so that through them may be brought
the wealth of nations
and their kings under escort.

12 For the nation or kingdom which refuses
to serve you will perish; and there will
be widespread devastation among such
nations.

13 The glory of Lebanon will come to you,
pine, fir, and boxwood all together,
to adorn my holy sanctuary,
to honour the place where I stand.

14 The sons of your oppressors will come
forward to do homage,
all who reviled you will bow low at your
feet;
they will address you as 'City of the
Lord,
Zion of the Holy One of Israel'.

15 No longer will you be deserted,
like a wife hated and neglected;
I shall make you an object of everlasting
acclaim,
and a source of never-ending joy.

16 You will suck the milk of nations
and be suckled at royal breasts.
Then you will know that I, the Lord, am
your Deliverer;
your Redeemer is the Mighty One of
Jacob.

17 For copper I shall bring you gold
and for iron I shall bring silver,
copper for timber and iron for stone;
I shall appoint peace to govern you
and make righteousness rule over you.

18 No longer will the sound of violence be
heard in your land,
nor havoc and ruin within your
borders;
but you will name your walls
Deliverance
and your gates Praise.

19 The sun will no longer be your light by
day,
nor the moon shine on you by night;
the Lord will be your everlasting
light,
your God will be your splendour.

20 Never again will your sun set
nor your moon withdraw her light;
but the Lord will be your everlasting
light
and your days of mourning will be
ended.

21 Your people, all of them righteous,
will possess the land for ever.
They are a shoot of my own planting,
a work of my own hands for my
adornment.

22 The few will become a thousand;
the handful, a great nation.
At its appointed time I the Lord shall
bring this swiftly to pass.

61 The spirit of the Lord God is upon
me
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to announce good news
to the humble,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to captives,
release to those in prison;
2 to proclaim a year of the Lord’s favour
and a day of the vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn,
3 to give them garlands instead of ashes,
oil of gladness instead of mourners’
tears,
a garment of splendour for the heavy
heart.
They will be called trees of
righteousness,
planted by the Lord for his adornment.

4 Buildings long in ruins will be rebuilt
and sites long desolate restored;
they will repair the ruined cities
which for generations have lain
desolate.

5 Foreigners will serve as shepherds of
your flocks,
aliens will till your land and tend your
vines,
6 but you will be called priests of the
Lord
and be named ministers of our God.
You will enjoy the wealth of nations
and succeed to their riches.

7 And so, because shame in double
measure
and insults and abuse have been my
people’s lot,
they will receive in their own land a
double measure of wealth,
and everlasting joy will be theirs.

8 For I the Lord love justice
and hate robbery and crime;
I shall grant them a sure reward
and make an everlasting covenant with
them;

61:2 who mourn: prob. rdg; Heb. adds to appoint to Zion’s mourners.
your shame. and abuse: prob. rdg; Heb. they shout. my people's: lit. their.
61:7 shame: prob. rdg; Heb. your shame. and abuse: prob. rdg; Heb. they shout. my people's: lit. their.