

Isaiah 60:13-21 + 61:9

This is the haftarah for the ending chapters of Exodus, **Exodus 39:33 – 40:38**. Parts of this haftarah were also previously used as haftarah for **Exodus 25**.

Isaiah 60:13 - "The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, 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."

Another view of the victory of God's kingdom, compared to Solomon's building of the Temple.

"place of my feet" - The Temple is called God's footstool (**Psalm 99:5; Psalm 132:7**) or rather specifically the mercy seat on the Ark where the Shekinah glory rested.

Isaiah 60:14 - "The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel."

- **Hebrews 12:22** - "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,"

- **Revelation 21:2** - "I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Isaiah 60:16 - "Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Savior and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob."

Targum: "and ye shall be satisfied with the substance of the people; in the spoil of kings ye shall delight yourselves"

The Gentile nations would support and nourish the church with their wealth and substance, referring to the conversion of the Gentiles, who are ingrafted into Israel.

Isaiah 60:17 - "For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness."

Rashi - The officers who came upon you in your exile and the rulers who pressed you will be counted for you as peace and charity (Baba Bathra 9a). i.e. peace and charity will now be ruling over you for good rather than evil.

Isaiah 60:18 - "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise."

The Targum is, "and they shall proclaim salvation on thy walls, and on thy gates there shall be they that praise."

Compare **Isaiah 11:9** - "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

Isaiah 60:19-20 - "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. Your sun shall no more go down; neither shall your moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended."

Targum: "and ye shall have no need any more of the light of the sun by day, nor even of the light of the moon by night, thy kingdom shall cease no more, and thy glory shall not be removed"

i.e. because of the light of the Shekinah

- **Revelation 21:23** - "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 is the light thereof"

Isaiah 60:21 - "Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified."

branch = *netser* - sprout, shoot, branch, descendant

- **Isaiah 11:1** - "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch H5342 shall grow out of his roots:"

"the work of my hands"

- **Ephesians 2:10** - "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works..."

Isaiah 61:9 - "And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed."