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Isaiah

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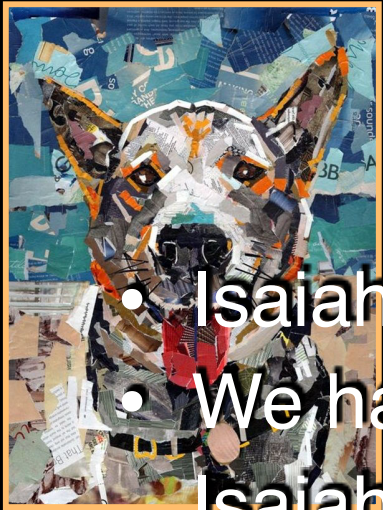
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Detectives looking for Eschatological Evidences in Isaiah

Tribulation and Kingdom Truth



Continuing



Isaiah a Collage

- Isaiah is an interesting book for many reasons.
- We have not made a point of it but the themes of Isaiah are woven through out the book like a collage as subjects are revisited again and sometimes—again.
- We have then the sense of a supernatural Author to make it all fit. It would be impossible for a man or men to be consistent in the telling of the “story” and not get tripped up in the process—the story is prophecy.

Some of the Theme Woven In

- The themes in 60:1-63:6 continue and expand ideas already introduced in 1-59, creating continuity with and the expansion of earlier visions of the eschatological situation in Zion.
- Some of the earlier themes that are picked up in this section include (a) the **gathering of the sons of Israel** in 60:4 is connected to the same idea in 11:11-12; 43:5-6; 49:18, 22; 54:7b; (b) the **gates being open and never shut** is found in both 60:11 and 45:1; (c) the **knowledge that God is Savior, Redeemer**, the Mighty One of Jacob is used in 60:16 and 41:14; 48:17; 49:7, 26; (d) the **work of the Anointed One** in 61:1-3 is similar to the work of the Servant in 49:8-9; (f) the **preparation of the way** in 62:10 appears to be based on imagery similar to what was used in 40:3; (g) **God's coming with his recompense** with him is found in 62:11 and 40:10; 59:18; and (h) God's **wrath is poured out on the evil** nations in 63:1-6 and 34:1-15; 59:15-18.
- Smith, Gary V. Isaiah 40-66: Volume 15 (The New American Commentary) (p. 619). B&H Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

Weaving a Lie Takes Cooperation

- Is Isaiah a false narrative? It is true that falsehood can fall off the tongue of an experienced liar without a thought. It is another thing to keep the lie alive.
- I read an article about how the “Russian Collusion” hoax was pulled off—that is the lie of Tump’s backwater relationship with prostitutes and Putin. To make the falsehood believable it needed “false credibility”—but that had to be artificially manufactured.
- This took extraordinary skill and widespread participation.

Weaving a Lie Take Cooperation

- The liars had to find a person, a Russian that could be framed who could be put into a fabricated story as a Russian spy that could be connected to Trump.
- The plot called for the framed Russian “spy” to have physical contact with Trump’s campaign so that a claim of collusion could be made from a fake conversation. If that could be accomplished the conflicting testimony could be reduced to a “he said” and “she said” choice.
- In that case the stalemate could be made to break towards the lie.

Weaving a Lie Takes Cooperation

- For nearly two years this lie was not widely exposed—collusion by the press was the main reason, so that even today it is likely that many people still believe the false story—Liars: **even after congressional hearings exposing the fabrication and the censoring of a congress man for lying—he stated that Trump colluded with Russia.**
- We make this point to show how hard it is to perpetuate a false Isaiah. It took the cooperation of many operatives all sworn to secrecy—and then it was finally recognized in Congressional hearing, for what it was. **Yet it accomplished (es) what it was to do, cause confusion in what is true. In this case to destroy a political opponent.**
- Remember this is one of the traits of evil leaders—last week. Isa. 59:4
- **“They trust in confusion and speak lies; They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity.”**

Ideas of fallibility of Isaiah

- Now suppose that Isaiah was such a manipulation of man, as they say it is not as a prophecy from God. But how hard would it be to perpetuate such a lie—Isaiah is woven in with verifiable history. Operation: For starters keep Isaiah's message from the people.
- At another intersection with Jesse's Sunday night's message—the **supposed errors of the Bible are laughable**. If the Bible indeed has man made errors they **would be great blunders** and obvious to all. This is why not all ancient letters are NOT in Scripture. They failed the test of inspiration or canonicity.

A Chronology is Critical in Prophecy

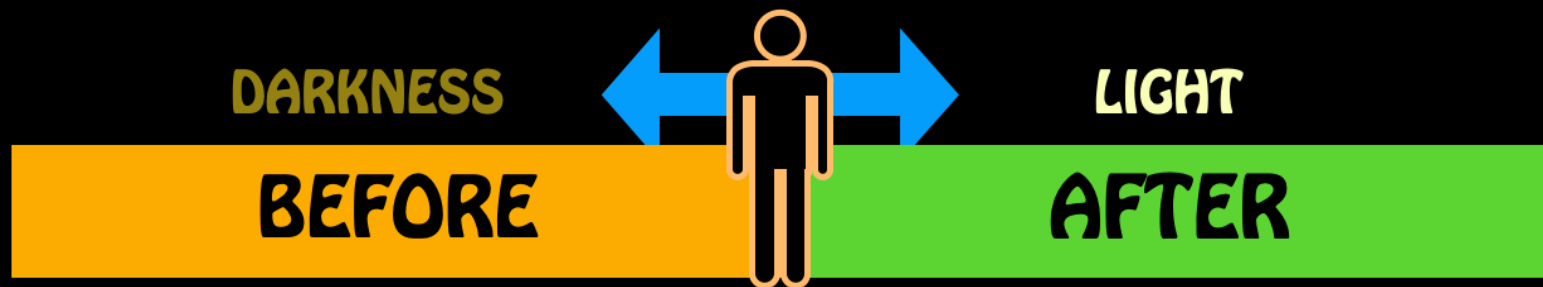
- While Isaiah is quite straight forwards in the presentation of the future—with the help of Daniel we can plot a complete and satisfying picture of what is coming.
- The Epistles reveal the church and its place and function but it does not change the plans given to Abraham and David in their respective covenants.

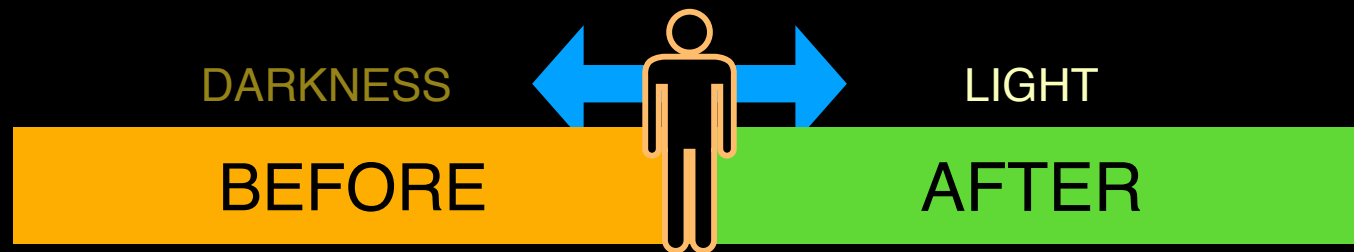
Prophetic Chronology is Critical

- Isaiah is a reliable book while it does deal with historical settings—in its framing it is basically a prophecy (singular).
- However, not all have believed the “report” a challenge in Isaiah 53—Some have believed the lie—it suits them better.
- We find ourselves in Isaiah for this very reason we accept the “report”— the truth of the coming redemption of Israel and all creation.

Isaiah 60 Vantage Point

- With Chapter 60 we have a “new era dawning.”
- The promises to Abraham and David are now being realized. Of course all of this is still in the minds eye. The actual accomplishment awaits the 2nd Advent.





- 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** (lit. Dawn) rising. Isaiah 60:1–3

You? Identified

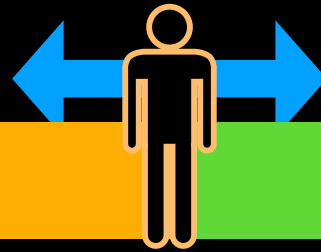
- In reading the text a question rises about who the personal pronoun “you” is? 6x.
- We think of “you” in a personal way. But in this case the “you” represents a City yet in its personification of the city, it is also Israel, its people, each person, the land etc.
- A “you” in this sense is all parts related to Israel. Beginning with the City of God, Jerusalem. Add to it is its collective representatives—
- Read the text with that in mind. (Today is RSV not NAS)

DARKNESS

LIGHT

BEFORE

AFTER



The new era In three verses

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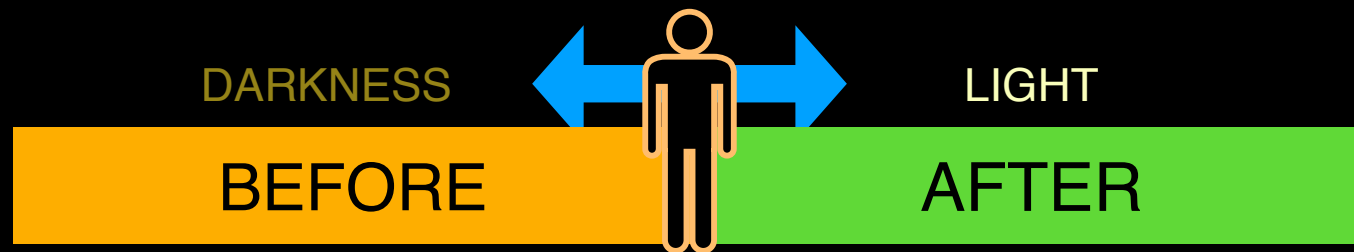
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- 2“For by deep darkness, you will rise upon you.”

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- When is this? At the Second Coming. At the NHEarth.

The New Era Elaborated

The Eternal Kingdom is a New Era.

The rest of the chapter is an elaboration of this new era.

“Nations will come to you”—Jerusalem

- 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.
- One of the repeating themes—the gathering of Israel.
- 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. [The whole earth) Isaiah 60:4–5

The Regathering is Assisted By the Nations?

- The regathering of Israel is described here. It is a bit different than we often portray their return.
- For brevity sake I have said that God supernaturally returns Israel to the land—flying through the air?
- Isa. 60:4-5, shows a process (supernatural). Jeremiah 16:15-16 also show this as a process. There are 75 days between the 2nd Advent and the Crowning of the King for many things to happen.
- How this happens with the New Heaven and Earth is not explained for our curiosity. Moving from the old to the new will always be hard to understand no matter when the NHE happens.

The Regathering is Assisted By the Nations?

1. The Lord returns to Mt Olives, the Second Advent
2. The nations are defeated, and are judged, the unrighteous are fully purged—started in the Trib.
3. The Heaven and Earth are made new—not a process.
4. The regathering of the people is a physical process.
5. The Crowning of the Messiah in Jerusalem an event.
6. The bringing valuables to the City. 1x event?
7. The bringing produce to the City. On going?

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The Regathering is Assisted By the Nations?

- Jeremiah 16:¹⁵ “... As the Lord lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.’ For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers. ¹⁶ “Behold, I am going to send for many fishermen,” declares the Lord, “and they will fish for them; and afterwards I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them from every mountain and every hill and from the clefts of the rocks. (Is this a two stage gathering?)

The Regathering is Assisted By the Nations?

- Jeremiah 16:15 "... As the Lord lives, who bring the sons of Israel from the land of the enemies, from the countries where He has driven them, and from every place whither He has driven them, says the Lord, I will bring them back to the land which I have said unto your fathers, and they shall possess it. But I will say to the nations, 'Behold the man who seeks for the Jews; and afterwards I will say to them, 'The Jews are here.' and they will hunt them from every mountain and every hill and from the clefts of the rocks. (Is this a two stage gathering?)

Are these unidentified Jews?
Task of 144,000?

The Regathering is Assisted By the Nations? Jerusalem personified as Israel, the Jew.

- ⁶“A multitude of camels will cover you, The young camels [metaphoric young men] 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. Isaiah 60:6–7

Building the City?

- Gary Smith: “These foreigners will freely offer their valuable gifts to God and lift up their voices to praise God. Presumably, the gold would be used to beautify the temple where God would dwell, [or dwells already] and the incense would be offered on the altar of incense.”
- Ed: A reoccurring theme—nations bringing valuable things to the City, to the Temple. Is this the beginning process for all the nations to contribute to the City in the New Era.

God is Glorified in these Responses

- ⁸“Who are these who fly like a cloud [ship’s white sails?] And like the doves to their lattices?
- ⁹“Surely the coastlands will wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish [western Europe?] 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 (City). Isaiah 60:8–9


Jerusalem is the Symbol for All Things Jewish


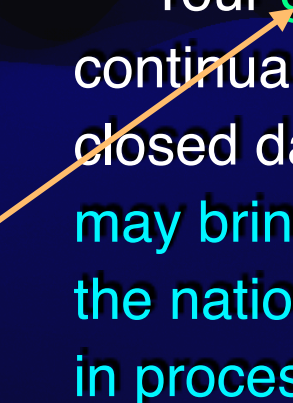
- ¹⁰“Foreigners will build up your [City] walls, And their kings will minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, And in My favor I have had compassion on you.
- ¹¹“Your gates will be open continually; They will not be closed day or night, So that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, With their kings led in procession. Isaiah 60:10–11



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Rev. 21:23-25 — Isaiah 60:10-11

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- ²³And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
 - ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.
 - Revelation 21:25 (NASB95)
 - ²⁵ In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed;

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Jerusalem is the Symbol for All Things Jewish

- ¹²For the nation and kingdom that **will** [future] not serve you shall perish: those nations shall be utterly laid waste.
- **Likely not within the Kingdom? More likely it is a qualifier for which nations enter the kingdom?**
- ¹³The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to **beautify the place of my sanctuary**; and I will glorify where my feet rest. Isaiah 60:12–13
- **We may think that God had done it all but here there is participation in the construction of the sanctuary adornments.**

Jerusalem is the Symbol for All Things Jewish

- ¹⁴The descendants of those who oppressed (City) 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.
- ¹⁵Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age. Isaiah 60:14–15

Jerusalem is the Symbol for All Things Jewish

- ¹⁶You shall suck the milk of nations, you shall suck the breasts of kings; and you shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.
- ¹⁷Instead of bronze I will bring gold, instead of iron I will bring silver; instead of wood, bronze, instead of stones, iron. I will appoint Peace as your overseer and Righteousness as your taskmaster.
- ¹⁸Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. Isaiah 60:16–18

Jerusalem is the Symbol for All Things Jewish

- [For the city] ¹⁹The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to **you** by night; but the Lord will be **your** everlasting light, and your God will be **your** glory.
- [For the city] ²⁰**Your** sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be **your** everlasting light, and **your** days of mourning shall be ended. Isaiah 60:19–20

Jerusalem is the Symbol for All Things Jewish

- ²¹Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever. They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands, so that I might be glorified. (Vineyard of Isaiah 2) ²²The least of them shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the Lord; in its time I will accomplish it **quickly**. Isaiah 60:21–22

What a refreshing chapter.

Finally Home!

As we think though Isaiah the coming events are becoming clearer.

As we continue to point out the hope of Israel it is truly in a New Era, we call it the Kingdom. All that could be imagined and realized is in this recreated space that has been returned to Eden.

We can only imagine—

Thus far—

