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Do you realize, Beloved, that things are going to get darker and darker until darkness covers the earth? And I'm not talking about the going out of the sun and the moon. But I'm talking about the darkness that lies bring, the darkness that happens when truth stumbles in the streets. (See Isaiah 59:14) But I've got wonderful news for you—good news for you—and you don't want to miss it today as we look for His precepts for life.

PART ONE

Well, Precious One, we have come to day five. We have come to Friday. We have come to our last day in looking at Isaiah 58, 59, and 60. Do you realize that we only have two more weeks to go and then we will have finished the book of Isaiah? I am so proud of you. Think of what you've learned. I am so proud of you. You have studied with me. You have emailed me. You have let me know. You have downloaded the study guide and you've "hungeth thou in there, O Baby". I am proud of you. Thank you. Well one of the

things that you know when we read Scripture, we have to find out the answers to the who? and the what? and the when? and the where? and the why? and the how? the five W's and an H. And as you read Isaiah chapter 60 what we suggested that you do is, you underline in blue squiggly line or you mark it however you want to mark it, all the references to whom He is speaking. And what you see is He is speaking to "Israel". He is speaking to the nation of Israel and that's very important to understand. Israel has suffered anti-Semitism down through the centuries. It's even been in their own land. In October of the year 2007, they found neo-Nazi's right there in Israel. People that had come from Russia—people that were saying, "Death to the Jews". I mean it was awful. Is that day ever going to cease? Why is it there? Why are people doing it? It's because **"...truth has stumbled in the [streets]."** (Isaiah 59:14) Now truth stumbled in Israel's streets. Truth stumbled in Jerusalem's streets. But we saw that God was displeased with that and only God could rescue. Now in chapter 60 we're finding out, "Okay, that rescue's happening because He's putting on garments of vengeance and a breastplate of righteousness and a helmet of salvation and He's coming to deliver". (See Isaiah 59:17) But what is His message to His people? And this is what we see in Isaiah chapter 60. And this is what I want you to put down. It's point number nine out of the ten I was giving you: Darkness will not prevail. The darkness that covers the earth will be dispelled. And this is chapter 60, verses 1 through 20. And then our tenth point is going to be 21 and 22 and we will have finished the chapter. So the first thing I want you to see, and there are "A" to "E" under point nine. "A" is the Lord will rise on Israel. Verses 1 through 3: **"Arise, shine; for your light has come...."** You want to say, "Your who?" It's Israel's light. **"...And the glory of the LORD has risen [on] you...."** (Isaiah 60:1) You who? You Jews—you sons of Jacob, **"For behold, darkness will cover the earth...."** Not just darkness covering Israel, but darkness will cover the whole earth. **"...And deep darkness the peoples...."** (Isaiah 60:2) So

there's a deep, deep darkness. There's a sin, there's a rebellion. And you see it when you read Revelation. I love to teach Revelation in Israel at Armageddon, or on the Isle of Patmos. We have fun and all of that, but it is Bible. In Revelation chapter 9, verse 20 it says **"The rest of mankind...were not killed by these plagues, [they] did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons...the idols of gold and...silver...of brass and...stone and...wood, which can neither...hear nor walk; [nor did] they...repent of their murders nor of their sorceries...."** That's the word "pharmakeia" the use of drugs for magical purposes. **"...Nor of their immorality nor of their thefts."** (Revelation 9:20-21) It describes the darkness of those last days and the hardness of men's hearts when God judges them and they still don't repent. So you come back and it says in chapter 60 of Isaiah, but verse 2, the middle of the verse says, **"...Darkness will cover the earth...deep darkness the peoples; but..."**, contrast, **"...the LORD will rise upon you...."** You who? Israel. **"...And His glory will appear [on] you."** (Isaiah 60: 2) You who? Israel. Look at Isaiah 49, just by way of review. And go back to Isaiah 49 and look at verse 3 and let me read it to you. And **"He said to Me, 'You are My Servant Israel, in Whom I will show My glory.'"** (Isaiah 49:3) His glory will rest on Israel. Verse 3 of Isaiah 60: **"Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."** (Isaiah 60:3) So here is darkness on the face of this earth, but light is coming. The glory of the Lord is coming. It says, **"Lift up your eyes round about and see; they all gather together, they come to you. Your sons will come from afar...your daughters will be carried in the arms."** (Isaiah 60:4) Why? Because the Jews were dispersed, because the Jews have lived all over the world. Why? Because of their disobedience. Because God told them if you do not obey Me then I will scatter you among the nations, but the light has come. The restoration has come so the sons, and daughters will come back. **"Then you will see and [you will] be radiant, and your heart will thrill and rejoice;**

because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, the wealth of...nations will come to you.” (Isaiah 60:5) All those ships with all their treasures are going to be coming to Israel. “A multitude of camels will cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba will come....” (Isaiah 60:6) I just love it. I remember one day when I was in Israel and we were filming Matthew and all of a sudden, I mean, there was over a 100 camels coming through that pass in the wilderness of Judea. It was incredible, and the babies were coming with the mothers and with the fathers. And He’s saying a multitude is going to come, [but these are going to be bearing gold and frankincense. These will bear the good news of the praises of the LORD]. (PARAPHRASE Isaiah 60:6) “All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth will minister to you; they will go up with acceptance on My altar, and I shall glorify My glorious house.” (Isaiah 60:7) His glorious house will be the temple. “Who are these who fly like [the] cloud and like the doves [in] the lattices?” (Isaiah 60:8) You’ve seen a dove fly across and there’s a lattice, and it’s on the side of the building. And it’s a white dove and there’s green there and you look at it and it’s so beautiful. “Surely the coastlands will wait for Me; and the ships of Tarshish will come first....” Remember this is where Jonah was going to go. He was going to flee. It says, “...To bring your sons from afar, [and] their silver and their gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel....” Now underline it, “...because He has glorified you.” (Isaiah 60:9) Truth has stumbled in the streets; darkness comes as a result of that. That darkness spreads and covers the earth, but arise and shine for your light has come. He goes on to say “Foreigners will build up your walls....” You won’t even have to do it. Foreigners will come. “...Their kings will minister to you....” (Isaiah 60:10) Now we’ve read this in Isaiah before. But what God keeps doing is He will tell His people about their sins. He will tell them about what has happened as a result of their sins, but He always takes them

in grace beyond that, letting them know and helping them to understand that darkness will not prevail, but God will. He says, **“Your gates will be open continually; they will not be closed [by] day or night....” (Isaiah 60:11)** Why do you close gates? You close gates to keep enemies from getting into your city, from spies coming in or terrorists coming in to destroy. But they are going to be at such security that their gates will be opened by day and their gates will be opened by night. **“...So that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession. For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you....” (Isaiah 60:11-12)** Listen to me. If Iran will not serve Israel, Iran will perish. Syria will serve Israel. Lebanon will serve Israel. Egypt will serve Israel. All the world, Arabia will serve Israel. The PLO will serve Israel, although it’s not even a nation. It’s one that they made and they invented. And He says, **“For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish, and the nations will be utterly ruined. The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the juniper, the box tree...the cypress together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary...,” (Isaiah 60:12-13)** will bring in all this luxurious plants to beautify the place of My sanctuary. The temple will be rebuilt. And then it will be just made ready for Messiah. **“...And I will make the place of My feet glorious.” (Isaiah 60:13)** The place of His feet is the temple. The place of His feet is Jerusalem. **“The sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you....” (Isaiah 60:14)** Oh my goodness! Oh my goodness! And there’s more to see, but it’s time for our break for this important announcement. I’ll be back in just a minute.

PART TWO

I got so excited going through Isaiah 60 with you I forgot to give you the sub-points under point number nine. So I gave you the first one: The Lord will rise on Israel. That’s 10, verses 1 through 3. The second sub-point is Isaiah 60:4-9: Israel’s sons and daughters and the nations will come to Israel.

The nations will bring their treasures with them. Now we're on sub-point number 3 or "C" and that is chapter 60, verses 10 to 14: The nations will bow at the soles of the feet of Israel. Can you imagine? All this anti-Semitism, all this persecution of Jews simply because you bear the name Jew, it will be over; over forever, because the light of God will rise on them, because Messiah will come. Listen to what it says in verse 14. **"The sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you, and all those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet; and they will call you the city of the LORD, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel."** (Isaiah 60:14) Now remember this prophecy that God gave Isaiah concerned Judah and Jerusalem. Jerusalem is Zion. It is the city of David. It is "Israel" as it says in the first segment of Isaiah. So they will bow before them. Now the next thing that I want you to see, and this is "D" under point nine, in 15 to 18: They will know joy, peace and righteousness. They will know joy, peace and righteousness. Look at verse 15, and this is verses 15-18. **"Whereas you have been forsaken and hated with no one passing through...."** (Isaiah 60:15) They don't even want to go to Israel. Oh, but if you went to Israel with us! You get Bible. When we get there, we go to Chorazin and I give you a whole overview of the Bible so that wherever you are, wherever I'm teaching, you know, whether it's pre-exile, exile, post-exile, inter-Testament period, New Testament period, it's wonderful. It's just absolutely wonderful. We would love to have you go and you'll never, never read the Bible the same way. But I want you to know there's a real dimension to our trips. He says, **"Whereas you have been forsaken and hated with no one passing through, I will make you an everlasting pride, a joy from generation to generation. You will...suck the milk of nations and suck the breast of kings...."** (Isaiah 60:15-16) In other words, the kings and the nations are going to be your sustenance. He says, **"...Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."** (Isaiah 60:16) Then you'll know. Then your

eyes will be opened. Then you will see that “Yeshua”, that Jesus, is salvation, “...and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. Instead of bronze I will bring gold...instead of iron I...bring silver...instead of wood, bronze...instead of stones, iron. And I will make peace your administrators and righteousness your overseers.” (Isaiah 60:16-17) So what are they going to have? They’re going to have peace. They’re going to have righteousness. “Violence will not be heard again in your land....” No more terrorism. No more suicide bombers. No more threats, “...Nor devastation [nor] destruction within your borders; but you will call your walls salvation, and your gates praise. No longer will you have the sun for [the] light [of] day, nor for brightness will the moon give you light; but you will have the LORD...an everlasting light, and your God for your glory,” (Isaiah 60:18-19) which brings me to the final sub-point under number nine. And this is Isaiah chapter 60, verse 19 to 20: The Lord will be Israel’s everlasting light. Israel’s days of mourning will be over. It is an everlasting light. No more darkness ever, ever again. No more truth stumbling in the streets, for the One who is the way, who is the truth, who is the light will be there in person. [And we will behold His glory again as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.] (PARAPHRASE, John 1:14) But we will see Him in His majesty as King of kings and Lord of lords, and [every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord.] (PARAPHRASE, Philippians 2:10) O Beloved, we saw that. All right, He says “Your sun will...,” never, s-u-n will “...no longer set, nor will your moon wane; for you will have the LORD for an everlasting light....” (Isaiah 60:20) He says it twice. Go back to verse 19. “No longer will you have the sun [by light] for light by day, [no longer will the] brightness [of] the moon give you light; but you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, and your God for your glory. Your sun will no longer set, nor will your moon wane; for you will have the LORD for an everlasting light....” (Isaiah 60:19-20) Do you see the repetition here? He

doesn't want them to forget. Then, then— and we come to verse 21 and 22 and you see the tenth point. And the tenth point is this—when is it gonna happen? This is the tenth point: God will hasten it in its time. When truth stumbles in the streets, God will hasten the return of truth in the person of His Son in its time. **“Then...,”** verse 21, **“...all your people will be righteous; they will possess the land forever....”** You want to mark it with a time clock. **“...The branch of My planting, the work of My hands....”** Remember there's no one to intercede, no one to rescue but the Lord will do it. **“...That I may be glorified. The smallest one will become a clan, and the least one a mighty nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time.”** (Isaiah 60:21-22) Beloved, this is the future. This is what we're looking for. We're looking for the light to come and to dispel the darkness. Does it remind you of Revelation chapter 21? Does it remind you of the New Jerusalem that comes down out of heaven (See Revelation 21:2) where it says: **“...the city has no need of the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of [the Lord] has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime, for there will be no night there, its gates will never be closed, and they will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.”** (Revelation 21:23-27) I leave you with this question: Is your name in the Lamb's book of life? If it is, you'll see His glory. You'll walk— live in His light.