

then his own arm brought him salvation,
and his righteousness upheld him.

- 17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate,
and a helmet of salvation on his head;
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,
and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.
- 18 According to their deeds, so will he repay,
wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies;
to the coastlands he will render repayment.
- 19 So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west,
and his glory from the rising of the sun;
for he will come like a rushing stream,
which the wind of the LORD drives.

20 "And a Redeemer will come to Zion,
to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,"
declares the LORD.

21 "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the LORD, "from this time forth and forevermore."

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- 60 Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

- (168) MAN could not do this, but God can. Only God can fix what is wrong. His righteousness (Here Justice w/out prejudice) is seen as the answer to man's sin problem. God can save and restore where no one else can.
- (17) Here God is pictured as if preparing to go to war against evil. He wants to help those who will respond as His righteousness and salvation will be offered. At the same time any who do not respond will be dealt with. Vengeance here is part of Justice or dealing w/ the sinfulness of man. God ZEL shows NOTHING will stop Him from the task of salvation for some and Justice for the rest.
- (18) God's actions are not arbitrary. This is repayment for sins & rejections of men. This applies to them no matter where they are.
- (19) Here the rejection of evil sweeps the earth as His Justice is revealed. Much like an unstoppable stream or wind He will cover the earth w/ His glory.
- (20) THE REDEEMER IS AGAIN PROMISED. AFTER HAVING LISTED ALL THE ways man HAS TURNED AWAY FROM GOD we see He is still willing to accept any that turn from sinful ways (transgressions) and turn to Him FOR HELP. God will provide A Redeemer to pay the full price TO RESCUE MAN FROM HIMSELF.
- (21) Here God who went to WAR AGAINST EVIL TO RESCUE ALL who would REPENT establishes a 'COVENANT' with them. Here is the joining of God w/man by way of the Holy Spirit. This is an eternal covenant for all generations to accept and become a part of. This is more than a physical salvation, it is a spiritual regeneration.
- (1) Here we see the spiritual change that come when God's redeeming power is delivered to mankind. The sinners are told to stand. Much like the man at the pool for 38 years w/out hope (Jns) the command to stand is w/in His power. To Rise from sin and be free from the corruption of injustice not by our might but by His Redeemer who is the light that shines in the darkness.
- (2) Here we see the way sin spreads and places man in a state of perpetual darkness. THIS IS THE REASON God is sending His light into the world. He is offering a light to follow for all of those willing to stand in obedience to the call of the Redeemer.

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but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
3 And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

5 Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned
to you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you;
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
they shall come up with acceptance on my altar,
and I will beautify my beautiful house.

8 Who are these that fly like a cloud,
and like doves to their windows?

9 For the coastlands shall hope for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from afar,
their silver and gold with them,

2b) wherever God appears light is present. Here in contrast to the darkness God's light and His glory will be clearly seen.

3) Nations here is most likely in reference to people from all nations & backgrounds being brought to God because of light (truth). Even Kings or the rich will have the opportunity to respond. Isaiah has steadily expanded the concept of Kingdoms & salvation for all beyond the opening limits of Israel & Judah.

4) Here is the gathering of God's people like a family w/ sons and daughters coming together. THESE HAVE BEEN SCATTERED AND separated but now WITH THE NEW REDEEMERS LIGHT THEY CAN FIND THEIR WAY. This is a direct reference to the N.T. church and the Family of God.

5) IN sweeping and uplifting fashion Isaiah paints a picture of those living joyful and plentiful lives in this light of God. The riches here may be seen as both physical and spiritual. The wealth can also be seen as the masses of those saved thru the redeemer.

6) Those who come to this Kingdom & Savior will BEING GREAT RICHES WHICH WILL BE MULTIPLIED BY GOD. Even the wise men brought Jesus at His birth great riches

7) Even as the building of the 1st temple riches came from all the surrounding regions here is a picture of riches flowing into this new Kingdom the church made up of all the saved from every nation and distant shore.

8) Here those coming to this new fellowship of believers are seen as arriving on clouds and flying. This image is one of spiritual believers (Christians) coming from a great distance from unknown lands as the clouds come from far away and cannot be stopped.

9) Here those from afar come in faith to join those already here. They are bringing their best which will continue to enrich the Kingdom of Righteousness.

for the name of the LORD your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has made you beautiful.

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.

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

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.

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.

15 Whereas you have been forsaken and hated,
with no one passing through,

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9b) they are all coming because of God's name which they share as believers. This is what they have in common as believers. This redeemer who has saved them is uniting them as one people.

10) "The whole description is idealized in such a way that it cannot fit anything except the church." (Jaws p.151) "and a glorified church at that." Here we see Strangers (Gentiles) included in this new building that God is erecting. CHRIST IS THE CORNERSTONE & each believer another block added to this church of the Living God. Here the punishment was on the Nation which is being replaced with a new spiritual Kingdom of all believers. (Jaws & Gentiles)

11) The gates are open to allow all in. No enemy may approach because God's justice hinders them through judgment. Here is a picture of the eternal city where no sin enters and eternal light shines from the throne. Even the Kings come to worship & lead their people to serve God. Godly rulers though rare are a blessing to the people they lead to God.

12) The reason the gates are open is all the wicked have been judged and sent away to eternal punishment. Perish is use to denote their punishment and separation from God. Such punishment is eternal. Mtz. 2

13) The trees from the forest of Lebanon were considered among the finest in the ancient world. This symbolic picture of only the best for God's house show His love for it, and where His people would come to worship before Him. Everything dedicated to God SHOULD BE THE BEST AVAILABLE. This includes the people's worship.

14) Here the descendants of those who rejected God and attacked His chosen people are coming to join the worship of the Living God. THEY SHALL RECOGNIZE THE LIVING GOD and like Abraham seek to dwell in His eternal city.

15) Isaiah draws a contrast to this new spiritual Zion and the old forsaken physical city and temple. The old was destroyed w/all the roads blocked. Isaiah earlier pictured it as a place where wild animals lived unmolested and where no one wanted to go.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 21 Your people shall all be righteous;
they shall possess the land forever,

- 15b) Even as the old city was deserted it will be replaced w/another
Majestic eternal (forever) one. This city of God will be a place of eternal
joy for those who have chosen to live there with THE REDEEMER.
- 16) Here language is employed to show this is the finest gathering place
anywhere. Everything associated w/it is only of the finest and purest
quality. This picture is more than a church gathering on earth.
This is the image of the church gathered w/ God in eternity
w/only the finest being brought in and served. THE powerful language
describing God points backward to a Redeemer and Savior and also
forward to Him as the Lord; the mighty One of Jacob.
- 17) This reference to 1 Kings 14:27 where Rehoboam replaced the Gold shields
of Solomon w/ those made of Bronze to cover His shame and sinfulness.
Here is the true place to worship where there is no bronze (sin) and
only Gold and silver are used for the best items used before God.
Nothing inferior will be used, symbolizing God only provides and
accepts sinless quality materials and by extension people. Those
who guide them will be kind and righteous in contrast to those
described in Isa 57.
- 18) This new Kingdom is one of peace. Here God's rule will protect
and keep all evil out. This is not an earthly Kingdom but one
that is eternal and where God brings in those who have accepted
the redeemer and are saved. Here only those who truly worship
God can enter through Gates marked praise.
- 19) Much like the images from the Revelations of John, God is the
light in eternity and this new city/home of the saved.
- 20) Here in eternity God shines and rules over night and day in
His glory and w/ a pure light to shine for all who have made
the journey and been accepted.
- 21a) Here in eternity it is limited to the righteous. A great
separation has removed the ungodly. God has prepared that
this will last forever. This will be the garden of eden w/out
the serpent and w/out the tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil.
Here the tree of life will feed His people forever.

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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.

The Year of the LORD's Favor

61 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

4 They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

5TH Servant Song

THE Mission of the Anointed One

THE Mission of the Church or Believers

21b) Here those grafted into vine will grow forever. They will bring forward fruit of righteousness forever. All glory will flow to God from all who live and grow there.

22) Here is the image of the church starting from nothing. Fishermen, prostitutes, tax collectors, pharisees growing into the Kingdom of God. This promise parallels and fulfills God's stars & send promise to Abraham. The quickness of its growth will be because God is watching over it.

1) Here is one of the servant songs of ISAIAH. Jesus quotes this in Luke 4.16-22. As Jesus states this being about Him the interpretation can clearly be made. Here the words of Christ are written like a speech 700 years in advance in preparation for His coming. The word anointed is the same word for Christ or messiah. He is the anointed one. Here the mission is stated clearly. The purpose or end results of His ministry and mission are laid out in advance. Here the speaker is more than a prophet. Here it is His personal objective to accomplish all stated here. Liberty to the captives is used here not as a passing event at Jubilee. (cf. Lev. 25.10; Is. 27:24; Jer. 34.8-10; Ezek 46.16) Here the release is both external (free captives) but also internal (the brokenhearted).

2) Here we see the two axes of Jesus' ministry to share the Lord's favor w/ those who will call Him redeemer and Lord in contrast to those who will discover the Justice and Judgment of God's Vengeance or complete rejection of sinful activities & thoughts.

3) He is to replace mourning w/ joy. The ashes of sorrow are replaced with a crown (headdress) of righteousness. Here those who accept the Anointed one (Messiah) are changed completely. Light will replace darkness. Suffering will be replaced with the glory of God.

4) Here we see the results of this forgiveness. This is not a reference to Jerusalem as some commentaries claim. This section speaks to the coming of the church and the restoration of life. Here is now the mission of the church as an arm of the Messiah. This restoration is the returning of the worship of the Living God. [THEY] is in reference to the church or the followers of the Messiah who have accepted and are following Him.