

## **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

Arise! Shine, for your light has come,  
the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

Though darkness covers the earth,  
and thick clouds, the peoples,  
upon you the LORD will dawn,  
and over you his glory will be seen.

Nations shall walk by your light,  
kings by the radiance of your dawning.

Raise your eyes and look about;  
they all gather and come to you -  
your sons from afar,  
your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall see and be radiant,  
your heart shall throb and overflow.

For the riches of the sea shall be poured out before you,  
the wealth of nations shall come to you.

Caravans of camels shall cover you,  
dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come  
bearing gold and frankincense,  
and heralding the praises of the LORD.

All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered for you,  
the rams of Nebaioth shall serve your needs;  
they will be acceptable offerings on my altar,  
and I will glorify my glorious house.

Who are these that fly along like a cloud,  
like doves to their cotes?

The vessels of the coastlands are gathering,  
with the ships of Tarshish in the lead,  
to bring your children from afar,  
their silver and gold with them -  
for the name of the LORD, your God,  
for the Holy One of Israel who has glorified you.

**The word of the Lord**