

do the verses here and in Chapter 60 have reference only to the time of the millennial reign of Christ or is there any proper way in which they may be applied to the present age? In answer it should be said that while their primary meaning is undoubtedly a description of the millennial age, it is not at all out of place to point out the relevancy of many of the principles involved to our present period. In the millennium Jesus Christ will reign in the world with no opposition to His dictates, for the wicked will have been gathered out from His kingdom and Satan will be bound. Every external feature of the type of government and civilization which He considers proper will then be established. During the present age He is reigning in the hearts of those who are redeemed and they are showing forth in their lives many of the features which He will some day make universal. As a result many of the principles of these chapters find a true, though limited, exemplification wherever the true church of God is active. It is altogether proper for the Church to take them as ideals and to endeavor to exemplify them in its life and in the relationship of its members to each other, even though it is vital to remember that as long as Satan is in the world they cannot be perfectly fulfilled. Their complete application awaits the time when Jesus Christ will rule on Mount Zion and all the earth will obey His dictates.

B. A Banner is Raised and a Redeemer Comes to Zion. 62:10-12.

This section is strikingly parallel to Isaiah 59:19b-21. We have noticed that there the emphasis was upon the raising of the standard against the enemy and the establishment of the Redeemer's covenant in the hearts of His people when He comes to Zion. That section was in a fitting place, introducing the following millennial passage, for the apostle Paul quotes Isaiah 59:20-21 in Romans 11:26 f. as proof that all Israel is to turn to Christ before the millennium. Our present passage vividly describes the coming of the Messiah to His people, calls upon them to prepare the highway and to lift up the standard, and shows that His salvation is certain. It places its stress upon the relation of God to His people and the blessings which He is to bring them, in contrast with the following section which