

THE Church & the eternal city of God

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, → Jubilee every 50 years 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; (His 2nd Coming) 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; 1st 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.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH OF BELIEVERS

THE LORD SPEAKS

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

5 Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;
 foreigners shall be your plowmen and
 vinedressers;

6 but you shall be called the priests of the LORD;
 they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;
 you shall eat the wealth of the nations,
 and in their glory you shall boast.

7 Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;
 instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;
 therefore in their land they shall possess a double
portion;
 they shall have everlasting joy.

8 For I the LORD love justice;
 I hate robbery and wrong;
 I will faithfully give them their recompense,
 and I will make an everlasting covenant with
 them.

9 Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
 and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
 all who see them shall acknowledge them,
 that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
 my soul shall exult in my God,
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
 as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a
 beautiful headdress,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

5) Here we see the universal outreach of the message of the Kingdom of the messiah. Here strangers and foreigners tend His flock and work in His fields.

6) Here we see the change. Gentiles now worship and serve God. Serving as Priest which was once only available to the tribe of Levi. Here they speak for God as Hisointed Ministers. Here is a Kingdom of believers from every nation under heaven bringing their talents and possessions to serve the Anointed Messiah. Even as they boast and glorify God, He also boast or is proud of all they are doing.

7) Shame and dishonor are removed. These are replaced w/ a Double portion. This is God's way of rewarding their faithfulness and righteousness. Here we see that this extends beyond the physical to the spiritual and the eternal. Everlasting joy is impossible to contain and it cannot be stopped.

8) God makes His case for supporting His people. He hates all evil and wrong. This is placed here to contrast the wicked which He does not support w/ those he does. His people will be repaid for their righteousness. He has established a contract (covenant) w/ them. This contract is eternal and will move from earth to heaven w/ them.

9) God's people (the church) will stand out from those around them. Their families will share their values and be recognized by all. They will be bless or envied for the way God takes care of them.

10) Young (p. 465) is right "The speaker here cannot be the messiah." The speaker here has been clothed by another in salvation. Jesus gives salvation. It is not something he receives. The speaker is joyed in receiving this gift of salvation and righteousness. Here he has been restored to purity. Here the purity of marriage as God intended it is a picture of the righteousness of God in man.

The church responds

11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to
sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and
praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

Zion's Coming Salvation

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

2 The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name (the church)
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the
LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed
Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

5 For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

11 Here the natural order of God's creation shows order and purpose. What God plants in His people, the church, will bring forward righteousness every place it exist among the nations. Hence His people praise will occur. It cannot be contained and is what He has planned for them.

- ① Here the speaker is again the Lord, the suffering servant of 53. He speaks of Jerusalem as it represents where God is worshipped and where His people gather together. Zion here is equivalent or used to denote Heaven and the eternal. God wants to free His people to share the message of Righteousness of Salvation which shines in the dark world of sinful men. This is a picture of Him releasing the church up on the world w/ the opportunity to discover and worship Him.
- ② Even as the church shares it is Jesus (the servant) that draws their attention. It is His righteousness that shows through the believers. Here the new name may be the universal name the church, or more on a personal level as in Rev. 2.17 where each one receives a white stone and a name given them by Jesus. The Bible is full of those who have their names changed after meeting the Living God.
- ③ Here the church is seen in all of Her glory, waiting to be wed to the King. She is prepared by God, for God's glory.
- ④ Here those who were "forsaken" have come to God, and as mentioned about He has renamed them as the church, "My Delight Is in Her." She is His love the one He will marry. Even now she is getting ready (vs.3) for the wedding (vs.4).
- ⑤ Here God expresses His love for the church as those are in love for the first time. Here the love between God and His church are perfected in a joining together that is to last not a lifetime but forever. Nothing makes God happier than those who come to Him in love and trust. His joy is found in our salvation and surrender to His will for our lives.