

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

IX. Isaiah’s *Disclosure* of Conditions During and Preceding the **Kingdom** (60:1-66:1-24)

A. The *Dawning* of Israel’s Future Glory (60:1-22)

B. The *Description* of Messiah’s Ministry of **Restoration** (61:1-11)

1. A *Restorative* Ministry of Hope and Healing (61:1-3)

61 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**;

²To **proclaim** the *favorable year* of the **LORD**
and the **day of vengeance** of our **God**;
to comfort all who **mourn**,

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*

2. A *Renewal* of the **Nation** of Israel (61:4-11).

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**.

⁵**Strangers** will stand and *pasture* your **flocks**,
and **foreigners** will be your *farmers* and your *vinedressers*.

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.

⁷ Instead 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.

⁸ For 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.

⁹ Then 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.

¹⁰ I 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*.

¹¹ For 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.

Personal Application

Messiah's Ministry of Restoration—
***Received* by Believers at His *First* Coming,**
***Received* by Israel at His *Second* Coming**

1. As believers, *we* have received the “good news” brought by the “anointed”
Servant of God— Jesus the Messiah (61:1a).

Now I (Paul) make known to you, brethren, the gospel (good news) which I
preached to you, which also you **received**, in which also you **stand**,
by which also you are saved...

For I **delivered** to you as of first importance what I also **received**,
that **Messiah died** for **our sins** according to the **Scriptures**,
and that **He was buried**, and that **He** was raised on the **third day**
according to the **Scriptures**, (I Corinthians 15:1-4)

In Him (**Messiah**) we have **redemption** through His blood,
the **forgiveness** of our **trespasses**,
according to the **riches** of His **grace**...(Ephesians 1:7)

2. As **believers**, our **hearts** have been **restored**, and **healed** through the **ministry** of **God's Servant, Jesus the Messiah** (61:1b).

Jesus was **going through** all the cities and villages,
teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the **gospel** of the **kingdom**,
and **healing** every kind of **disease** and every kind of **sickness**. (Matthew 9:35)

Peace I leave with **you**; **My peace** I give to **you**;
not as the **world** gives do I give to you.
Do **not** let your **heart be troubled**, nor let it **be fearful**. (John 14:27)

and **He Himself bore** our **sins** in His **body** on the **cross**,
so that we might **die to sin** and **live to righteousness**;
for by His **wounds you** were **healed**. (I Peter 2:24)

3. As **believers, we** have been **freed** from the **bondage** of "**sin** and **death**" through
the **ministry** of **God's "anointed," Jesus the Messiah**. (61:1c),

They (the **Jews**) answered **Him (Jesus)**, "We are **Abraham's descendants**
and have **never** yet been **enslaved** to **anyone**;
how is it that **You say**, '**You** will become **free**'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, **I say to you**,
everyone who **commits sin** is the **slave of sin**. (John 8:33-34)

Therefore there is now **no condemnation** for those who are **in Messiah Jesus**.

For the **law** of the **Spirit of life** in **Messiah Jesus** has **set you free**
from the **law** of **sin** and of **death**. (Romans 8:1-2)

4. As **believers, we** have been **greatly comforted**, and have been given a "**mantle of
praise**"— a **heart of joy**, through the **ministry** of **Jesus the Messiah** (61:3).

Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they shall be **comforted**. (Matthew 5:4)

Now may our **Lord Jesus the Messiah Himself** and **God our Father**,
who has **loved us** and **given us eternal comfort** and **good hope** by **grace**,
comfort and **strengthen** your **hearts** in every **good work** and **word**.
(II Thessalonians 2:16-17)

These things I (**Jesus**) have spoken to you so that **My joy** may be *in you*,
and *that your joy* may be **made full**. (John 15:11)

and though you have **not seen Him (Messiah)**, you **love Him**,
and though you do not **see Him now**, but **believe in Him**,
you **greatly rejoice** with **joy inexpressible** and **full of glory**, (I Peter 1:8)

5. As **believers, we too** are called **priests of God** (61:6)

But **you** are A **CHOSEN RACE**, A **royal PRIESTHOOD**, A **HOLY NATION**,
A **PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION**, so that you may proclaim
the **excellencies** of **Him** who has **called you** out of **darkness**
into **His marvelous light**, (I Peter 2:9)

6. As **believers, we** also have **received** a "**portion**," an **eternal inheritance**
from **God** (61:7).

Blessed be the **God and Father** of our **Lord Jesus the Messiah**,
who according to **His great mercy** has caused us to be **born again**
to a **living hope** through the **resurrection** of **Jesus the Messiah** from the **dead**,

to **obtain an inheritance** *which is imperishable* and **undefiled** and
will **not fade away, reserved in heaven** for you, (I Peter 1:3-4)

7. As **believers, we** have been made **partakers** of an **everlasting covenant** (61:8).

Now the **God of peace**, who **brought up** from the **dead** the **great Shepherd**
of the **sheep** *through* the **blood** of the **eternal covenant**, *even* **Jesus our Lord**,
equip you in every **good thing to do His will**,
working in us that which is **pleasing** in **His sight**, through **Jesus the Messiah**,
to whom *be* the **glory forever** and **ever**. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20)

8. As **believers, we** have indeed been **clothed** with "**garments of salvation**,"
and a "**robe of righteousness**" (61:10)."

For I am **not ashamed** of the **gospel**,
for it is the **power of God** for **salvation** to **everyone** who **believes**,
to the **Jew first** and also to the **Greek**.

For in it *the* **righteousness** of **God** is revealed from **faith to faith**;
as it is **written**,

"**BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man** SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." (Romans 1:16-17)

Closing Comments