

Study 108: Isaiah, Part 64

Isaiah 61

⁷ Instead of your shame

you will receive a double portion,
and instead of disgrace

you will rejoice in your **inheritance.**

[Who receives the “double portion” of an inheritance? Israel is called God’s “firstborn.” Jesus is called God’s “firstborn.” Israel of the Old Testament is a type of Jesus. It is He that would receive the double portion of the inheritance, and we through Him. Jerusalem, on the other hand, would receive a double portion of judgment & punishment **Rev 18:6**]

And so you will inherit a double portion in your land,
and everlasting joy will be yours.

⁸ “For I, the Lord, love justice;

I hate robbery and wrongdoing.

In my faithfulness **I will reward my people**

and make an everlasting covenant with them.

[**Jer 31:31-36** Note that this new covenant is made “with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah,” i.e., Israel as a whole. When did Jeremiah’s prophecy begin to be fulfilled? In **Acts 2:5**, it says that on the day of Pentecost, “...there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.” Peter proclaimed to them that the coming of the Holy Spirit was evidence that they (not we) were living in the “last days” (**Acts 2:16-17**), “And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” All Israel was there in Jerusalem, and were invited to take part in the New Covenant by faith. Why “by faith”? Because the New Covenant had not yet begun! Its inauguration had to await the passing away of the Old (Mosaic) Covenant (see **Heb 9:8**). Christians (Jews & Gentiles) could “enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus” (**Heb 10:19**). In essence, they had, by their faith in Jesus as Messiah, reserved a space in the New Covenant for themselves. Israelites who had faith in Jesus Christ remained Israelites. Gentiles who believed in Him also became Israelites. Remember, God promised, through Jeremiah, that Israel as a nation would never “cease to be a nation before Me” (i.e. in His sight. **Jer 31:36**). The physical nation that has been formed by the Old/Mosaic Covenant passed away when that covenant ended (AD 70). Yet, the nation of Israel continued, formed anew (as in different) by the New Covenant, which came into force the instant the Old passed away. Though we now call Israel “the Church,” it is still Israel in God’s eyes.]