

Treasure Hunt

- What does “manifold fulfillment” mean?
- Isa 60:5-6 is one prophecy in a long chain of prophetic words and events.
 - What is the first link in that chain?
 - What is the last link?
 - Name two historical events in the chain.
 - When should we expect the specific promises of Isaiah 60 to be fulfilled?

Shift of Verb Subjects in vv. 1-6

	Zion	Others
Light rekindled	1a Arise, shine;	1b 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. 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
Children returned	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 <i>thy</i> side.
Wealth restored	5a Then thou shalt see, and flow together shine forth, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged;	5b because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.

Israel's Balance of Payments

Past, under Hezekiah:

Isa 30:6 The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, ... **they will carry their riches** upon the shoulders of young asses, **and their treasures** upon the bunches of camels, **to a people that shall not profit them.**

Future:

6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: **they shall bring gold and incense;**

7 **All the flocks of Kedar** shall be gathered together **unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth** shall minister **unto thee:**

13 **The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee**, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together

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



23:17-18 the LORD will visit Tyre, ... 18 ... **her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD**, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

45:14 Thus saith the LORD, **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:

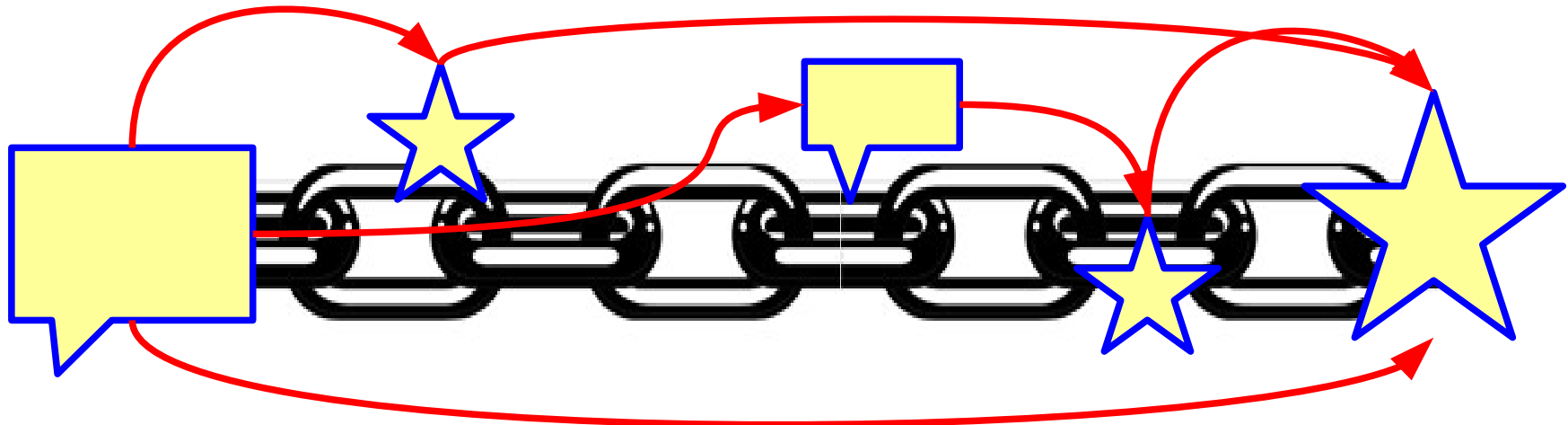
61:6 ye shall **eat the riches of the Gentiles**, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

Manifold Fulfillment*

An initial prophecy may be **repeated** down through history,

- sometimes in **words** and 
- sometimes in **events** that 
 - **foreshadow** or
 - **partially realize** the promise,

until the time of the actual fulfillment.



*The term is due to Willis Judson Beecher, *The Prophets and the Promise*. Thomas Y. Crowell, 1905. The definition is my own, based on his discussion.

Israel and the Gentiles

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The Davidic Covenant

Nathan's Prophecy

2Sa 7:11-16 Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. 12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and **I will establish his kingdom.** 13 He shall **build an house for my name**, and I will stablish the throne of **his kingdom for ever.** 14 **I will be his father, and he shall be my son.** ... 16 And thine house and thy **kingdom shall be established for ever** before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

David's Expectation

1Ch 28:5-7 And of all my sons, ... he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. 6 And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall **build my house** and my courts: for **I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.** 7 Moreover I will **establish his kingdom for ever,**

Geopolitical implications (by David, per Acts 4:25):

Psa 2:7-8 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son**; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give **thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.**

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Isaiah Recalls the Queen of Sheba

1 Kings 10

1 And when the queen of **Sheba** heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD,...
2 ... she came to Jerusalem with **a very great train**, with **camels** that bare **spices**, and very much **gold**, and precious stones:

6 ... she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it*: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. 8 Happy *are* thy men, happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, *and* that hear thy wisdom. 9 **Blessed be the LORD thy God**, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

Isaiah 60

6 The multitude of **camels** shall cover thee, the **dromedaries** of Midian and Ephah; all they from **Sheba** shall come: they shall bring **gold** and **incense**;

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Does the Queen of Sheba (~ 960 BC) fulfill Psalm 2?

Solomon himself (Ps 72) looks forward to a greater king who will receive even wider tribute

Psa 72:8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river **unto the ends of the earth.** (cf. Zech 9:10)

Judah later pays tribute to other nations:

910 BC 2Ch 16:2 Then **Asa** brought out **silver and gold** ... and sent to **Benhadad king of Syria,**

850 BC 2Ki 12:18 And **Jehoash** king of Judah took all the hallowed things ... and all the **gold** that was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent it to **Hazael king of Syria:**

740 BC 2Ki 16:8 And **Ahaz** took the **silver and gold** that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the **treasures** of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the **king of Assyria.**

700 BC 2Ki 18:15 And **Hezekiah** gave him all the **silver** that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house. 16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the **gold** from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars ... and gave it to the **king of Assyria.**

Isaiah echoes and amplifies the promise ~ 680 BC

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Do the Wise Men fulfill Isaiah's Promise?

Isaiah 60	The Wise Men
v. 5 “abundance of the sea ” → coastlands of the Mediterranean, to the West	From the East
v. 6 “ Sheba ” → to the South	
v. 5 “ forces ” → military representation	Wise men
v. 6 “ all they from Sheba”	A small representation
v. 6 “ multitude of camels shall cover thee”	
v. 6 “shew forth the praises of the Lord”	No further mention

Things John Sees in the Revelation

Return of Christ: 19:11 **And I saw** heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness **he doth judge and make war.**

Millennium: 20:1 **And I saw** an angel come down from heaven, ... 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and **bound him a thousand years,** ... 4 **And I saw** thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: ... and **they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

Last Judgment: 20:11-12 **And I saw a great white throne,** and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God;

New Heaven and New Earth: 21:1-2 **And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:** for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

New Jerusalem: 21:2 **And I John saw** the holy city, **new Jerusalem,** coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ... 24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and **the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.** 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. 26 And **they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.**

When is Isa 60:5-6 fulfilled?

New Jerusalem? There are parallels...

Isa 60	Rev 21
19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.	23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb <i>is</i> the light thereof.

...but also contrasts

Isa 60	Rev 21
5 the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee ... 9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first,	1 there was no more sea
10 the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls	1 new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,
7 All the flocks of Kedar ... the rams of Nebaioth ... 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.	22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

→ Isaiah telescopes the 1000 years of Rev 20 and the New Heavens and New Earth of Rev 21