Anointed to Proclaim the Gospel of Glory (Isa. 60-62)

A. Jesus connected the timing of His return to preaching the gospel of the kingdom to all nations (Mt. 24:14). God's answer to increasing lawlessness is the message of the gospel of the kingdom.

¹⁰And then many will be offended, will betray one another and hate one another...¹²And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold...¹⁴And this <u>gospel of the kingdom</u> will be preached in <u>all the world</u> as a witness to all the nations [ethnos], and <u>then the end will come</u>. (Mt. 24:10-14)

- B. To "arise" is to take action and to engage with confidence with Jesus, His people, and His kingdom.
 ¹ "<u>Arise</u>, shine; for your light has come...² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.
 ⁵ Then you shall see and <u>become radiant</u>, and your heart shall swell with joy... (Isa. 60:1-2,5)
- C. God's plan is to raise up anointed messengers in every sphere of society who proclaim the gospel. ¹"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because the Lord has <u>anointed Me to preach [the good news]</u> to the poor; He sent Me...to proclaim liberty to the captives...⁷Instead of your shame you shall have <u>double honor</u>...¹¹The Lord will cause righteousness...<u>to spring forth before all the nations</u>." (Isa. 61:1-11)
- D. The gospel is good news about the glory and beauty of a person—Jesus
 ¹⁷"Your eyes will see the <u>King in His beauty</u>." (Isa. 33:17)
- E. Before Jesus returns, the Spirit will raise up the greatest prayer movement in history (Isa. 62:6-7). The Holy Spirit will motivate people by revealing how much He delights in them.

²...You will be called by a <u>new name</u>...⁴You will be called, "<u>My delight is in her</u>..." ⁵Your God will rejoice over you...⁶I have appointed watchmen [intercessors]; <u>all day and all night</u> they will never keep silent...⁷<u>until</u> He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isa 62:2-7, NAS)