ARISE, SHINE

(Isa 60:1 KJV) Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. (Isa 60:2 KJV) For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. (Isa 60:3 KJV) And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

(John 9:5 KJV) As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

(Mat 5:14 KJV) Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

1. TWO CONFLICTING FORCES.

- 1. **Light Darkness**
- 2. Knowledge Ignorance
- 3. *Life Death*
- 4. Enlightened Unenlightenment
- 5. Christ Anti-christ
- 6. Kingdom of Light Kingdom of Darkness
- 7. God Satan

2. DARKNESS.

- 1. Absence of light.
- 2. Symbolizes chaos (darkness covered the earth).
- 3. **Ignorance.**
- 4. **Powers hostile to God.**

3. SATAN'S CONDITION SINCE THE CROSS.

- 1. He is bound.
 - 1. (Mark 3:27 KJV) No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.
 - 2. (Luke 11:20 KJV) But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

2. Satan is defeated, disarmed, and spoiled.

- 1. (Col 2:15 KJV) And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
- 2. (Heb 2:14 KJV) Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

3. He has Afallen @ and was Athrown down. @

- 1. (Luke 10:18 KJV) And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.
- 2. (Rev 12:9 KJV) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceive the whole world: he was cast

out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

4. HOW SATAN OPERATES.

- 1. Loves to work in secret.
- 2. Exposure most effective tool against Satan.
 - 1. (1 Cor 4:5 KJV) Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.
 - 2. (Eph 5:11 KJV) And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. (Eph 5:12 KJV) For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.
- 3. He is a deceiver--disguises himself as angel of light.

5. THE PURPOSES OF GOD.

- 1. Ye are the light of the world.
- 2. We are to be a light in a dark hour.
 - 1. Where sin abounds, grace more abounds.
 - 2. Darkness shall cover the earth; gross darkness the people--but our light has come and the glory of God has risen upon us.
 - 3. If the church is to be a witness or a light during dark hours, then it is evident no removal before these dark days.
- 3. We are to reveal His Glory.
 - 1. Glory in His house.
 - 1. Solomon's temple.
 - 2. We are the House of God.
 - 3. Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone (Eph. 2:19-22)

(Eph 2:19 KJV) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; (Eph 2:20 KJV) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; (Eph 2:21 KJV) In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: (Eph 2:22 KJV) In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

- 2. **Glory in His saints.** (2 Th 1:10 KJV) When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.
- 6. THE WICKED ONE DESTROYED BY BRIGHTNESS OF HIS COMING. (2 Th 2:9 KJV) Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, (2 Th 2:10 KJV) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
 - 1. Light represents truth, glory, enlightenment, understanding.

2. Light reveals, makes manifest.

- 1. (Acts 26:18 KJV) To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.
- 2. (1 Cor 4:5 KJV) Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.
- 3. (2 Cor 4:4 KJV) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
- 4. (2 Cor 4:6 KJV) For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- 5. (2 Tim 1:10 KJV) But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:
- 6. (1 Pet 2:9 KJV) But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
- 3. Light expels darkness.
- 4. Darkness manifested before light.

7. WHEN WILL THE LORD APPEAR?

- 1. When Zion is built up. (Psa 102:16 KJV) When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory. (Psa 102:17 KJV) He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. (Psa 102:18 KJV) This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD. (Psa 102:19 KJV) For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth; (Psa 102:20 KJV) To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death; (Psa 102:21 KJV) To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem; (Psa 102:22 KJV) When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
- 2. The Lord will not appear in His glory until the Body of Christ comes into unity and into maturity.
- 3. Glory revealed as illumination.
 - 1. Mount of Transfiguration.
 - 2. Glory of Moses.
 - 3. Glory of the Latter House.