



***a*** rise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you. **Isaiah 60:1-2**

I was recently doing a teaching about Isaiah 60, regarding the darkness that will come upon the whole earth in the latter days. The scripture goes on to say in the second verse that the great ***darkness will not only come upon the whole earth, but it will also come upon the children of God.*** However, at the time of this event something strange will happen to His children. Allow me to share with you what the LORD revealed to me.



In verse one prophet Isaiah starts by issuing a declaration to the children of the Most High to arise and shine for the glory of God has risen upon them. The word arise that is used here is a very primitive Hebrew root which means ***to rouse yourself up, to get up and stand.*** The word shine in Hebrew also comes from a very primitive root that means ***to kindle and to be set on fire.*** If you put these words together, you begin to get a picture.

Isaiah goes on to say in the first verse that our light (***illumination, morning sun***) has come and that the glory (***kabowd-the weight of His Glory***) of the LORD is risen upon us. He is basically making a decree, and at the same time issuing a warning to God's people regarding an important event that is going to take place. Now ***the word risen*** comes from a very primitive Hebrew root that literally means ***to irradiate, as in shooting forth beams.***

In the next verse Isaiah then tells us when this strange event will happen. According to prophet Isaiah, ***this event will take place in the latter days when darkness will cover the earth and gross darkness the people.*** In verse one Isaiah declares to us that we must rouse ourselves and set ourselves on fire as we

see that day of darkness coming upon us. This is extremely important in lieu of what the scripture tells us next.

This strange darkness has happened in recorded history only once before. It happened during the Exodus as Moses was confronting Pharaoh demanding the he let God's people leave Egypt. Through all the plagues that Moses sent against Egypt by the Hand of God, none of them seemed to have any effect on Pharaoh until the last one. ***This one was so terrible,*** that God told the people not to come outside their homes while this even was happening.

**Exodus 10:20-22** ***But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.***

This strange darkness was not the normal darkness that the people were accustomed to. This darkness had a tangible quality about it that allowed it to be felt by everyone. The children of Israel were protected by the blood that had been applied to the side and upper door posts of their homes according to the instructions that the Almighty had given them through His servant Moses.

This darkness will take place again in the end of times; ***as darkness comes upon His people, they will be irradiated as with shooting forth beams of light.*** The weighty glory of the God will be seen upon His people as the rest of the world experiences this gross darkness. This is not an endorsement of pre-tribulation rapture, or any other man made theory. It was shared with simplicity and purity of heart. Take it to prayer.



**Isaiah 60:8** ***Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?"***