

Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

As I studied this passage, I was struck by the word “arise”. The city of Jerusalem is bidden to stand up and enjoy the glory that has reached the city of David. The glory is likened to a beautiful dawn appearing after a long period of darkness.

Your light has come. What does light signify? Light symbolizes our Holy God. Light signifies God’s presence and favor. God’s light represents God’s truth, hope, guidance and righteousness. There is no darkness at all in God. God’s light exposes what is hidden. God’s light is your salvation.

The glory of the Lord arises upon all of us. In the Old Testament, the shekinah glory. In the New Testament, the light of the world is Jesus. We will be beacons and reflections of God’s glory that will turn others to God’s transformative power.