## Isaiah 60-62

Lesson 24

# Main Subject: The Future Glory of Zion

See Gal. 4:26; 6:16; Phil. 3:20;

Heb. 12:22

- Gentiles will be welcome in Zion (60:4-7, et al), its gates left open continually (60:11).
  - Eph. 2:11–22 (Jews and Gentiles reconciled to God in one body; Gentiles no longer strangers and foreigners); 3:5–6; Acts 14:27 ("they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles").

- Zion's people will be called "the branch of My planting" (60:21), or "the planting of the Lord" (61:3).
  - "Having been born again, not of corruptible **seed** but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever" (1 Pet. 1:23).
  - "Receive with meekness the **implanted** word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).
  - What about branches that do not bear fruit? (John 15:2)

- Being the work of God's hands (60:21), Zion's people will bring praise, honor, and glory to His name (60:6, 18; 61:3, 11; 62:7, 9).
  - 1 Peter 2:9-10 (compare with Isa. 60:6); Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14 (compare with Isa. 61:3); Ephesians 2:10; Hebrews 13:15.

- Planted by God (60:21; 61:3), all its citizens will become "trees of righteousness" (61:3); they will be covered with the "robe of righteousness" (61:10). Read 61:10–62:2.
  - Eph. 4:24; 6:14; 2 Tim. 2:19; 1 Pet. 2:24; Acts 10:35.

- The LORD will be its sun and moon—His glory, His everlasting light will illuminate this city (60:19-20).
  - Luke 2:25–32; John 1:4–9; 8:12.

• With God as its light, and with its citizens adorned in salvation, righteousness, and praise, the glory and beauty of this city will be something to behold (60:13, 17–18; 61:3, 10).

• Eph. 5:25-27.

- All God's people will serve as priests (61:6), and they will present acceptable offerings or sacrifices to God (60:6-7).
  - 1 Peter 2:4–5; Hebrews 13:15–16.

- Inhabitants will be full of joy (60:5, 15, 61:3, 7, 10).
  - "Your heart shall swell with joy..." (60:5).
  - "I will make you...a joy of many generations" (60:15).
  - "Give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" (61:3).
  - "Instead of confusion they shall rejoice...everlasting joy shall be theirs" (61:7).
  - "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in My God" (61:10).

- Not only will the inhabitants rejoice in God, but God will also rejoice in them, because they are His bride (62:4-5). See also 62:12.
  - "The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing" (Zephaniah 3:17).

- Watchmen will be appointed to protect God's people, and to proclaim the name of the Lord to others (62:6-7).
  - Acts 20:31–32; 2 Tim. 4:2–4.