

Treasure Hunt

- How is the rebuilding of Zion different in Isaiah 60 from the rebuilding under Nehemiah?
- Why are Zion's gates never closed (v. 11)?
- When Isaiah uses "Gentiles" ("nations") and "kings" in parallel, what common theme does he have in mind?
- To whom are the "Gentiles" and "kings" subject in
 - Isaiah 40-48?
 - Isaiah 49-57?
 - Isaiah 58-66?

The Three Post-Exilic Returns

Leader	Date	Description
Zerubbabel Ezra 1-6	536 BC	Ezr 1:2-3 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which <i>is</i> in Judah. 3 Who <i>is there</i> among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which <i>is</i> in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel , (he <i>is</i> the God,) which <i>is</i> in Jerusalem.
Ezra Ezra 7-10	458 BC	Ezr 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments. 12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, 14 ... thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand;
Nehemiah	445 BC	Neh 1:2 Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and <i>certain</i> men of Judah; ... 3 And they said unto me, ... the wall of Jerusalem also <i>is</i> broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. ... 2:4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? ... 5 And I said unto the king, ... that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. 6 ... So it pleased the king to send me;

7-18, The Lord's Alternation

Sanctuary	7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar , and I will glorify the house of my glory.	13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary ; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.
Gentiles & Jews	8 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? 9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel , because he hath glorified thee.	14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
City	10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls , and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee , but in my favour have I had mercy on thee [54:7-8]. 11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that <i>men</i> may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles , and <i>that</i> their kings may be brought. 12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, <i>those</i> nations shall be utterly wasted.	15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated , so that no man went through <i>thee</i> , I will make thee an eternal excellency , a joy of many generations. 16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles , and shalt suck the breast of kings : and thou shalt know that I the LORD <i>am</i> thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. 17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. 18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

Who Rebuilds Jerusalem?

Under Nehemiah:

Neh 2:10 When Sanballat the **Horonite** [from Horonaim, in Moab], and Tobiah the servant, the **Ammonite**, heard *of it*, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

Neh 4:7-8 But it came to pass, *that* when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the **Arabians**, and the **Ammonites**, and the **Ashdodites**, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, *and* that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, 8 And conspired all of them together to come *and* to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

Neh 9:2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all **strangers בני נכר**, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

Isaiah's promise:

10 And the **sons of strangers בני נכר** shall build up thy walls,

The End of Zion's Chastisement

Isa 54	Isa 60
3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles ,	11-12 that <i>men</i> may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles , and <i>that</i> their kings <i>may be</i> brought. 12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, <i>those</i> nations shall be utterly wasted.
and make the desolate cities to be inhabited .	10a the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls ,
8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have had mercy on thee , saith the LORD thy Redeemer.	10 for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee

Echoes of ch. 49-57

The Lord & his Servant	49:1-13 Lord ↔ Servant	52:13-53:12 Lord ↔ People about the Servant
The Lord & the Woman	Mother Zion 49:14-50:3 → 60:4	Barren Sarah 54:1-17 → 60:10
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The Lord & his People	50:10-51:8	55:1-57:21

51:9-52:12 The Watchman's Call

Arm of the Lord	51:9-16	52:10-12
Jerusalem	51:17-23	52:9
Zion	52:1-6	52:7-8

Open Gates

Isa 60:11	Rev 21:25
Therefore thy gates shall be open continually;	And the gates of it
they shall not be shut	shall not be shut at all
day	by day :
nor night	for there shall be no night there.

Gentiles גוים and Kings מלכים in parallel in Isaiah

Never in Isaiah 1-39

40-48: Subjection to empires

41:2 Who raised up the righteous *man* from the east, called him to his foot, gave the **nations** before him, and made *him* rule over **kings**?

45:1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue **nations** before him; and I will loose the loins of **kings**,

49-57: Subjection to Messiah

52:15 So shall he sprinkle many **nations**; the **kings** shall shut their mouths at him:

58-66: Subjection to Zion

60:3 And the **Gentiles** shall come to thy light, and **kings** to the brightness of thy rising.

60:11 that *men* may bring unto thee the forces of the **Gentiles**, and *that* their **kings** *may be* brought.

60:16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the **Gentiles**, and shalt suck the breast of **kings**

62:2 And the **Gentiles** shall see thy righteousness, and all **kings** thy glory:

Woe to Israel's Foes

Isa 60:12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, *those* nations shall be utterly wasted.

Psa 2:8-12 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

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Restoration of Desert and Sanctuary

35:1-2	41:19	60:13
<p>1 The wilderness מדבר and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert ערבה shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing:</p>	<p>I will plant in the wilderness מדבר the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert ערבה ...</p>	
<p>the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon,</p>		<p>The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee,</p>
	<p>... the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together:</p>	<p>the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together,</p>
<p>they shall see the glory of the LORD, <i>and</i> the excellency of our God.</p>		<p>to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.</p>

v. 13 “to beautify ... make ... glorious”

	cedar ארז	fir ברוש	algum אלגום	pine תדהר	תאשור אסב
Solomon 2 Chr 2:8	X	X	X		
Isa 60:13		X		X	X

Eze 47:1 Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: ... and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south *side* of the altar. ... 7 ... behold, at the bank of the river **were very many trees** on the one side and on the other. ... 9 every thing shall live whither the river cometh. ... 12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow **all trees for meat**, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the **tree of life**, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

v. 13 “my sanctuary ... the place of my feet”

1Ch 28:2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and **for the footstool of our God**, and had made ready for the building: