

relation of the verse to great truths clearly taught in other passages of both the Old and the New Testament.

It is somewhat uncertain whether another phase of the ingathering is touched upon in Isaiah 60:4, or whether the sons who come from far are actually the same men as the Gentiles who are described in verse 3 as coming "to thy light" and "to the brightness of thy rising."

Students of prophecy believe that there is to be a great regathering of the Jews to Palestine just before the end of the present age. That regathering is not what is referred to in this verse and also in verse 9, which describes the sons of Zion as coming in "ships of Tarshish," for these verses refer to something that happens after the light comes, rather than during the dark days at the end of this age. The sons who come during the Millennium may be Gentiles who can properly be considered as true sons of Zion, or may be made up entirely or largely of Jews who were not included in the regathering prior to the Millennium. Thus it is not sure whether verse 4 is synonymous with verse 3, or whether it presents another phase of the ingathering.

3. Material Prosperity, verses 5-17b.

The greater part of this chapter is filled with direct statements and figurative descriptions of the material prosperity which is to come to God's people during the Millennium. The products of all the world will glorify the center of God's government. Nations which had been known as oppressors of God's people will send their very best to add to the prosperity of Jerusalem.

Verse 12 presents the one somber note in the chapter, as it describes the utter devastation of any nation that refuses to serve Jerusalem. Perhaps it refers to the fact that Christ is to rule with absolute firmness and to brook no opposition to His righteous judgments. More likely, however, it is a reference back to the destruction of nations which would refuse to submit to the rule of Christ, prior to the beginning of the Millennium. There is a striking parallel in Isaiah 35, with its description of the lasting desolation of Edom. During the Millennium these events will be but a memory. No nation will remain on earth which is unwilling to serve the