

ISAIAH STUDY GUIDE
The Restoration of Zion
Isaiah 59–60

In another plea for salvation, Isaiah reminded the people once again of the depth of their sin and the uselessness of their sinful ways. Isaiah preached concerning the coming glory of Zion, and how the Lord is going to restore the land and the favor of the nations to his people. Isaiah strongly exhorted the people to choose the wise road of obedience.

Isaiah 59–60 may be outlined as follows:

- I. The plight of Zion (59:1–15)
- II. The salvation of Zion (59:16–21)
- III. The glory of Zion (60:1–22)

The plight of Zion

The sins of Judah were many and deep. They were not looking to the Lord, Who is the only One Who can save. Instead they were devising their own plans of deliverance. Isaiah compared the consequences of their foolish ways to someone who gets an egg to eat. But it is a snake's egg, so when it is opened, the sinner gets a deadly snake bite—poison instead of nourishment. Yet, in all of this, the people did not understand the reason for their gloom.

How does sin blind the sinner even further?

The salvation of Zion

Because mankind cannot save himself, God, in his mercy, made a plan of salvation. "And His righteousness upheld Him" (v.16). God can do no wrong. His plan is to redeem his people and give them a good life, and no power on earth can prevent that. He will accomplish his plan by his Word. All nations will fear the Lord, because He will redeem his people and make them great.

The glory of Zion

Once again, Isaiah saw into the future and the coming of the Messiah and the establishment of the kingdom on the earth in the thousand year reign of Christ upon the earth. The people of God will be gathered and have unimaginable prosperity. All those who fear the name of the Lord will come under one rule. Political lines will no longer exist. The whole earth will be for the nourishment and sustenance of God's people. It will be the first of the restoration of paradise. Righteousness, peace and true justice will oversee everything. God will bring everlasting light, both physically and spiritually, to the earth. What Jesus began, He will come again and finish.

What do you think life in the Millennium will be like for you?

Name some ways the rule of the Lord is far superior to any other life.