

The Glorious Light of Gods Kingdom

A. The glory of Israel in the Kingdom of God.

1. (1-3) The glorious light of Gods Kingdom.

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

a. **Arise, shine; for your light has come!** After the thick and desperate *darkness* described in [Isaiah 59:9-10](#), this is the glorious rescue from the Redeemer. **Light has come** - so God tells His people to *respond* to it, and to **arise** and **shine!**

i. Darkness is for lying down; **light** is for rising up. Darkness is for gloom and sleep; **light** is for shining. When the **light has come**, we must respond, and **arise, shine!**
ii. First, we receive Gods light (**your light has come**), and then we have a service to put forth (**arise, shine**). You cant shine until **your light has come**, but once it has come, there is something wrong if you don't **arise** and **shine!**

b. **And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you:** This is no earthly light; this is light that emanates from the **glory of the LORD**. This is like the light of Jesus in the Transfiguration, when *His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light* ([Matthew 17:2](#)). Sometimes harsh, bright light can be disturbing or uncomfortable - but not this warm, wonderful light that pulsates from the **glory of the LORD**.

c. **Gentiles shall come to your light:** When the LORD lifts up His glorious light over Israel, the Gentiles nations shall see it and be attracted to the light. Even **kings** will be attracted **to the brightness of Israels rising**.

i. The subject of this chapter is the great increase and flourishing state of the Church of God by the conversion and accession of the heathen nations to it. But the fact that the LORD speaks of the **Gentiles!** Those who don't know him he begins a conversation.

2. (4-13) Great treasures come to Israel in the Kingdom.

Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall ascend with acceptance on my altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their roosts? Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; and the ships of Tarshish

will come first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you. The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you. Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night that men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, and their kings in procession. For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined. The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the pine, and the box tree together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious.

a. **Your sons shall come from afar:** Through this passage, one of the great themes is *regathering*. We may suppose that in the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus, every Jewish person remaining on the earth will be gathered into the land of Israel from every nation on earth. The present day regathering of Israel is a precious preview of this ultimate and complete regathering.

b. **The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you:** Not only will they receive the treasure of their people, but also the literal treasure of **the Gentiles shall come to** Israel in the Millennial Kingdom. The nations will willingly give them their **wealth**, much as the Egyptians willingly gave the Israelites riches when they left Egypt ([Exodus 12:35-36](#)). So much will be given that they will need to keep the gates of the city **open continually!**

c. Why do the nations bestow such riches on little Israel? First, they recognize that they give it to God. They bring **their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel**. Second, they do it because they see the work of God in Israel: **because He has glorified you**. So they willingly give to and serve Israel (**The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you**).

d. **To beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious:** Another reason the riches of the nations pour into Jerusalem in the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus is to build and support the Millennial Temple. The Millennial Temple - described in great depth in Ezekiel 40-47 - stands as a place memorializing Gods presence and work in history. We are a sign and a wonder!