

Isaiah Chapter 62

Verses 1-12: This chapter outlines the conditions that are preparatory to the deliverance of Zion and the establishment of Christ's kingdom. "Righteousness" and "salvation" will burst forth as a light upon the "Gentiles". Moreover, the Gentiles will not merely observe this light, but will receive it. Israel will change so radically that she will "be called by a new name."

Isaiah 62:1 "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp [that] burneth."

"Not hold my peace ... I will not rest": The Lord expresses His determination to make Jerusalem a lighthouse for the world (58:8; 60:1-3).

"Zion" is literally the mount in Jerusalem. We know also, that Zion is sometimes used to speak of Jerusalem itself. Zion is also symbolic of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. This verse above is as if God Himself is speaking. God wants a family. He will not rest, until that is accomplished.

The plan from the foundation of the earth was for Jesus (Jehovah Savior), to offer His body to pay the penalty for sin, for all mankind. Jesus did this, not for His sake, but for our sake, that we might be saved. The Righteousness and the Light are both Jesus Christ. There was no righteousness on the earth.

The Bible says all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. If God were to have a family, there had to be a better covenant. Man was incapable of keeping the first. Jesus is the Candlestick. He is the Lamp. There is salvation in no other.

Isaiah 62:2 "And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name."

"New name" Jerusalem's new name will reflect Israel's new favored status (verses 4, 12; 65:15).

Many times, when God called someone to serve Him, He changed their name. Jacob (trickster), was changed to Israel. Abram's name was changed to Abraham. The meaning of the name had to be correct for the call on his life.

We all took on the name of Christ, when we were saved. Our name was changed to Christian. The name just means that we are a believer in, and a follower of Christ. Each individual has a new name that no one knows but God. I believe when we receive that private name from God, it will describe us as we really are.

Revelation 2:17 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth [it]."

There is another Scripture that says He will write His name on us.

Revelation 3:12 "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] my new name."

Isaiah 62:3 "Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God."

Jesus will be proud of these that belong to Him. He will present His church to the world as a precious stone, or crown.

Isaiah 62:4 "Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married."

"Delighteth in thee ... married": These terms reflect a full restored relationship with the Lord.

The word "Hephzibah" means my delight is in her. "Beulah" means to be master, or to be married. These 2 words make me believe this is speaking of the bride of Christ. The land that had been so desolate would now be as a Garden of Eden.

God's people will no longer be scorned. They are His. The bride of Christ (Christians), is sometimes spoken of in the same manner as New Jerusalem. Jesus has claimed His bride at this point.

Isaiah 62:5 "For [as] a young man marrieth a virgin, [so] shall thy sons marry thee: and [as] the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, [so] shall thy God rejoice over thee."

"Sons marry thee": "Marry" in the sense of occupying and possessing the city.

We are told that Jesus is coming back for a chaste virgin bride. This just means they have been spiritually faithful to Him.

2 Corinthians 11:2 "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ."

Verses 6-7: "Never hold their peace ... give him no rest": The prophets of Israel issued constant warnings about lurking enemies and prayed for Jerusalem to be "a praise" (60:18; 61:11). There will be more prophets in the kingdom who continually proclaim the honor of the Lord.

Isaiah 62:6 "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, [which] shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,"

The "watchmen", in verse 6 above, are speaking of prophets, and ministers of the Word of God. The minister in a church must watch for the character of the people, he or she, is ministering to. It is the responsibility of the pastor of the church to make sure the doctrine is correct and to make sure the congregation is aware of God's wishes.

Today, all ministers should be sounding an alarm for the moral decay in our country. This Old Testament Scripture describes what preachers ought to be doing today.

Joel 2:17 "Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where [is] their God?"

Isaiah 62:7 "And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

Many of the congregation thinks the minister is stepping on his individual toes, when they preach over and over to repent. The Jews then and the Christians now, are actually representing Christ in everything they do. God gets the praise, when we live like Christ before the Lord.

Verses 8-9: "The Lord hath sworn": The end of foreign domination over Jerusalem is as certain as the oath of God.

Isaiah 62:8 "The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn [to be] meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast labored:"

God will restore the Jews to Jerusalem. God promised Abraham that his descendants would inherit the Promised Land. What He promises, He does. God will come to their assistance and restore them in their land.

God will keep us in His perfect care, as well. Jesus is the Right hand of God. The blessings God has provided for His own will not be stolen by the enemy.

Isaiah 62:9 "But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness."

"Courts of my holiness": This refers to the millennial temple (Ezek. 40-46).

We see from this Scripture, that we are not to sit idly by and let others do the work. We reap what we sow. God will prosper the crops of those who are His own. He will not let others take it away from them.

Praising God for the good crop is just as important, as planting the right seed in the right ground. God is the One who makes it grow. There will be no fear of the enemy, when we have done God's will. God will protect His own.

Isaiah 62:10 "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people."

“Prepare ye the way” This and the accompanying commands prepare the people for the exaltation of Zion and the manifestation of her salvation (11:12; 40:3; 57:14).

This message is primarily to the house of Israel in captivity. When God frees them, they are to immediately head for the Promised Land. They are to leave a clear path behind them for others to follow.

They are to remove all the obstacles they can that would prevent others from coming. They are to set a standard that others might see clearly and follow. Look at this carefully with me. This could also, be speaking to the Christians who are headed for their promised land (heaven).

They should clear the way for those coming behind. They should not put up obstacles that might cause others not to be able to make it. Most of all, their standard of living should be so above reproach that it would lead others to Christ.

Isaiah 62:11 "Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward [is] with him, and his work before him."

“Say ye to the daughter ... behold”: Matthew may also have alluded to these words when he was quoting from Zech. 9:9 as it related to Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:5).

The "daughter of Zion" is most assuredly speaking of the Christians. Isaiah stresses one more time that the Messiah is coming to save the people from their sins. He is salvation for all mankind. His reward to all who will believe is everlasting life. He worked 6 hours on the cross to pay for our sin.

Isaiah 62:12 "And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken."

“A city not forsaken” (see verse 4 and Zion’s complaint in 49:14). "But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me."

Again, Israel was redeemed from captivity in Babylon, but I believe this is speaking of something greater than that. This is a promise to that individual who has been a slave to sin. Jesus paid the price for sin on the cross with His precious blood.

When we are saved, we become a righteous people. We take on the righteousness of Christ. Actually, we become a new creature in Christ. Christ lives in us, and that is the hope of glory.

We are promised that He will never leave us, nor forsake us. We are sons of God. We are family.

Isaiah Chapter 62 Questions

1. What is "Zion" in the literal sense?
2. Zion is symbolic of the _____.
3. Who appears to be speaking in verse 1?
4. What was the plan for salvation from the foundation of the earth?
5. Who is the Righteousness and the Light?
6. _____ have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
7. What did the name Jacob mean?
8. What did God change Jacob's name to?
9. Abram's name was changed to _____.
10. Jesus will present His church to the world as a _____.
11. "Hephzibah" means what?
12. What does "Beulah" mean?
13. Then what is verse 4 saying to us?
14. The bride of Christ is spoken of as 2 things. What are they?
15. Who are the "watchmen" in verse 6?
16. Where do we find the Scripture in the Old Testament that tells us what ministers should be doing today?
17. When the preacher preaches over and over on repentance, what do some of the congregation believe?
18. Verse 8 says, God has sworn by His _____.
19. What does that Scripture have to do with us?
20. Who is the "daughter of Zion"?
21. What happens to us, when we become Christians?