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God is My Salvation – Isaiah

84. Everlasting Light- Isaiah 60:1-22

In Isaiah 59:14-63:6 we are presented with the Coming Conqueror, Christ! These chapters are summed up as, “The Lord looked, saw, was appalled, put on righteousness, salvation, and vengeance.” The Lord’s people, world-wide, are threatened, oppressed, and harassed by opponents and defeated by sin, so He sets Himself to the task of their salvation and vengeance upon their enemies.

In Isaiah 60 we see the gathering of people from all the world into the Lord’s City – this is the culmination of the Abrahamic blessing. This is a 10 stanza poem that pivots on verse 12.

GENTILES = NATIONS

- I. The Lord, the Light of Zion – vs. 1-5
 - A. Arise, Shine – Lift Up, Look (vs. 1, 4)
 - B. Irradiating Light (vs. 1-3)
 1. The Redeemer has come, gathered the repentant (Isa. 59:20), and appointed a covenant mediator to share His Spirit with them
 2. They are not merely bathed in light, but inwardly changed to irradiate light – Eph. 5:8-14
 3. The world in darkness needs the light found only in His presence and Person (glory and majesty)
 4. The nations are drawn out of the darkness to His light – Isa. 55:1; John 6:37, 44
 - C. The Far Off and Frail (vs. 4-5)
 1. No matter the distance or condition, they cannot be hindered in coming
 2. Zion will beam – Psa. 34:5-6
 3. The wealth of the nations belongs to God’s people – like the Exodus, at Christ’s return – Rev. 21:24-26
- II. Building and Beautifying – vs. 6-11
 - A. Once Enemies, now Welcome Worshippers (vs. 6-7)
 1. The Lord’s people called from the nations, telling the good news of the Lord’s praises
 2. Those from all corners of the world now partake of the benefits of the altar – Rom. 5:8; Heb. 9:11-15
 3. “I will glorify the house of My glory” – God will adorn His temple with their gifts – Rev. 19:7-9
 - B. Finding Our Home (vs. 8-9)
 1. Submission to the Holy One of Israel
 2. Glorified = adorned, beautified
 - C. A Kingdom of Priests (vs. 10-11)
 1. The sons of strangers – Isa. 56:6-8
 2. Build and serve – Levitical service – Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:1-10
 3. From anger (wrath) to acceptance (grace and mercy) – Eph. 1:3-6
 4. Open gates = total security – Zech. 2:3-5
 5. Ceaseless gifts streaming into the City – Rev. 21:24-26 (again)
- III. The Peril of the Perishing – vs. 12
 - A. Promises to Abraham – Gen. 12:3; 27:29
 1. Zion, at Christ’s return, is the fulfillment of all the promises to Abraham
 2. To enter is to be blessed
 3. To stand afar off is to perish

- B. Wrath and Ruin
 - 1. If the nations are not drawn to the Lord's light – vs. 3
 - 2. If the nations are not drawn to the Lord's name – vs. 9
 - 3. If the nations are not drawn to the Lord's love and mercy – vs. 10
 - 4. Then the nations will only find wrath and ruin
- IV. Everlasting Excellence – vs. 13-18
 - A. You are Zion (vs. 13-14)
 - 1. The metaphor of Solomon's Temple, built with the products of the nations
 - a. My Sanctuary – a place made holy because of the holiness of its inhabitant
 - b. Footstool – Psa. 132:7; Isa. 66:1
 - 2. Those who oppressed and occupied you will be bowed down before you
 - a. Those who spurned you will fall before your feet
 - b. They will proclaim with anguish, "You are Zion, the City of Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel" – Isa. 45:23; Rom. 14:11; Phil. 2:9-11
 - B. Replacement Theology (vs. 15-18)
 - 1. Forsaken, hated, and abandoned
 - 2. Pride and Joy, milk, the Savior
 - 3. Base material replaced by the best
 - a. Everlasting excellence – a continuing, never-ending experience
 - b. The best nourishment and care – the Lord has identified Himself with, and taken as His own, the needs of His people – the least of these
 - c. Superabundant riches and superfine quality – 1 Kings 10:21, 27 – outdoing even the best of the old with the new
 - d. THE SHADOW NEVER SURPASSES OR OUTSHINES THE SUBSTANCE
 - e. Governed by peace and ruled by righteousness
 - f. All disorder and corruption will be removed – Heb. 12:18-24; Rev. 21:9-22:5
- V. For His Glory and Enjoyment – vs. 19-22
 - A. Provision and Praise
 - 1. From the Lord to His people flows all they will ever need
 - 2. From them to Him flows back endless praise
 - B. From No More Morning to No More Mourning (vs. 19-20)
 - 1. Sun and moon ruled the day and night – Gen. 1:16
 - 2. Now the changeless ruling principle is the presence of the Lord
 - 3. The Lord not only bathes His people in His light, but transforms them into His likeness
 - 4. No more tears – Isa. 25:8; Rev. 21:4
 - C. God's Ultimate Purposes Fulfilled in the Servant (vs. 21-22)
 - 1. When righteousness is perfected, tenure is secure (possessing the Land)
 - 2. In Zion, all will be what the Messiah is – "of My planting" – divine selection and exact placement
 - 3. "Work of My hands" – God not only put them where they are, but made them what they are!
 - 4. For His glory – Isa. 44:23; 49:3
 - 5. To hasten it – to hurry up and get to the place where you can enjoy it – "not since Eden has Yahweh truly enjoyed His human creation" – Watts.

Cross References:

Isaiah 59:20

“The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” says the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8-14

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

Isaiah 55:1

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

John 6:37, 44

37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Psalm 34:5-6

They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

Revelation 21:24-26

24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hebrews 9:11-15

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Revelation 19:7-9

7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

Isaiah 56:6-8

6 "Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants— Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant— 7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." 8 The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet I will gather to him others besides those who are gathered to him."

Exodus 19:6

6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

1 Peter 2:1-10

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Ephesians 1:3-6

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Zechariah 2:3-5

3 And there was the angel who talked with me, going out; and another angel was coming out to meet him, 4 who said to him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying: 'Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls, because of the multitude of men and livestock in it. 5 For I,' says the Lord, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.' "

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24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

Genesis 12:3

I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 27:29

Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be those who bless you!"

Psalms 132:7

Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool.

Isaiah 66:1

Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?"

Isaiah 45:23

I have sworn by Myself; the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath.

Romans 14:11

For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

Philippians 2:9-11

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Kings 10:21, 27

21 All King Solomon’s drinking vessels were gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure gold. Not one was silver, for this was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon.

27 The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland.

Hebrews 12:18-24

18 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.”) 21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”) 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

Revelation 21:9-22:5

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.” 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. 17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. 18 The construction

of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

Genesis 1:16

16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.

Isaiah 25:8

He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken.

Revelation 21:4

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Isaiah 44:23

Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it! Shout, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, And glorified Himself in Israel.

Isaiah 49:3

"And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'