

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

²⁰Your 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 ²¹Then 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.

²²The little one will become a thousand,
and the small one a strong nation.

I am the LORD; I will hasten it in [My]²¹² 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;
²to 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;
³to 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 ⁴They 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.

⁵And strangers will stand and shepherd your flocks,
and foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.

⁶But 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.

⁷Instead 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.

⁸For I, the LORD, love justice;
I hate robbery by injustice.

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

⁹And 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 ¹⁰I 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,²¹³
and as a bride is adorned with her jewels.²¹⁴

¹¹For 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.

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.