

## Isaiah 62:6-12

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### The establishment of Zion Isa 62:6-9

6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; 7 And give Him no rest until He establishes And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. 8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by His strong arm, "I will never again give your grain as food for your enemies; Nor will foreigners drink your new wine for which you have labored." 9 But those who garner it will eat it and praise the LORD; And those who gather it will drink it in the courts of My sanctuary.

"On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen" (intercessors)

Intercession is the act of petitioning God or praying on behalf of another person or group.

He is the guarantee and the guarantor of them all.

Heb 7:22 so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

Rom 4:16 For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

The sacrifices and prayers of Old Testament priests (Ex 29:42; 30:7) were acts of intercession that point forward to the work of Christ.

Jesus is the greatest intercessor.

He prayed on behalf of Peter (Lk 22:32)

His disciples (John 17)

He prayed for those who crucified Him (Luke 23:34)

Jesus' intercessory work did not cease when He returned to heaven.

In heaven He intercedes for His church (Heb 7:25).

His Holy Spirit pleads on behalf of the individual Christian (Rom 8:26-27).

The New Testament teaches that intercession is expected of all believers (1Tim 2:1-3).

1Tim 2:1-6 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.

"You who remind the LORD" [of the promises of His Word]

We are told that there are over 3300 of them. Each promise is yes and amen in Jesus Christ

2Cor 1:20 For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes and amen

Num 23:19 Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

"give Him no rest"

Lk 18:1-8 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, 2 saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. 3 "There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' 4 "For a while he was unwilling; but

afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.' ” 6 And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge said; 7 now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? 8 “I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?”

“until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth”

Eph 1:15-19 For this reason I ... 16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

## The salvation of Zion Isa 62:10-12

10 Go through, go through the gates, Clear the way for the people; Build up, build up the highway, Remove the stones, lift up a standard over the peoples. 11 Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth, Say to the daughter of Zion, “Lo, your salvation comes; Behold His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.” 12 And they will call them, “The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD”; And you will be called, “Sought out, a city not forsaken.”

“lift up a standard over the peoples” - speaks of the cross of Jesus.

Jn 3:14-16 “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; 15 so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. 16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Isa 11:10 Then in that day The nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious. (Isa 11:12; 49:22)

“Clear the way for the people,” “Remove the stones,” - speaks of repentance.

Isa 40:3 A voice is calling, “Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.

Mt 3:1-3 Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” 3 For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, “THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’”

“Build up, build up” – speaks of edification

Rom 15:2 Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.  
(Eph 4:29; 1Cor 14:17; 10:23) all

1Cor 8:1 Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.

“His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him” – speaks of second coming of Christ.

(Isa 40:10; Rev 22:12)

Zion will then be called:

The holy people, the redeemed of the Lord, sat all, a city not forsaken.