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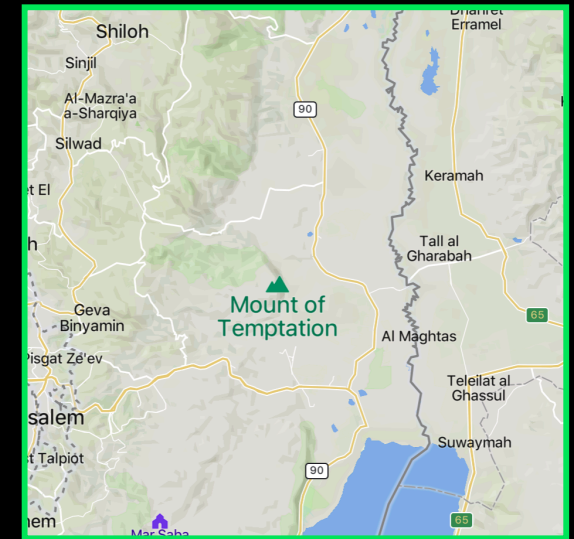
Tribulation and Kingdom Truth

Continuing



Jesus Begins His Public Ministry

- After Jesus' temptation in Judea...¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; Matthew 4:12 to begin His ministry in the north.
- ¹⁴And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. ¹⁵And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. Luke 4:14–15



Jesus Begins His Public Ministry

- ¹⁶And He came to Nazareth, where He had

been brought up; Luke 4:16-18



Jesus Begins His Public Ministry

- ¹⁶And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. (The books-scrolls are kept in the synagogue)
- ¹⁷And the book (scroll) of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,
- ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, Luke 4:16–18

Jesus Begins His Public Ministry

- ¹⁹To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.” Luke 4:19
- Isaiah 61:2 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord

The Reading Stopped Here

- And the day of vengeance of our God;
- To comfort all who mourn, Isaiah 61:2
- ³To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. Isaiah 61:3

The Treasure of Isaiah

- As we approach the text of Isaiah 61 there are two streams of interest for us.
- The first is the stream we have been following in our search for eschatological golden nuggets. In this chapter there are many.
- The second stream is to see the intersection of the promised deliver of Gen 3:15, the promised Son of David the Messiah Who openly attaches himself to this text (Luke 4) and BOOM what has been uncertain is now crystal clear. The unidentified Servant of Isaiah is none other than Jesus of Nazareth of the family of Mary and Joseph.



The Treasure of Isaiah

- While we smile with joy and gratitude to see this fulfillment of prophecy, **so were the Jews who were very happy to see the healing He brought to the people.** His message resonated with the people of Capernaum.
- To launch his Messianic claim, He returns home to Nazareth. As a native son His enthusiastic acceptance continues as He attended the Synagogue and stood (asks) to read from the Scriptures.
- This is an honor reserved for the men—remember the bar mitzvah right of passage?

The Treasure of Isaiah

- He was given Isaiah a long book and the congregation settled in for perhaps a “long reading” by this new and promising son.
- As Jesus was given Isaiah he moved to the end of it (our chapter 61:1) He found the text to read.
- It was a short text likely less than half a minute—



- **18**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, Luke 4:18
- But just as he had begun to read—he stopped after reading—**19**To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.” Luke 4:19

Salvation

Isaiah 61

“...by telling people that their past situations will change and that a new period of history is about to begin. This means that the problems associated with righteous people living in a sinful world will end when God’s reign is fully established.”

Smith, Gary U.

The Treasure of Isaiah

- ¹⁹To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.” Luke 4:19
- ²⁰And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. Tensions must have been high to hear for the first time their native son’s exposition of the famous prophet.
- The lesson would follow the reading of the text—
- ²¹And He began to say to them,
- “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” Luke 4:20–21

The Treasure of Isaiah

- This day in the synagogue must have been like any other Sabbath. The Scripture was read and everyone gushed over the nice boy from our town that is now becoming famous.
- It appears that the bomb shell that just exploded in their midst—this Messianic claim—
- **“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”**
—was not noticed!

The Treasure of Isaiah

- ²²And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips; and they were saying, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” Luke 4:22
- Apparently there was something in the way Jesus spoke that it stopped the crowd to ask—Who is this!?
- they were saying, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”
- Still the dynamite message has not yet exploded!

The Treasure of Isaiah

- “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”
- It is apparent that these words floated over the heads of the leaders. This is a full faced claim to Messiahship. All they could gender up is a “my it is nice to see our home town son doing so well?”
- Jesus knowing that if what he had said was understood the people should fall into a state of repentance because of their sin, pleading for mercy.

The Treasure of Isaiah

- **But that did not happen! So it is time to wake up the people!**
- To make the Messianic point stick— first He had to knock down the idea that He was just a dog and pony show that had travelled from Capernaum to Nazareth. A homecoming to show off His skills—to do a few miracle heals. It would add a great deal to a showman's honor.
- But He cuts them down before they can make fools of themselves by **anticipating their words—**

I am not a Dog and Pony show!

- ²³And He said to them, “No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! (i.e. heal your own people) Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.’ ” ²⁴And He said, “Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown. Luke 4:23–24.
- Obviously they had not heard His Messianic claim the prophet had spoken but the message floated over their unprepared and unbelieving heads!

I am not a Dog and Pony show!

- By this Jesus is saying— even if I did the miracles you ask for then if you had understood my Messianic claim I would no longer be honored as your native son!
- Furthermore, its not that you need more signs, your nation has already had them—

Two Examples

Where the people were Deaf and Dumb to God

- ²⁵“But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land;
- ²⁶and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of (Gentile) Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.
- ²⁷“And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only (Gentile) Naaman the Syrian.” Luke 4:25–27

This Point they Understood!

Gentiles are smarter than the Jews!

- **28 And all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; Luke 4:28**
- **What enraged the Nazarenes was that the signs given to Israel were **believed by the Gentiles to their benefit.****
- **The proud Jews would have none of that kind of prophet even if he came from their own town.**
- **It seems like they never ever considered His Messianic claims.**

This Point they Understood!

Gentiles are smarter than the Jews!

- ²⁸And all the people in the synagogue were filled with wrath, and they heard these things; Luke 4:28
- What enraged the Nazarenes was that the signs and powers which were **believed by the Gentiles for their benefit.**
- The proud Jews would have none of that kind of prophet even if he came from their own town.
- It seems like they never ever considered His Messianic claims.

Interesting the Jews are excluding the Gentiles just as the Gentiles will do to the Jews later.

Mount Precipice,

- ²⁹and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff. Luke 4:29



4. During the time of Jesus, Israel was under Roman rule, which allowed only Romans to execute anyone. Throwing Jesus over a cliff would have been a spur-of-the-moment crime of passion to be committed at the nearest available hilltop.



Mount Precipice



Jesus' First Encounter with Death

- ³⁰But passing through their midst, He went His way.
- ³¹And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He was teaching them on the Sabbath; Luke 4:30–31
- By the time they had walked 1 ½ miles they must have cooled off.
- Killing was a Roman responsibility. Taking the law into their own hands would have brought consequences to their city. Cooler heads prevailed

The First Clear Messianic Connection

- We have in this important account the unmistakable connection of Isaiah's Messianic prophecy, and the claims of Jesus.
- He returns to his childhood home to make this announcement.
- It is here that the scribes and the leaders of Israel should have begun their vetting of the person claiming to be the Messiah. But that never happened. But His claim remains true to this day. In time the vetting has occurred and He indeed is the Messiah promised Israel the Son of David the promised king of Israel. It seems that the Nazarenes were so enraged that their former failures have been pointed out that they never got around to consider the Messianic claim of Jesus.

Focus Turns to the Servant

- **Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;**

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Now for the Second Stream

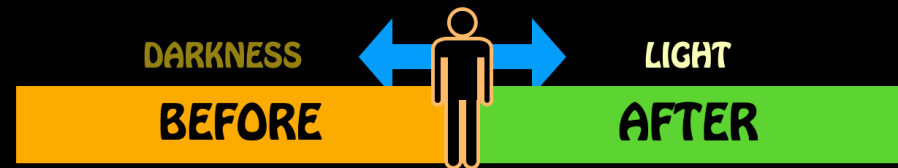
- ²To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord
 - And the day of vengeance of our God;
- Jesus purposed not to read the next phrase, because what He read, it was the favorable year (salvation time) of the Lord but it was not the day of vengeance of our God. That waits for the Second Advent. Isaiah 61:2–3



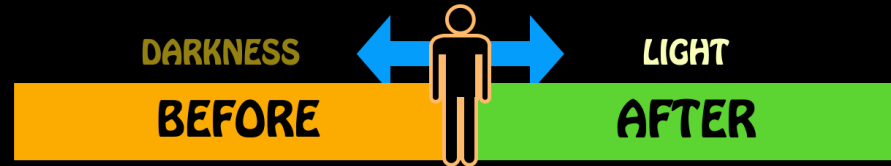
The Chapter Picks up the Second Stream

Restored Conditions in the Messianic Kingdom

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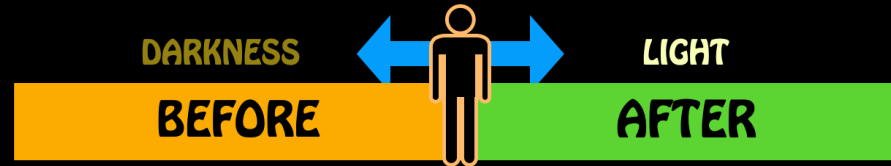


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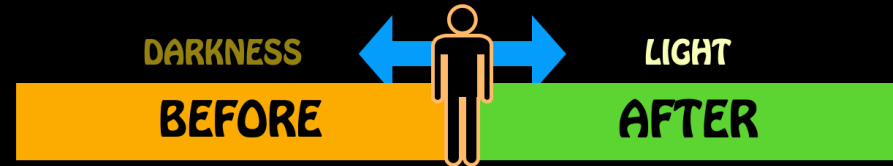
- ²To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord
- And the day of vengeance of our God;
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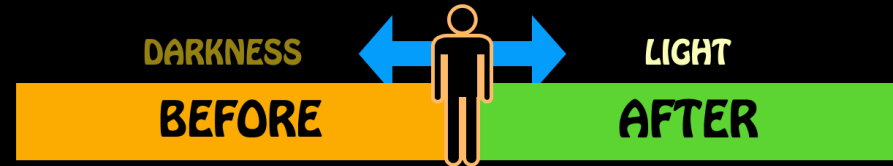
- ⁴Then they will **rebuild** the ancient ruins, They will **raise** up the former devastations; And they will **repair** the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.
 - ⁵Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks, And foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.
- Isaiah 61:4–5

The Messianic Claims Continue—



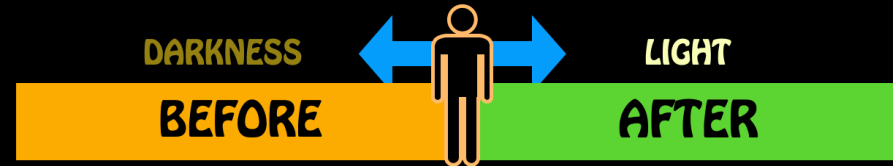
- ⁶But you will be called the **priests** of the Lord; You will be spoken of as **ministers** of our God. You will eat the **wealth** of nations, And in their **riches** you will boast. Isaiah 61:6

The Messianic Claims Continue—



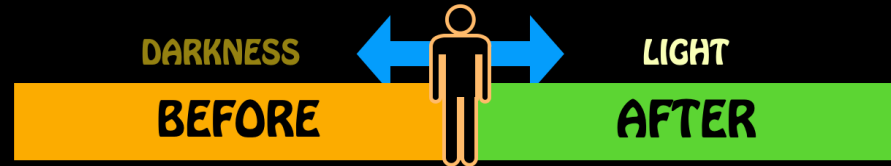
- ⁷Instead of your shame you will have a **double** portion, And instead of humiliation they will shout for **joy** over their portion. Therefore they will **possess a double portion in their land**, Everlasting **joy** will be theirs. Isaiah 61:7

The Messianic Claims Continue—



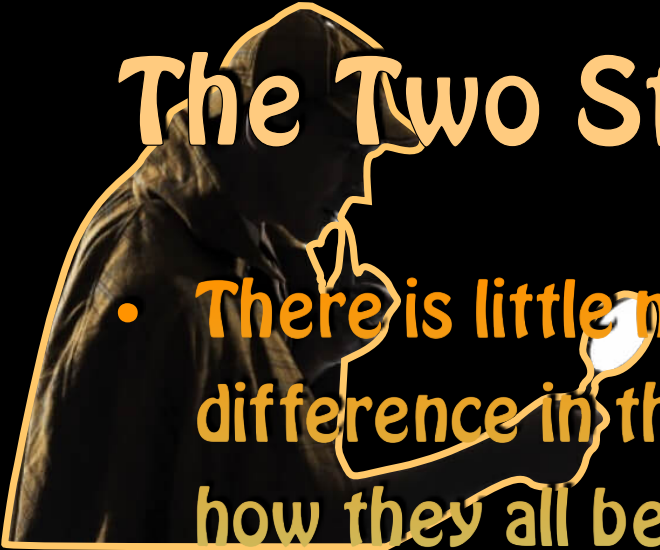
- ⁸For I, the Lord, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; **And I will faithfully give them their recompense And make an everlasting covenant with them.**
- ⁹Then their **offspring will be known** among the nations, And their descendants in the midst of the peoples. All who see them will recognize them **Because they are the offspring whom the Lord has blessed.** Isaiah 61:8–9

The Messianic Claims Continue—



- **¹⁰I (Messiah) will rejoice greatly in the Lord, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**
- **¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise To spring up before all the nations. Isaiah 61:10–11**

The Two Streams Meet in the Kingdom

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- There is little more that could be said about the difference in the way the Israelites have been treated and how they all be live in the Messianic Kingdom.
 - Two things to mention in our quest for understanding.
 - 1. It cannot get any better for the Jews than the life as just described in the Kingdom.
 - 2. There is no other “heaven” offered or anticipated as an Eternal State might suggest.

Thus far—