

Treasure Hunt

- Why do people need light?
- Where does light come from?
- What is unusual in John's use of Isa 60:19 in Rev 21:23, and what does that use teach you?
- Why does the Lord bless his people, in 60:21-22?
- Two figures are speaking in Isaiah 60. Each has a different theme. Who are they, and what are their themes?

The Speakers in Isaiah 60

Isaiah

The Lord

1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of **the LORD** is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but **the LORD** shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. ... 6 ... they shall shew forth the praises of **the LORD**.

7 All the flocks of Kedar ... the rams of Nebaioth ... they shall come up with acceptance on **mine** altar, and **I** will glorify the house of **my** glory. ... 9 Surely the isles shall wait for **me**, ... 13 **my** feet ... 16 **I** the Lord ...18

19 ... **the LORD** shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and **thy God** thy glory. 20 ... **the LORD** shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

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Isaiah 60 and the Revelation

Isa 60:19	Rev 21:23
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but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light,	for the glory of God did lighten it,
and thy God thy glory.	and the Lamb <i>is</i> the light thereof.

The Sun and Moon in the Millennium:

Isa 30:26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

Isa 24:23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

Light in Isaiah: The Need

The Invitation:

2:5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the **light of the LORD.**

The Need:

9:2 the people that walked in **darkness**

59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. ... 9 Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: **we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, *but* we walk in darkness.**

The Wrong Solution:

50:11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass *yourselves* about with sparks: **walk in the light of your fire**, and in the sparks *that* ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

Where is “the Light of the Lord” (2:1)?

The Lord, the Holy One of Israel:

10:17 And the **light of Israel** shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day...

60:19 but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting **light**, and thy God thy glory. ... 20 ... the LORD shall be thine everlasting **light**

The Messiah:

42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a **light of the Gentiles**;

49:6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a **light to [of] the Gentiles**, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

51:4 Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a **light of the peoples**.

Light in Isaiah: Links to Messiah

Messiah's Initial Ministry:

Isa 9:1 ... the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,... the way of the sea ... 2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great **light**: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the **light** shined.

Messiah's Kingdom:

58:8 Then shall **thy light** break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward.

58:10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall **thy light** rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

60:1 Arise, shine; for **thy light** is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

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

Who is the Light?

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Note chiastic correspondence between the passages, but ...

John identifies “the Lamb” with “The LORD” (יהוה) of Isa 60:19!

He is following Isaiah’s dual identification of light with

- The Lord
- The Messiah

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vv. 21-22, Blessing and Blesser

	60:21	60:22
Blessing	<p>Thy people also <i>shall be</i> all righteous:</p> <p>they shall inherit the land for ever,</p>	<p>A little one [the littlest one] shall become a thousand, and a small one [the smallest one] a strong nation:</p>
Blesser	<p>the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.</p>	<p>I the LORD will hasten it in his time.</p>

Summary of Isaiah 60

Isaiah:

Israel, once darkened by her sinful withdrawal from the Lord and his resulting chastisement, now basks in the light that he sheds on her.

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19 ... the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting **light**, and thy God thy **glory**. 20 ... the LORD shall be thine everlasting **light**, ...

The Lord:

The Lord regathers Zion's scattered children, restores her civil society, and subdues nations to her.

7 ... mine **altar**, ... the **house** of my glory. ...
9 ... thy **sons** ..., their **silver** and their **gold** ...
10 ... thy **walls** ... 11 ... thy **gates** ...

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