

Zion's New Name—Isaiah 62:1–12

Open It

1. What is it like to visit a building, town, or city that has been abandoned for a long time?
2. Why is it significant when someone changes his or her name?

Isaiah 62:1–12 (ESV)

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

⁶On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest,

⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

⁸The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored;

⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples.

¹¹Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

¹²And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Explore It

3. For what great event was Isaiah watching and praying on behalf of Israel? (62:1)
4. When God exalted His people, what did Isaiah expect the Lord to give them? (62:2)
5. To what symbol of kingship did Isaiah compare Israel in the day of the Lord's favor? (62:3)
6. How did Isaiah predict that a change of name would reflect a change of status for Israel? (62:4)
7. What status and emotions went along with marriage for a young woman of Isaiah's time? (62:5)
8. Who did Isaiah feel should have no rest until Jerusalem was restored and established? (62:6–7)

9. What did God swear that He would never allow to happen again? (62:8)
10. What will peace and prosperity allow God's people to do with their crops? (62:9)
11. What is the call of the prophet to the people as they wait for the Day of the Lord? (62:10)
12. What names did Isaiah prophesy would be used in reference to God's people in Jerusalem? (62:12)

Get It

13. What does it mean to "prepare the way of the Lord"?
14. What are the differences between a deserted city and a sought-after city?

Apply It

15. In what concrete way (no matter how small) can you "prepare the way of the Lord" in your family or community this week?