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Foreigners Will Rebuild Your Walls, and Their Kings Will Serve You

60: 10-14

Foreigners will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you **DIG: What is the difference between the sheep Gentiles and the goat Gentiles? What will the Gentiles bring to Jerusalem? Why? Since a city's gates were normally closed at night as a defense against enemies, why are Yerushalayim's gates always open? What will Messiah's reign be like during the Millennium?**

REFLECT: Are you merely going through the motions of faith in Jesus Christ today, or is He your Lord and Savior? Have you ever sought honor for yourself, only to get dishonor? How did you react? When was the last time you sought the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, only to find out that later you had been honored? Did you give God the glory? Why or why not? What did it teach you?

This section shows the relationship between **Isra'el**, **the sheep** Gentiles, and **the goat** Gentiles (see the commentary on **Revelation, to see link click [Fc - The Sheep and the Goats](#)**). **The sheep** Gentiles will come to **Isra'el** to worship **the LORD**, but **the goat** Gentiles will come to bring the wealth of the world to **her** feet. **Israel**, who had grown accustomed to being abused or trampled underfoot by **the** Gentile **nations**, will find the situation reversed. As we have seen earlier, there is no doubt for the reason why this will take place. The Gentiles will come to worship **the LORD** their **God, the Holy One of Isra'el** either voluntarily or involuntarily.

It is interesting that **the** Gentile **nations** still have a choice of sorts. **The sheep** Gentiles of **Matthew 25:31-46** who survive the judgment for **their** favorable treatment of **Isra'el** will enter and populate the nations during the Messianic Kingdom. In addition, millions of **goat** Gentiles who managed to survive the Great Tribulation will go directly into the Millennium in **their** earthly bodies after the Second Coming. These two groups will reproduce and repopulate the earth. After **Christ's** Second Coming when **He** comes to annihilate **His** enemies and then sets up his Millennial Kingdom, there will be millions of children from these believing **sheep** Gentiles whose children do not choose to believe.

In the Millennium, **every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:10-11)**. Many will want to **bow and confess Yeshua as their Lord and Savior**. But in **their** hearts there will be those who do not want to bow **the knee** or **confess**. They will merely go through the motions. Those who do not accept **Christ** by the age of **one hundred will die (65:20)**. Therefore, sin and death will be present in the Messianic Kingdom, and it will be **Jesus** and **His** righteous ones that keep sin in check. At the Second Coming, we know that **out of the mouth of Christ comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations (Revelation 19:15a)**. This stern swift judgment that marks the onset of **Christ's** Kingdom will be the pattern of **His** rule throughout the Millennium, where **He will rule** the nations **with a rod of iron (Rev 12:5 and 19:15b)**. And **Jesus** promised that believers would rule under **Him**. **To him who overcomes and does My will to the end, I will give authority over the nations; he will rule them with a rod of iron (Rev 2:26-27; Psalm 2:8-9)**. **Jesus** will swiftly judge all sin and instantly put down any rebellion. All **people** will be required to conform to **His** commands or face immediate judgment. It's like the Dennis the Menace cartoon where his mom has sat him down on a stool in the corner. And he thinks to himself, "I may be sitting down, but on the inside, I'm standing up!" That's how it will be. Some will want to sin outwardly, but they will not be able to act on it.²⁴¹

Those living at the end of the thousand years, however, will rebel (**Revelation 20:1-6**). When Satan is released, those with rebellious hearts will naturally gravitate toward him, which will lead to one final rebellion that will be crushed (**Revelation 20:7-10**). This will set off a chain reaction of final events: the second resurrection of the wicked (**Revelation 20:13**), the great white throne judgment (**Revelation 20:11-12**), the eternal punishment of the lake of fire (**Revelation 20:14-15**), then the Eternal State will be introduced (see the commentary on **Revelation Fq - The Eternal State**).

But getting back to the Messianic Kingdom, how will **the wealth of the nations** be used? **Jerusalem**, as symbolized by its **walls**, will be rebuilt in the Kingdom by the means of Gentile assistance. **Foreigners**, literally *sons of your opposition* (see **60:14a**) **will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you (60:10a)**. The Gentiles will aid in the rebuilding of the ruined **city** represented by its **walls**. Those who helped to destroy them would now build them back up again. Everything will once again be restored to balance. The reason that **God** will do this is clear, speaking to **Isra'el**, **He** says: **Though in anger I struck you, in favor I will show you compassion (60:10b)**. Since it was **God's** rule of history that brought the **walls** down, it will be in **His** rule of history that **they** will be rebuilt again. They are two sides of the same coin.



Then, **Isaiah's** attention shifts from the **walls** of **Jerusalem** to the **gates** within. **Your gates will always stand open, they will never be shut, day or night, so that the people may bring you the wealth of the Gentile nations - their kings** will lead (see the commentary on **Revelation Fi - The Government of the Messianic Kingdom**) as **Zion's** willing subjects **in triumphal procession (60:11)**. Later, in **61:6b**, we are told that **Isra'el will feed on the wealth of the Gentile nations, and in their riches you will boast. Foreign nations and their kings will be Isra'el's servants and the wealth of the nations will flow through those walls.** So the **Gentile nations** will make pilgrimages to **the City** to give **their** offerings. **Isra'el** will finally be the head of the world, instead of its tail.

For the nation or kingdom that will not serve you will perish; it will be utterly ruined (60:12). The opening word **for**, shows that **the Ruach Ha'Kodesh** intends a connection between this verse and the preceding one. Why will **the wealth of the Gentile nations** come **to Zion** with **their kings** leading the way? Will this be a result of **Israelite** chauvinism, which looks forward to the **day** when downtrodden **Jews** can put **their** feet on the necks of **their** oppressors? No, it will not. These Gentiles will be obeying **the Lord Jesus Christ**; gladly on the part of some, forcibly on the part of others, especially during the yearly celebration of **the Feast of Tabernacles**. This will be mandatory for all **Gentile nations** and any that refuse to do so will be severely punished. In **Zechariah 14:16-19** we learn that punishment also includes the withholding of **rain** or **a plague**.

The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the pine, the fir and the cypress together, to adorn the place of My sanctuary. ADONAI will call the Temple His sanctuary and the place of His feet (60:13). As a result of **the Temple** being rebuilt, **the Lord Himself** will rule and reign from it (see **Db - The Nine Missing Articles in Messiah's Coming**

Temple). The Gentile **nations** will not only aid in the regathering, but also in the rebuilding of the Temple. It will be rebuilt with Gentile wealth. Like the first and second Temple, the fourth Temple, the millennial Temple, will be built with cedars of **Lebanon**. **The trees that made Lebanon famous shall be brought to beautify the Temple, by being used either as building materials for its structure or as ornamental groves in its surrounding courts.** The phrase **the glory of Lebanon** is an idiomatic expression for the Jewish Temple (**Isaiah 35:2; Zechariah 11:1-3**).

People from **the** Gentile **nations** that formerly despised **Isra'el** will recognize that **Jerusalem**, or **Zion**, is **the LORD's** chosen city, the place where **He** will dwell. **The sons of your oppressors will come bowing down before you; all who despise you will bow down at your feet (60:14a).** **Isaiah** had told Hezekiah that some of *his* sons would **be carried off to Babylon** to serve them (**39:6-7**), but now **Isaiah** says that some of *their* distant relatives, or **sons**, **will come** in a worshipful attitude to **Jerusalem**. **Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down before you with their faces to the ground; they will lick the dust at your feet. Then you will know that I Am the LORD; those who hope in Me will not be disappointed (49:23).** Only a triumph of grace could achieve this, for it will not be **Zion** that produces this submissiveness, but the recognition that **Yeshua Messiah** is in **His City** as **the Holy One of Isra'el**.

This is the grace and trustworthiness of our **God**. When we have brought destruction on ourselves through our own foolishness, **He** is not content to leave us there. If we are willing, **He** can turn the situation completely around and make our enemies come to us in repentance. This is the spiritual principle: if we seek honor for ourselves, we will get dishonor; but if we **seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33)**, then **God** can see to it that even our enemies will honor us. But notice the nature of the honor: it is reflected. **And your oppressors will call you the City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Isra'el (60:14b).** The honor is **God's** alone and the wonder is that **He** delights in sharing it with us.