

## Isaiah 57-61

- Today we end the Suffering Servant section of Second Isaiah and enter the final section of this monumental work:
  - The third part of Second Isaiah devoted to the work of the Spirit
    - Remember, this book has consistently pointed forward to a specific future in the last days
      - The future of Israel being judged during Tribulation
      - After which the nation is restored into a glorious kingdom in which they are the preeminent nation
    - That theme reaches it's climax in the transition from this section into the last section
  - Remember the outline of Second Isaiah provided in Isaiah 40:2

[Is. 40:2](#) " Speak kindly to Jerusalem;  
And call out to her, that her warfare has ended,  
That her iniquity has been removed,  
That she has received of the LORD'S hand  
Double for all her sins."

- Part 1 was the Father, and it dealt with the ending of God's warfare against Israel
- Part 2 was the Son, which we are finishing in chapter 57 tonight, and it dealt with the next statement
  - Israel's iniquity is removed (through Christ's suffering)
- The final Part which we start tonight is the Spirit and describes the final statement
  - Israel receives double for her sins
  - That statement refers specifically to what Israel experiences during the Tribulation
  - And the Spirit's work during that seven year time is the principle focus for the final section of Isaiah

- Because we're going to read through so much scripture this week and next week, I'm going to teach a little differently
  - I'm going to provide an overview of each section and then provide a running commentary of the text
  - So the first half of chapter 57 is a continuation of what we saw last week at the end of chapter 56
    - The leaders of Israel are being criticized as the instigators of Israel's evil
      - That's a constant theme in both the OT and Gospels
      - The Jewish leaders in Israel are held especially culpable for leading Israel astray
    - Now we see God describes the fruit of their evil
  - And the chapter is framed by an interesting opening and ending, which tell us something of where Isaiah is headed later

[Is. 57:1](#) ¶ The righteous man perishes, and no man takes it to heart;  
And devout men are taken away, while no one understands.  
For the righteous man is taken away from evil,

[Is. 57:2](#) He enters into peace;  
They rest in their beds,  
Each one who walked in his upright way.

- The righteous man is "abad" in Hebrew
  - Obliterated, given up for lost
  - And no man takes it to heart
    - He is "taken away" from evil
    - And enters into peace
  - Suggests the rapture for the righteous
    - Resting away from the evil world
- Meanwhile...

[Is. 57:3](#) "But come here, you sons of a sorceress,  
Offspring of an adulterer and a prostitute.

- Speaking of Israel as offspring of an adulterous history
  - Adultery = cheating on their covenant with God

[Is. 57:4](#) "Against whom do you jest?

Against whom do you open wide your mouth  
And stick out your tongue?  
Are you not children of rebellion,  
Offspring of deceit,

- They stick their tongue out a God in rebellion

[Is. 57:5](#) Who inflame yourselves among the oaks,  
Under every luxuriant tree,  
Who slaughter the children in the ravines,  
Under the clefts of the crags?

- Their worship of false gods was like an inflamed passion
  - And it included slaughtering children in sacrifice

[Is. 57:6](#) "Among the smooth stones of the ravine

Is your portion, they are your lot;  
Even to them you have poured out a drink offering,  
You have made a grain offering.  
Shall I relent concerning these things?

[Is. 57:7](#) "Upon a high and lofty mountain

You have made your bed.  
You also went up there to offer sacrifice.

- Speaking of their worship at false temples and altars
  - God asked must He remind them of their past unfaithfulness

[Is. 57:8](#) "Behind the door and the doorpost

You have set up your sign;  
Indeed, far removed from Me, you have uncovered yourself,  
And have gone up and made your bed wide.  
And you have made an agreement for yourself with them,  
You have loved their bed,  
You have looked on their manhood.

[Is. 57:9](#) "You have journeyed to the king with oil

And increased your perfumes;  
You have sent your envoys a great distance  
And made them go down to Sheol.

- In v.8 God mentions the doorpost as a reference back to Deut 6:9 which required them to post the words of the Law on their doorposts to remind them
  - Instead they have posted symbols honoring the false gods
  - He then uses references to prostitution and sleeping around to describe their false worship, which probably did involve prostitution
- In v. 9 a king is mentioned
  - The word for king is Molech, which was the king of the Ammonites
  - As a result, Israel's envoys ended up in Sheol

[Is. 57:10](#) "You were tired out by the length of your road,  
 Yet you did not say, 'It is hopeless.'  
 You found renewed strength,  
 Therefore you did not faint.

- No matter how long they pursued this false path, they never tired of their rebellion
- Now the outset of this chapter mentioned the rapture for the saints
  - Then it launched into a recounting of the past sins of Israel
    - Remember, the next chapter begins the section where God describes how Israel will receive double for her sins
    - And here are all the sins that will require a double payment
      - That's quite a payment
      - What kind of situation would amount to a double payment?
    - We know this is Tribulation
  - And the mention of the rapture at the outset of this chapter is intended to set our minds on the last days and the Tribulation that follows
    - So now as we are on the verge of entering the final section, Isaiah begins the transition with a description of how God will respond to their history of sin

[Is. 57:11](#) ¶ “Of whom were you worried and fearful  
 When you lied, and did not remember Me  
 Nor give Me a thought?  
 Was I not silent even for a long time  
 So you do not fear Me?”

- During the time they disobeyed God, He remained silent
  - So that they lost all fear of Him
  - An accurate description of Israel today? As we approach the last days and Tribulation?

[Is. 57:12](#) “I will declare your righteousness and your deeds,  
 But they will not profit you.

- This is a sarcastic statement by God
  - You should read the word righteousness in quotes, since Israel’s deeds were anything but righteous, though they believed them to be
  - That’s why He can say their deeds will not profit them

[Is. 57:13](#) “When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you.  
 But the wind will carry all of them up,  
 And a breath will take them away.  
 But he who takes refuge in Me will inherit the land  
 And will possess My holy mountain.”

- The nation will cry out, and He says let your idols save you
  - But the idols are swept away

[Is. 57:14](#) ¶ And it will be said,  
 “ Build up, build up, prepare the way,  
 Remove every obstacle out of the way of My people.”

- But those who take refuge in Christ will inherit the land
- And this time when some in Israel are turning to Christ is a time when it will be said “remove every obstacle out of the way...”
  - What does that remind you of?

[Mal. 4:5](#) ¶ “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

[Mal. 4:6](#) “He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”

- And then:

[Luke 1:17](#) “It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, **TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN**, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

- John the Baptist came before Christ’s first coming, in the power of Elijah
  - Elijah himself will return in the days before Christ’s second coming
  - This verse in Isa 57:14 alludes to that moment, and places the events at the end of this chapter in that context
  - The inheriting of the holy mountain will happen at a time when people are declaring “prepare a way”

[Is. 57:15](#) For thus says the high and exalted One  
 Who lives forever, whose name is Holy,  
 “I dwell on a high and holy place,  
 And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit  
 In order to revive the spirit of the lowly  
 And to revive the heart of the contrite.

[Is. 57:16](#) “For I will not contend forever,  
 Nor will I always be angry;  
 For the spirit would grow faint before Me,  
 And the breath of those whom I have made.

- Christ says that He dwells on high with those who are contrite of heart
  - But He will not contend with men forever
  - Evocative of the words God spoke before the flood
    - And we know that the judgment of Noah was a picture of the judgement that comes in Tribulation
  - So here’s another reference that demonstrates this final chapter is speaking of Tribulation and the events of the end judgment

[Is. 57:17](#) "Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry and struck him;  
I hid My face and was angry,  
And he went on turning away, in the way of his heart.

[Is. 57:18](#) "I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;  
I will lead him and restore comfort to him and to his mourners,

[Is. 57:19](#) Creating the praise of the lips.  
Peace, peace to him who is far and to him who is near,"  
Says the LORD, "and I will heal him."

- Because God was angry at "him" or the disobedient Jew
  - He struck Israel
  - In setting them outside the land, destroying the Temple
  - Causing them to live in exile since AD70
- And the disobedient Jews remained that way throughout this time of God turning His back upon them
  - But in this last moment (which moment? The end times of Tribulation), God returns to Israel
  - The beginning of the return is the 144,000 jews who becomes believers after the rapture
    - And God is the one creating the praise of their lips
    - As He does for every man, prompting faith when it suits God
  - This is the regeneration that begins in Tribulation and culminates at the very end
- Now before we go into the final section and watch as the Lord does this work with Israel
  - We see the classic statement that marks the end of a section of Second Isaiah
    - The statement of what happens to the wicked

[Is. 57:20](#) But the wicked are like the tossing sea,  
For it cannot be quiet,  
And its waters toss up refuse and mud.

[Is. 57:21](#) " There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

- Now the beginning of the the Holy Spirit section
  - Remember, the theme of this last section is “double payment for sins” and it centers on the last days of Tribulation

[Is. 58:1](#) ¶ “ Cry loudly, do not hold back;  
 Raise your voice like a trumpet,  
 And declare to My people their transgression  
 And to the house of Jacob their sins.

- There is a commission to declare to Israel her sins
  - But no speaker is named
    - When an actor goes unnamed in Scripture, it sometimes points to Who? The Holy Spirit (e.g., the Servant in Gen 24, Boaz’s servant in Ruth)

[Is. 58:2](#) “Yet they seek Me day by day and delight to know My ways,  
 As a nation that has done righteousness  
 And has not forsaken the ordinance of their God.  
 They ask Me for just decisions,  
 They delight in the nearness of God.

[Is. 58:3](#) ‘Why have we fasted and You do not see?  
 Why have we humbled ourselves and You do not notice?’  
 Behold, on the day of your fast you find your desire,  
 And drive hard all your workers.

- They begin to feel the conviction of the Spirit but they respond incorrectly to the conviction
  - They question how God could be unhappy with them
  - They have done righteousness

[Is. 58:4](#) “Behold, you fast for contention and strife and to strike with a wicked fist.  
 You do not fast like you do today to make your voice heard on high.

[Is. 58:5](#) “Is it a fast like this which I choose, a day for a man to humble himself?  
 Is it for bowing one’s head like a reed  
 And for spreading out sackcloth and ashes as a bed?  
 Will you call this a fast, even an acceptable day to the LORD?”

- They practice the empty outward religious activities only
  - They don’t fast the way God expects, as a day of humbling themselves

- That isn't acceptable to the Lord

[Is. 58:6](#) "Is this not the fast which I choose,  
To loosen the bonds of wickedness,  
To undo the bands of the yoke,  
And to let the oppressed go free  
And break every yoke?"

[Is. 58:7](#) "Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry  
And bring the homeless poor into the house;  
When you see the naked, to cover him;  
And not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"

[Is. 58:8](#) "Then your light will break out like the dawn,  
And your recovery will speedily spring forth;  
And your righteousness will go before you;  
The glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

- God describes the kind of "fast" He desires
  - A fast from evil
  - A true worship will result in a true righteousness
  - And with it, the Lord's glory
- They must not only strive to do righteousness, but they must be righteous

[Is. 58:9](#) "Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;  
You will cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'  
If you remove the yoke from your midst,  
The pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness,

[Is. 58:10](#) And if you give yourself to the hungry  
And satisfy the desire of the afflicted,  
Then your light will rise in darkness  
And your gloom will become like midday.

[Is. 58:11](#) "And the LORD will continually guide you,  
And satisfy your desire in scorched places,  
And give strength to your bones;  
And you will be like a watered garden,  
And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

[Is. 58:12](#) "Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins;  
You will raise up the age-old foundations;  
And you will be called the repairer of the breach,  
The restorer of the streets in which to dwell.

[Is. 58:13](#) ¶ “If because of the sabbath, you turn your foot  
 From doing your own pleasure on My holy day,  
 And call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable,  
 And honor it, desisting from your own ways,  
 From seeking your own pleasure  
 And speaking your own word,

[Is. 58:14](#) Then you will take delight in the LORD,  
 And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;  
 And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,  
 For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

- Then those who are humble in this way will call upon the Lord
  - We know this refers to the time of Kingdom again
  - But notice in particular v.12
    - They rebuild the ancient ruins
    - The Temple of the Millennial reign
    - And they restore the streets of the city
  - And to Israel, God calls them to keep the Sabbath in the true way (like the fast earlier)
    - Turn your foot away (don't walk on holy ground by desecrating the Sabbath)
      - Don't conduct business on that day
        - Often business conversations take place during synagogue services on the Sabbath
      - And don't recite empty meaningless prayers
    - Keeping the Sabbath in this true way was symbolic of keeping the entire Law
      - And it's a heartfelt response of faith, not a means to faith
- What pattern are we seeing in these early chapters of the Holy Spirit section?
  - The role of the Spirit to call us out for our sin, to convict us and reveal our need for salvation
    - For example, look at 59, a well-known chapter for its description of sin in Israel, but in all men

[Is. 59:1](#) ¶ Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short  
That it cannot save;  
Nor is His ear so dull  
That it cannot hear.

- The Lord can save and He does hear Israel's pleas, but they don't realize they are sinful

[Is. 59:2](#) But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,  
And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

[Is. 59:3](#) For your hands are defiled with blood  
And your fingers with iniquity;  
Your lips have spoken falsehood,  
Your tongue mutters wickedness.

[Is. 59:4](#) No one sues righteously and no one pleads honestly.  
They trust in confusion and speak lies;  
They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity.

[Is. 59:5](#) They hatch adders' eggs and weave the spider's web;  
He who eats of their eggs dies,  
And from that which is crushed a snake breaks forth.

[Is. 59:6](#) Their webs will not become clothing,  
Nor will they cover themselves with their works;  
Their works are works of iniquity,  
And an act of violence is in their hands.

[Is. 59:7](#) Their feet run to evil,  
And they hasten to shed innocent blood;  
Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity,  
Devastation and destruction are in their highways.

[Is. 59:8](#) They do not know the way of peace,  
And there is no justice in their tracks;  
They have made their paths crooked,  
Whoever treads on them does not know peace.

- What happens in response to the conviction of the Holy Spirit?

[2Cor. 7:10](#) For the **sorrow** that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the **sorrow** of the world produces death.

- So now we see the pronoun change to first person, as Israel begins to speak in response to the convicting work of the Spirit in the last days

[Is. 59:9](#) ¶ Therefore justice is far from us,  
And righteousness does not overtake us;  
We hope for light, but behold, darkness,  
For brightness, but we walk in gloom.

[Is. 59:10](#) We grope along the wall like blind men,  
 We grope like those who have no eyes;  
 We stumble at midday as in the twilight,  
 Among those who are vigorous we are like dead men.

[Is. 59:11](#) All of us growl like bears,  
 And moan sadly like doves;  
 We hope for justice, but there is none,  
 For salvation, but it is far from us.

[Is. 59:12](#) For our transgressions are multiplied before You,  
 And our sins testify against us;  
 For our transgressions are with us,  
 And we know our iniquities:

[Is. 59:13](#) Transgressing and denying the LORD,  
 And turning away from our God,  
 Speaking oppression and revolt,  
 Conceiving in and uttering from the heart lying words.

- So now, what does God do in response to the one who confesses His sin under the influence of the Holy Spirit?
  - He rescues them
    - And as we move forward, notice that the Lord says there is no one else to rescue Israel except Himself

[Is. 59:14](#) Justice is turned back,  
 And righteousness stands far away;  
 For truth has stumbled in the street,  
 And uprightness cannot enter.

[Is. 59:15](#) Yes, truth is lacking;  
 And he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey.  
 Now the LORD saw,  
 And it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice.

[Is. 59:16](#) And He saw that there was no man,  
 And was astonished that there was no one to intercede;  
 Then His own arm brought salvation to Him,  
 And His righteousness upheld Him.

[Is. 59:17](#) He put on righteousness like a breastplate,  
 And a helmet of salvation on His head;  
 And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing  
 And wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle.

[Is. 59:18](#) According to their deeds, so He will repay,  
 Wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies;  
 To the coastlands He will make recompense.

[Is. 59:19](#) So they will fear the name of the LORD from the west  
 And His glory from the rising of the sun,  
 For He will come like a rushing stream  
 Which the wind of the LORD drives.

[Is. 59:20](#) "A Redeemer will come to Zion,  
 And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," declares the LORD.

- Remember Paul's words at the end of Romans 11?

[Rom. 11:25](#) ¶ For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery — so that you will not be wise in your own estimation — that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;

[Rom. 11:26](#) and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,  
 "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,  
 HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."

- This moment is the result of the work of the Spirit, according to Zech 12:10

[Zech. 12:10](#) ¶ "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

- And so we can see the obvious connection to the end of this chapter

[Is. 59:21](#) ¶ "As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever."

- And as we've seen before, what's the next thing Isaiah talks about anytime he brings up the redemption moment of Israel?
  - Predictable, he will launch into a discussion of the kingdom
    - This is one of the more beautiful in the entire book

[Is. 60:1](#) ¶ "Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
 And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

[Is. 60:2](#) "For behold, darkness will cover the earth  
 And deep darkness the peoples;  
 But the LORD will rise upon you  
 And His glory will appear upon you.

[Is. 60:3](#) " Nations will come to your light,  
And kings to the brightness of your rising.

- This light is the Shechinah glory visible in the Temple with Christ's arrival

[Is. 60:4](#) ¶ " Lift up your eyes round about and see;  
They all gather together, they come to you.  
Your sons will come from afar,  
And your daughters will be carried in the arms.

[Is. 60:5](#) "Then you will see and be radiant,  
And your heart will thrill and rejoice;  
Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you,  
The wealth of the nations will come to you.

[Is. 60:6](#) "A multitude of camels will cover you,  
The young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
All those from Sheba will come;  
They will bring gold and frankincense,  
And will bear good news of the praises of the LORD.

[Is. 60:7](#) "All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you,  
The rams of Nebaioth will minister to you;  
They will go up with acceptance on My altar,  
And I shall glorify My glorious house.

[Is. 60:8](#) " Who are these who fly like a cloud  
And like the doves to their lattices?

[Is. 60:9](#) "Surely the coastlands will wait for Me;  
And the ships of Tarshish will come first,  
To bring your sons from afar,  
Their silver and their gold with them,  
For the name of the LORD your God,  
And for the Holy One of Israel because He has glorified you.

- The kingdom will be structured with Israel at the center of the world,,  
Christ ruling from Jerusalem
  - And all the Gentile nations that live on the earth will give all their  
service and attention to Israel and the Lord

[Is. 60:10](#) ¶ " Foreigners will build up your walls,  
And their kings will minister to you;  
For in My wrath I struck you,  
And in My favor I have had compassion on you.

[Is. 60:11](#) "Your gates will be open continually;  
They will not be closed day or night,  
So that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations,  
With their kings led in procession.

[Is. 60:12](#) "For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish,  
And the nations will be utterly ruined.

[Is. 60:13](#) "The glory of Lebanon will come to you,  
The juniper, the box tree and the cypress together,  
To beautify the place of My sanctuary;  
And I shall make the place of My feet glorious.

[Is. 60:14](#) "The sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you,  
And all those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet;  
And they will call you the city of the LORD,  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

[Is. 60:15](#) ¶ "Whereas you have been forsaken and hated  
With no one passing through,  
I will make you an everlasting pride,  
A joy from generation to generation.

[Is. 60:16](#) "You will also suck the milk of nations  
And suck the breast of kings;  
Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior  
And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

[Is. 60:17](#) "Instead of bronze I will bring gold,  
And instead of iron I will bring silver,  
And instead of wood, bronze,  
And instead of stones, iron.  
And I will make peace your administrators  
And righteousness your overseers.

[Is. 60:18](#) "Violence will not be heard again in your land,  
Nor devastation or destruction within your borders;  
But you will call your walls salvation, and your gates praise.

[Is. 60:19](#) "No longer will you have the sun for light by day,  
Nor for brightness will the moon give you light;  
But you will have the LORD for an everlasting light,  
And your God for your glory.

[Is. 60:20](#) "Your sun will no longer set,  
Nor will your moon wane;  
For you will have the LORD for an everlasting light,  
And the days of your mourning will be over.

[Is. 60:21](#) "Then all your people will be righteous;  
They will possess the land forever,  
The branch of My planting,  
The work of My hands,  
That I may be glorified.

[Is. 60:22](#) "The smallest one will become a clan,  
And the least one a mighty nation.  
I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

- Notice at the end, that all Israel is prosperous and all Israel knows the Lord
  - The kingdom will have no unbelieving Jews

- The opening of the next chapter shows the Spirit's work in the first coming of Christ

[Is. 61:1](#) ¶ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
Because the LORD has anointed me  
To bring good news to the afflicted;  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to captives  
And freedom to prisoners;

[Is. 61:2](#) To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD  
And the day of vengeance of our God;  
To comfort all who mourn,

- If you remember these verses as Jesus quoted them at the beginning of His ministry in Nazareth, then you'll remember He stopped in the middle of verse 2
  - Because the second half of v.2 isn't fulfilled until His Second Coming
  - But here we see the Spirit of the Lord upon Christ working through His first coming and into His second coming
    - While His first coming was to declare the gospel (good news) to those who are captives and prisoners of sin
    - Now the text moves to the purpose of His second coming

[Is. 61:3](#) To grant those who mourn in Zion,  
Giving them a garland instead of ashes,  
The oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.  
So they will be called oaks of righteousness,  
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

[Is. 61:4](#) ¶ Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins,  
They will raise up the former devastations;  
And they will repair the ruined cities,  
The desolations of many generations.

[Is. 61:5](#) Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks,  
And foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.

[Is. 61:6](#) But you will be called the priests of the LORD;  
You will be spoken of as ministers of our God.  
You will eat the wealth of nations,  
And in their riches you will boast.

[Is. 61:7](#) Instead of your shame you will have a double portion,  
And instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion.  
Therefore they will possess a double portion in their land,  
Everlasting joy will be theirs.

[Is. 61:8](#) For I, the LORD, love justice,  
I hate robbery in the burnt offering;  
And I will faithfully give them their recompense  
And make an everlasting covenant with them.

- Because of Israel's sins, the Lord will give them their recompense upon His return
  - This is the judgment of Tribulation that must precede the giving of the New Covenant
- But after Tribulation, the covenant from Jer 31:31 becomes Israel's
  - The nation of Israel doesn't see this covenant until the time of the Millennial kingdom
  - Because they must first pay double for their sins, as required in the Mosaic Covenant

[Is. 61:9](#) Then their offspring will be known among the nations,  
And their descendants in the midst of the peoples.  
All who see them will recognize them  
Because they are the offspring whom the LORD has blessed.

[Is. 61:10](#) ¶ I will rejoice greatly in the LORD,  
My soul will exult in my God;  
For He has clothed me with garments of salvation,  
He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,  
As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

[Is. 61:11](#) For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up,  
So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
To spring up before all the nations.

- The reference to offspring in this context refers to the offspring of the nation of Israel
  - The descendants of the nation will be those Jews in that future day who receive faith in the last days of Tribulation and enter the kingdom
    - They are the offspring of the nation Israel whom the Lord has blessed
    - Because they were the ones to survive the Tribulation and be saved

- As Jesus says in Matt 24:13 speaking of the Jews at the end of Tribulation:

[Matt. 24:13](#) " But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.