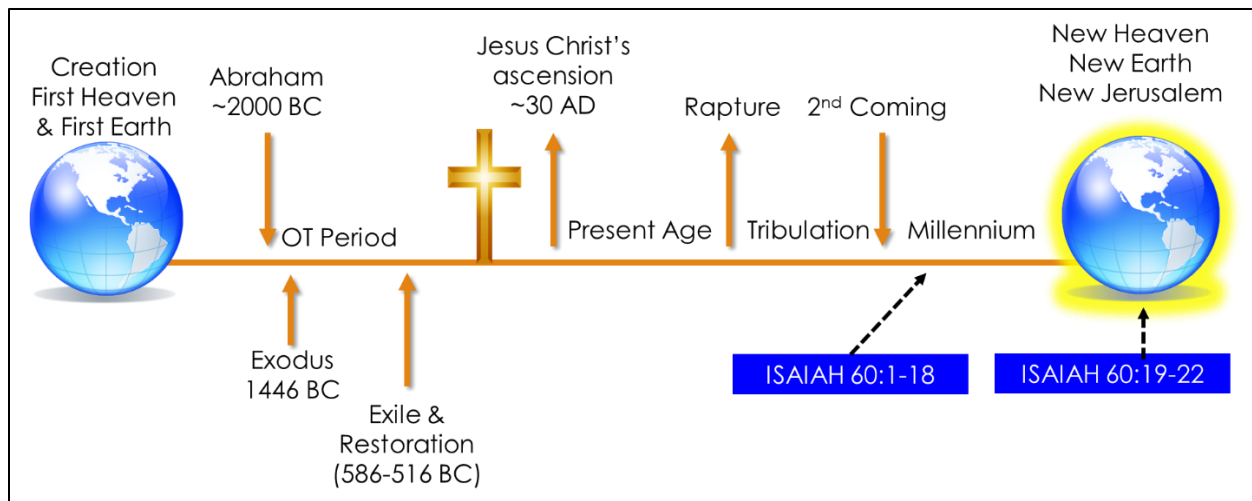


Figure 1: The Prophecies of Jerusalem and Israel in Isaiah 60

SUMMARY

I. Zion is Commanded to Arise and be Glorious (60:1-2)

- **Isa. 60:1-2.** Addressing Zion (60:14) Isaiah told the city of Jerusalem, and therefore, the nation of Israel, that her light has come, putting her in contrast with the rest of the darkened world during the future Millennial kingdom.
 - The city of Jerusalem, and therefore the nation of Israel (Zion), which has been the object of God's wrath is commanded prophetically to become the future object of God's blessings which will take place during the Millennium.
 - To a small degree this was also fulfilled when the exiles from Babylon returned to rebuild the city of Jerusalem.
 - The rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem after the exile is a type of the glorified city of Jerusalem in the future.

II. The Nations are Drawn to the Glory of Zion and Glorify It More (60:3-9)

- **Isa. 60:3-5.** Gentiles will be subject to the Messiah in Jerusalem during the Millennium.

- **Isa. 60:6.** Vast wealth from Midian, Ephah, Sheba, Kedar, Nebaioth will be brought to Jerusalem during the Millennium.
- **Isa. 60:7.** The places mentioned were obscure tribes in the Arabian desert indicating that all people will come to Jerusalem because Jesus will be living there and they will be attracted to his light (presence).

III. Zion is Increasingly Beautiful as the Riches of the Nations Stream In (60:10-18)

- **Isa. 60:11.** Open gates signify a continual, unrestricted access to Jerusalem during the Millennium.
- **Isa 60:12.** Nations that refuse to serve Israel will be destroyed during the millennium.
- **Isa. 60:14-17.** During the Millennium Israel will be exalted above the Gentiles.
 - Nations which formerly were oppressors of Israel will acknowledge Jerusalem's supremacy as the city that belongs to the Lord.
 - Jerusalem will become a glorious city bringing honor unto Jehovah.
 - So closely is the Messiah associated with Jerusalem that the city will partake of his glory.
- **Isa. 60:18.** With the absence of violence, joy and well-being will be a distinctive mark of the Millennial Kingdom.
 - Since the nations won't need to put their resources into weapons of war, it will be a time of great prosperity.

IV. The Eternal Glory of Zion (60:19-22)

- **Isa. 60:19.** Isaiah, now looking beyond the Millennium sees a view of the New Jerusalem (cf. Rev. 21:23; 22:5).
- **Isa. 60:20.** In the eternal kingdom of the new creation, people will no longer shed tears of mourning (cf. Rev. 21:4).
- **Isa. 60:21.** Israel will inherit the land promised to Abraham (Gen. 12:1, 7; 13:15; 15:18).
- **Isa. 60:22.** Israel's great increase in numbers and power, resulting from the Lord's working will bring them into never-before-experienced world prominence.

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