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Essay 10

Respond to one of the following essay questions (include parenthetical citations in your response):

- **What is one new thing you learned or idea to which you were exposed?**
- **What, if anything, troubled you about what you studied this week?**
- **Hebrew language students only – discuss an interesting feature of the text.**

An interesting feature of the text highlighted by both Oswalt and Constable is the chiasmic structure of the final section of Isaiah. The A, B, C, D, C', B', and A' structure begins and ends with foreign worshipers, B and B' relate to a clarification of righteousness, C and C' the divine warrior, with the climax being the full realization of the eschatological hope of Israel outlined in chapters 60-62 (Constable, 388). A chiasm is a common literary tool used often in Scripture to highlight the central pinnacle of the chiasm, which in this case refers to chapters 60-62. The beauty of these chapters lies in the culmination of the anointed Servant's work made evident through Zion, His people (Oswalt, 641). Here, it does not seem that Isaiah has a specific historical or future event in mind. Instead, the focus seems to be theological (Oswalt, 644). The glory of God is made fully present in the glory of His people. The implications here for us should inspire awe and responsibility. That he would choose us and place in us such esteemed unmerited honor and glory is incredible. But the practical application is that we hold the responsibility of showing God's presence and glory to those around us ("the rest of the nations"). We should therefore act in accordance with His will, and enable His presence to be made known in and through us.