

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 279 – Not Holding Peace Through A City Not Forsaken (Isaiah 62:1-12)

1. How long was peace not going to be withheld in Zion?

Until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth: *“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”* (Isaiah 62:1).

- Zion was special (**Psalms 69:35**, **Psalms 122:6-9**, and **Psalms 137:4-6**).
- Out of Zion (Jerusalem; **Psalms 135:21**) the promise of salvation would shine forth (**Isaiah 2:2-3**, **Micah 4:1-2**, and **Luke 24:47**).
- We’ll talk more of not being silent as we move through this chapter (**Isaiah 62:6-7**).

2. Would the Gentiles benefit when salvation came to Zion?

Yes: *“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”* (Isaiah 62:2).

- **Isaiah 42:1**, **Isaiah 49:5-6**, **Acts 13:46-48**, **Ephesians 2:11-17**, and **Ephesians 3:1-11**.

3. Was Israel going to be despised by God and forsaken in the future?

No: *“(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. (4) Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi–bah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. (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”* (Isaiah 62:3-5).

- Israel a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord (**Malachi 3:16-18**).
- The same is true in the reverse (**Isaiah 28:5-6**).
- Were known to be forsake (**Isaiah 49:14**), but shall no more termed Forsaken or Desolate (**Isaiah 54:6-7**, **Isaiah 62:12**, and **Romans 9:25-27**).
- Hephzi–bah [meaning my delight is in her] was Hezekiah’s wife’s name whom bore Manasseh (**II Kings 21:1**).
- Beulah means “married” which shows God did not forsake His bride Israel (**Isaiah 54:5**, **Jeremiah 3:14**, and **Hosea 2:19**; cf. **Jeremiah 32:41-42**).
- As a bride (**Isaiah 49:18**).

4. Did God plan on silencing the watchmen of Jerusalem?

No: *“(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, (7) And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth” (Isaiah 62:6-7).*

- God set up their spiritual watchmen (**Jeremiah 6:17, Jeremiah 25:4, Ezekiel 3:17, and Habakkuk 2:1-4**).
- Faithful watchmen do not keep silent (**Ezekiel 33:7 and Acts 20:26-31**).
- That does not mean all watchmen were faithful (**Isaiah 56:10-12**).
- God’s goal was for the watchmen to bring about restoration of the people (**Ezekiel 33:10-20**) so they could be a praise in the earth (**Zephaniah 3:7-20**).

5. Was Israel told they’d keep being invaded and their goods taken for spoil by their enemies?

No, the opposite was going to be the case: *“(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 laboured: (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” (Isaiah 62:8-9).*

- The Lord sworn (**Psalms 110:4, Psalms 132:11, and Jeremiah 11:5**).
- God had given their food for spoil (**Jeremiah 5:17**).
- No more (**Isaiah 65:21-24**).

6. What did God want prepared?

The way of the people: *“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” (Isaiah 62:10).*

- **Isaiah 40:3 and Isaiah 57:14.**

7. Was salvation going to be withheld from Zion?

No: *“(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. (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” (Isaiah 62:11-12).*

- **Zechariah 9:9; cf. Matthew 21:4-11 and Revelation 22:12-17.**
- They were promised redemption from the Savior (**Luke 19:1-10 and I Peter 1:18-20**).