

Isa 60:1-9
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A song of triumph in Zion Isa 60:1-22

This is rather a detached poem than an integral portion of a book. It is complete in itself, and but slightly connected, either with what precedes or with what follows.

It is composed of five stanzas, of nearly equal length:

- (1) vs. 1-4; Zion's brightness
- (2) vs. 5-9; Zion's wealth
- (3) vs. 10-14; Zion's reconstruction
- (4) vs. 15-18; Zion's prosperity
- (5) vs. 19-22. Zion's crowning glories

Zion's brightness Isa 60:1-4

1 "Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 "For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you. 3 "Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 "Lift up your eyes round about and see; They all gather together, they come to you. Your sons will come from afar, And your daughters will be carried in the arms.

"your light has come" - light is a metaphor for the salvation and spiritual awakening brought by the Messiah. (Mt 4:12-17; Lk 1:78-79; Jn 1:9; 3:19; 8:12 9:5; 12:46)

Isa 9:2 The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them.

"Darkness covers the earth and deep darkness the people"

Eph 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

"The glory of the LORD has risen upon you"

Rom 9:3-5 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, 5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Glory speaks of the presence of the Lord

Ex 40:34-35 the cloud of glory covering the tabernacle, and no one is able to enter it.

1Ki 8:11 the glory of God fills the temple, and the priest can't stand up to minister.

Ezk 1:28 Ezekiel falls on his face before the presence and glory of the Lord.

We are transformed as we behold the glory of the Lord.

2Cor 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

"Lift up your eyes and see"

Jn 4:35 "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

Eph 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Heb 12:1-2 ... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, ...

“Your sons will come from afar”

Ac 11:14 and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’

Zion's wealth Isa 60:5-9

5 “Then you will see and be radiant, And your heart will thrill and rejoice; Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, The wealth of the nations will come to you. 6 “A multitude of camels will cover you, The young camels of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba will come; They will bring gold and frankincense, And will bear good news of the praises of the LORD. 7 “All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth will minister to you; They will go up with acceptance on My altar, And I shall glorify My glorious house. 8 “Who are these who fly like a cloud And like the doves to their lattices? 9 “Surely the coastlands will wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish will come first, To bring your sons from afar, Their silver and their gold with them, For the name of the LORD your God, And for the Holy One of Israel because He has glorified you.

“The abundance of the sea will be turned to you, the wealth of the nations will come to you”

What multitudes shall come to the church. Great numbers shall come, Gentiles (or nations) of those that are saved. Nations shall be discipled (M. 28:19), and even kings, men of figure, power, and influence, shall be added to the church. (Matthew Henry's Commentary)

Rev 14:6 And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;

Rev 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, ... (Rev 5:9)

“All ... will come; ... And will bear good news of the praises of the LORD”

They will come from Midian, Ephah, Sheba, Kedar, Nebaioth, (from many nations)

Isa 2:2-3 Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. 3 And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

“They will go up with acceptance on My altar”

Eph 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Rom 15:7 Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us (Rom 14:3)

And I shall glorify My glorious house.”

Heb 3:6 but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end. (Heb 3:2-6; 8:8-13; Eph 2:19-22)

“They will bring gold and frankincense,”

Notice that they are not bringing myrrh. Why? Because myrrh spoke of Christ's death at His first coming. At His second coming they bring no myrrh. (Thru the Bible commentary, by J.V. McGee)

“Who are these ...” How excellent, how amiable are they! What a pleasant sight is it to see poor souls hastening to Christ (Matthew Henry's commentary)