

but the LORD will be your everlasting light  
and your God your glory.

<sup>20</sup>Your sun will go down no more,  
nor your moon wane,  
for the LORD will be your everlasting light.

And the days of your mourning will end.

**The LORD** <sup>21</sup>Then your people, all of them righteous,  
will possess the earth forever,  
the shoot of My planting,  
the work of My hands, that I might be glorified.

<sup>22</sup>The little one will become a thousand,  
and the small one a strong nation.

I am the LORD; I will hasten it in [My]<sup>212</sup> time.

#### THE MISSION OF THE MESSIAH (61:1-3)

**Messiah** **61** The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,  
because the LORD has anointed Me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of favor of the LORD  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn,  
to grant to those who mourn in Zion;  
<sup>3</sup>to give to them a crown of beauty, instead of ashes;  
the oil of gladness, instead of mourning;  
a garment of praise, instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called “Oaks of Righteousness,”  
“the Planting of the LORD,” that He may be glorified.

#### BLESSINGS TO RESTORED ISRAEL (61:4-11)

**The LORD** <sup>4</sup>They will build up the ancient ruins;  
they will raise up the devastated places of old,

and they will repair the ruined cities  
and the devastated places of many generations.

<sup>5</sup>And strangers will stand and shepherd your flocks,  
and foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.

<sup>6</sup>But you will be called, “The Priests of the LORD”;  
they will say of you, “The Ministers of Our God.”

You will eat the wealth of nations,  
and you will boast in their glory.

<sup>7</sup>Instead of your shame, a double portion,  
and instead of dishonor, they will sing gladly in your portion.

Therefore, you will possess a double portion in their land;  
everlasting rejoicing will be yours.

<sup>8</sup>For I, the LORD, love justice;  
I hate robbery by injustice.

I reward you in truth,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with you.

<sup>9</sup>And your seed will be known among the nations,  
and your offspring among the peoples.

**Isaiah** All who see them will acknowledge them,  
that they are a seed whom the LORD has blessed.

**The righteous** <sup>10</sup>I will greatly exult in the LORD;  
my soul is joyful in my God,  
for He has clothed me with garments of salvation—  
He has covered me with a robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom serves as a priest, with a headdress,<sup>213</sup>  
and as a bride is adorned with her jewels.<sup>214</sup>

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots  
and a garden causes seeds to spring up,  
so, the Lord, the LORD, will cause righteousness and praise to  
spring up before all of the nations.

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213. The Hebrew term *pe'èr* (“headdress”) pertains to a special, sacred head covering for a male.

214. The Hebrew term *kele* (“jewels”) is a generic term that can refer to ornaments, jewels, and even garments (see the lexicons); hence, the translation can also read, “bride is adorned with her garments,” speaking of special clothing.