

# VISION

*Part 2*

**'Arise Shine'**

Where are you going  
in 2024?

And where are we  
going in 2024?



Oxford Dictionary | **Vision** noun

1. the faculty or state of being able to see.
2. the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom... *"the organization had lost its vision and direction"*

**châzôn** HEBREW

a sight (mentally), that is, a dream, revelation, or oracle: - vision.



**Who decides where we are going?**

- **God**
- **Jesus, the Good Shepherd**



# 1. Arise, Shine – 2024



**ARISE, SHINE**

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME



## **Isaiah 60 NIV The Glory of Zion**

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. 2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. 3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

## 1.2 Context:

**Old and New Testament** | Interpretation- Addressed to; timeline; etc.

- God's character
- Scripture 'rhema' to me...

### **Isaiah -**

- ✓ One of the four major prophets of the Old Testament
- ✓ Prophesied to the southern tribe of Judah and Jerusalem
- ✓ Warned the people - turn from wicked ways, worshipping idols
- ✓ Return to trusting, worshipping and serving the God
- ✓ Also prophesied to the other nations

**This can surely apply to us, right?**

- **Simply apply it to the modern-day church?**
- **Was God speaking to Israel?**
- **Or is this addressed specifically to Jerusalem?**
- **Or can we legitimately apply this text to the birth of Jesus?**
- **And is it appropriate to see this as a prophecy about the church's mission to the world in obedience to the Great Commission?**

**“time-bound and timeless and timely”**

**The Light of Jesus to all - through God's people and His Church**

1.3 For us:



**It is a time to stand and  
reflect the Light of the  
World [Jesus] in-spite of  
the darkness in the  
world, our community  
and area**



**“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.”**

**1. Arise | Stand – take action, be positioned**



**“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.”**

**2. Shine | His light and glory....**

**“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.” v1**

## **1.4 A city on a hill:**

**Matthew 5:13-16 Salt and Light** “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

**“See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.” v2**

**KEY → “but the Lord”**

**John 8:12** When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”



Prayer



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