

Isaiah 60:1-6 “Arise, shine, for your light has come.”

During Isaiah’s time (the late eighth century B.C.) Israel faced desperate circumstances. Evil ruled the nation. Violence and treachery kept everyone on edge. Justice became rarer than river ice in August. People openly disobeyed God and scoffed at him. Though the people’s behavior so upset the Lord that he stopped answering them, God wasn’t done with Israel. He planned to punish them in his own righteousness, and also bring vengeance on evil-doers.

The Lord did not mean to annihilate his people, but to bring them renewal. He intended a bright future for them: “Arise, shine, for your light has come.”

By what means would the Lord bring about restoration? Some interpreters think that Israel itself would accomplish renewal, but Israel never did achieve that. Only the Lord could reestablish the nation. God promised the end of violence and said that Israel would one day call its “walls Salvation” and their “gates Praise.” Verse 18 stunningly reveals God’s plan.

You probably know the Hebrew word for salvation-savior, Yeshua—Jesus. He is the world’s only true light. No other system, philosophy, or religion leads to life. AI will never bring it about. Praise God for his splendid arrangements in Christ. Enjoy the Lord’s way in Christ’s truth, and light today. You will delight in our Creator’s eternally lasting life,

That decision you will never regret.

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