

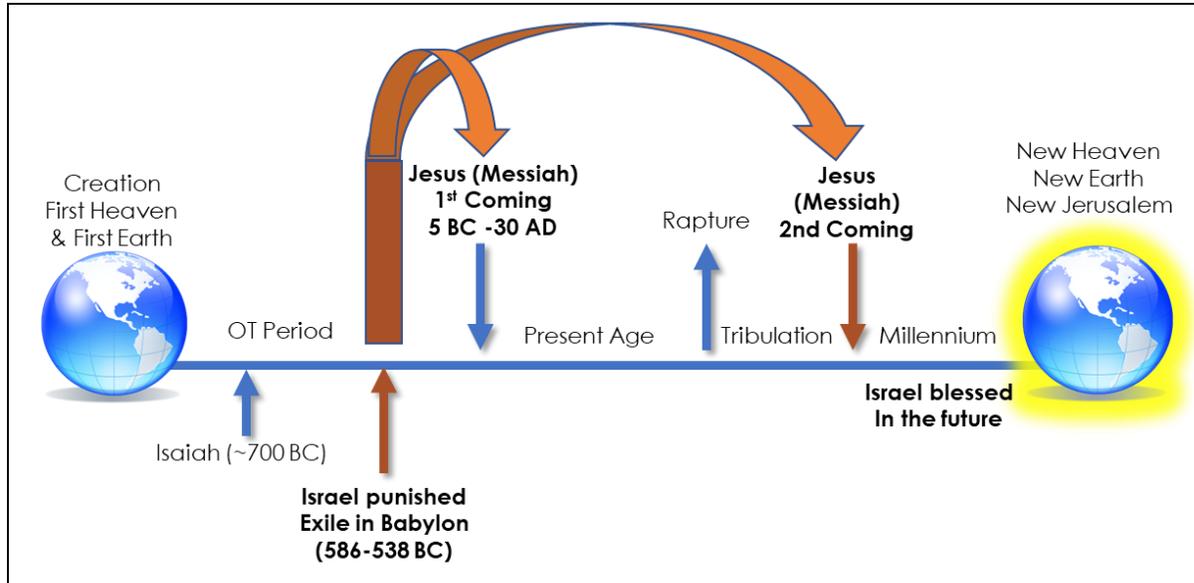
ISAIAH 61

Lesson 50: "The Messiah Announces Good News"

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OVERVIEW OF ISAIAH CHAPTERS 60-62



A. Israel's Past Hopelessness

1. Israel gave up hope as exiles in Babylon (586-538 BC).
2. Israel gave up hope in their God who they thought was inferior to the Babylonian gods.
3. Israel gave up hope when they returned to the broken city of Jerusalem which had no temple or walls of defense (538-445 BC).
4. Israel gave up hope when their enemies opposed the rebuilding of Jerusalem and its temple (Ezra, Nehemiah).

B. Israel's Future Hopefulness

1. Israel has offered hope at Jesus' 1st coming (Luke 4:16-21).
2. Israel has hope for Jesus' 2nd coming (Revelation 19:11-16).
3. Israel has hope for a future beautified city of Jerusalem (Zion).
4. Israel has hope is being honored by all nations.

MAIN IDEA IN ISAIAH 61

The Messiah announces the good news of his mission to bring salvation to the poor, brokenhearted captives of the earth.

SUMMARY

I. The Messiah **Revealed** (61:1-3a)

- A. The Messiah (anointed one) will be given power by the Holy Spirit to bring good news to a discouraged Israel and all who are oppressed and brokenhearted.
 - 1. Jesus reveals that he is the Messiah (Isaiah 61:1-2 → Luke 4:16-21).
 - 2. The Hebrew word *māšîah* and the Greek word *Christos* are titles meaning “anointed one.”
 - 3. Elsewhere in the New Testament Jesus is spoken as “the anointed” (e.g., John 20:31; Acts 5:42; Hebrews 1:9).
- B. Anointing in the Old Testament was given to those who held high positions:
 - 1. Prophets (1 Kings 19:16).
 - 2. Priests (Exodus 40:13-15).
 - 3. Kings (1 Samuel 10:1; 16:3, 12-13; 2 Samuel 23:1; 1 Kings 1:39).
- C. When the Spirit of the Lord comes upon a person:
 - 1. He confers power (Judges 3:10; 6-34; 14:6, 19, etc., etc., etc.).
 - 2. He gives wisdom and understanding (11:2; 40:13ff.)
 - 3. He enables that person to bring relief to those in need (61:1; 63:14).

II. The Messiah's **Blessings** (61:3b-9)

- A. In that glorious future day (Millennium) Israel will enjoy special blessings.
 - 1. Foreigners will be servants to Israel.
 - 2. Nations of the world will bring their treasures to Israel.
 - 3. Israel's past shames will be turned into honor.
- B. Everyone will recognize Israel as a blessed people of the Lord.

III. The Messiah **Covers** (61:10-11)

- A. The Messiah covers those who come to him with his own righteousness. See 2 Cor. 5:21.
- B. The result of this covering is being overwhelmed with joy, like a bridegroom in his wedding.

THE BOTTOM LINE

- 1. The Messiah is my **covering of righteousness**.
- 2. The Messiah is my **hope for the future**.
- 3. The Messiah therefore deserves my **heartfelt praise**.