

Treasure Hunt

- What is the purpose for which God gathers the trees in v. 13?
- What do Zion and the Gentiles realize when the Gentiles come bowing to her in v. 14?
- What is the main theme of vv. 15-18?

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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:

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Submission of the Gentiles

40-48: 45:14 (2fs)	49-57: 49:23	58-66: 60:14
<p>The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee,</p>	<p>And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet;</p>	<p>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;</p>
<p>saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God.</p>	<p>and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.</p>	<p>and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.</p>

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Two questions:

- What is Zion? A place, or a group of people?
- What is the Lord’s relation to Zion?

Is Zion the City or the Church?

Covenant theology: Zion = Church

Young: “He addresses Jerusalem or Zion, but it is obvious that the physical city is not intended.”

Gill: “no doubt but the church of God is here addressed”

Metonymy: a figure of speech that uses one noun in place of a related one (such as a container for what is in it):

Jer 26:2 speak unto all the **cities** of Judah, **which come** to worship in the LORD’S house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them

NB: the figure does not *replace* the normal meaning.

Assume the normal meaning unless there is evidence for a figure.

“When the plain sense makes good sense, seek no other sense.”

The church *is* the assembly εκκλησια of all true believers. In contrast, Zion’s children can leave her ...

Isa 37:32 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and **they that escape out of mount Zion:**

...and return to her:.

Isa 51:11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and **come** with singing **unto Zion** (cf. 35:10)

Isa 60:4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, **they come to thee:** thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.

God's Relation with a Place

Seven times in Deuteronomy, e.g.,

Deu 12:5 But unto **the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there**, *even* unto **his habitation** shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

God to David, reported by Solomon:

2Ch 6:6 But **I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there**; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.

Ps 132, explaining why the Ark was taken to Jerusalem:

Psa 132:13 **For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired *it* for his habitation.** 14 This *is* my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

→ God has chosen

- A favorite people (the seed of Abraham)
- A favorite king (David)
- A favorite place (Zion)
- Individual believers (you and me)

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49:23 Anticipates Isa 60

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Reversals in vv. 17-18

Materials

- Brass → gold, iron → silver, wood → brass, stones → Iron
- 1Ki 10:21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold; none *were of* silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

People

- Overseers → Peace, Oppressors → Righteousness

Structures

- Walls named “Salvation,” gates named “Praise”