ISAIAH –Lesson 67

Learn: Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. 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. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy coming. Isaiah 60:1, 2, 3

Read: Isaiah 60:1-22

- 1. Who is being addressed in this chapter? See verse 14 for help.
- 2. Why are they able to "arise" and "shine"? v 1
- 3. How is the "light" pictured? v 1

NOTE: the word "light" appears 272 times in the Bible of which 177 are in the OT. The meaning of the words needs some explanation. Consider the following:

- 1. Light refers to the opposite of darkness which God Himself has created.
- 2. Light refers to God Himself.
- 3. Light refers to the Messiah.
- 4. Light refers to the sun, moon, and stars.
- 5. Light refers to that which is opposite of the word "heavy."
- 6. Light refers to "understanding."
- 7. Light is the symbol of God's Word.
- 8. Light is used as a symbol of good works.
- 4. In this chapter of Isaiah, the word "light" is used in three ways. What does the word "light" refer to in the following verses?
  - vv1, 19, 20– v3 v19 –
- 5. What did Jesus make clear in John 8:12 and John 9:5?

6. What prophecy is made in vv 2-3? See also Isaiah 9:2.

- 7. Where are all these people mentioned in verse 3 coming to? Refer to Isaiah 59:20; 60:14
- 8. Who are some of the people that are coming? vv 5-7

NOTE: These places of verses 6, 7 are associated with the Arabian desert. Tarshish of verse 9 is thought to be in the south of Spain. Ryrie Study Bible

- 9. What is the purpose for which the people are coming? v 6
- 10. How do the people show their desire to honor Zion? vv 5-7, 9
- 11. What does the LORD say about His response to what the people offer Him? v 7  $\,$
- 12. What is the proof that God shows His mercy towards Zion? v 10

Verses 11-22 speak of God's promises for the future. 13. What is the promise in verse 11?

14. We see that this time in Isaiah 60:11-22 is not the same as that of Revelation 21.What is different? Use verses 11 and12 of Isaiah 60, and Revelation 21:24- 27 to help answer the question. Also see Zechariah 14:16-19.

This time of Isaiah 60VSThat time of Revelation 21

15. How will God make His sanctuary glorious? v 13

Zechariah 6:12-13

Isaiah 2:1-5.

- 16. What will be different for Zion than the way things have been in the past? vv14, 15
- 17. What is meant by the phrase, "Thou shalt suck the milk of the Gentiles" in verse 16? See Isaiah 49:23, 26
- 18. What will the people be completely convinced of? v 16b
- 19. How will the wealth of Zion be seen? v 17
- 20. What will the leadership of Zion be known for? v 17
- 21. What will be completely absent from Zion at this time? v 18
- 22. What will the physical surroundings be like? vv 19, 20

Compare this time to that of the New Jerusalem which comes down out of heaven. Revelation 21:1-8

- 23. What will the city be called? v 14b
- 24. What will be the name of the walls and the gates? v 18b
- 25. Why will things be so different for this one small nation that has been so despised and persecuted? v 22