

The church responds

11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to
sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and
praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

Zion's Coming Salvation

62 For 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.

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

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

4 You 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.

5 For 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.

11 Here the natural order of God's creation shows order and purpose. What God plants in His people, the church, will bring forward righteousness every place it exist among the nations. Hence His people praise will occur. It cannot be contained and is what He has planned for them.

- ① Here the speaker is again the Lord, the suffering servant of 53. He speaks of Jerusalem as it represents where God is worshipped and where His people gather together. Zion here is equivalent or used to denote Heaven and the eternal. God wants to free His people to share the message of Righteousness of Salvation which shines in the dark world of sinful men. This is a picture of Him releasing the church up on the world w/ the opportunity to discover and worship Him.
- ② Even as the church shares it is Jesus (the servant) that draws their attention. It is His righteousness that shows through the believers. Here the new name may be the universal name the church, or more on a personal level as in Rev. 2.17 where each one receives a white stone and a name given them by Jesus. The Bible is full of those who have their names changed after meeting the Living God.
- ③ Here the church is seen in all of Her glory, waiting to be wed to the King. She is prepared by God, for God's glory.
- ④ Here those who were "forsaken" have come to God, and as mentioned about He has renamed them as the church, "My Delight Is in Her." She is His love the one He will marry. Even now she is getting ready (vs.3) for the wedding (vs.4).
- ⑤ Here God expresses His love for the church as those are in love for the first time. Here the love between God and His church are perfected in a joining together that is to last not a lifetime but forever. Nothing makes God happier than those who come to Him in love and trust. His joy is found in our salvation and surrender to His will for our lives.

- 6 On 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,
7 and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it a praise in the earth.
8 The 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;
9 but 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." (3rd Heaven)
- 10 Go 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.
11 Behold, 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,

6a Here Jerusalem is the future church and the watchmen are the ministers proclaiming the truth of Jesus the Christ. It is their job to proclaim truth in all circumstances. Whether surrounded by the righteous and light or surrounded by the night of wickedness.

6b-7 The watchmen are tasked w/a continued declaration of truth. There is no season when they are not to declare His righteousness and His salvation. They are tasked w/calling others to come to God and join them as God establishes His church, here Jerusalem, and that all praises rise before all of Humanity.

8 God, in all of His strength, has made a promise and sworn an oath. He is through with the punishment He has allowed to come upon His people. Foreign nations will no longer take His people captive. Those who have been spiritually freed cannot be taken from God by any other. Each person shall receive their own rewards.

9 Here we look past the physical and into the eternal rewards that each person lays up in Heaven. (Luce 6:23)

10 Again the image of a level path, a smooth road that is being prepared is shown. God has prepared a way or road of salvation. He removes the stumbling stones of temptation and has set a clear signal to follow. He is the light shining in the darkness. Always walk toward God's light.

11a When everything is ready the messenger will be sent into the world proclaiming to any and all that He is the path of Salvation, and He is the light of Truth. Here is the two-fold promise of Salvation and eternal life through the Law God's servant. Some manuscripts render Salvation, Savior. This does not change the meaning but focuses it on Jesus. His reward are those who accept Him as their savior.

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

The LORD's Day of Vengeance

- 63** Who is this who comes from Edom,
in crimsoned garments from Bozrah,
he who is splendid in his apparel,
marching in the greatness of his strength?
“It is I, speaking in righteousness,
mighty to save.”
- 2 Why is your apparel red,
and your garments like his who treads in the
winepress?
- 3 “I have trodden the winepress alone,
and from the peoples no one was with me;
I trod them in my anger
and trampled them in my wrath;
their lifeblood spattered on my garments,
and stained all my apparel.
- 4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart,
and my year of redemption had come.
- 5 I looked, but there was no one to help;
I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold;
so my own arm brought me salvation,
and my wrath upheld me.

(11b) recompense or works. What He accomplished on the cross remains in those who call on Him for salvation. The cross is the sign of His life's work.

- (12) Here is the work or recompense. The church of the Holy people, those He redeemed or paid for in suffering and death. Here again the Holy city and Jerusalem or the New Jerusalem are one and the same. Once God had to turn away and allow Jerusalem & those who had deserted Him perish. But, this new city (church) will never turn against Him.

- ISAIAH 63. Here the balance we often see in ISAIAH is evident. The scene changes from blessings in the previous chapter to condemnation here. The God who has promised to reward the righteous is the same God who has prepared judgment for the wicked and Godless, or those who ignore God.
- ① Edom and its capital city, Bozrah represent evil and those facing God's judgment. It is I is used here much like when God identifies Himself to Moses as "I AM." God introduces Himself as a fact to be taken at face value.
- ② THE QUESTION ABOUT HIS RED/CRIMSON COLORED GARMENTS IS SETTING THE STAGE. THIS SECTION IS ABOUT JUDGMENT WHICH IS SYMBOLIZED BY A WINEPRESS. Rev. 14:19 makes reference to the "winepress of God's wrath."
- ③ Here Judgment is spoken as if it is past tense. This shows God returning to His people after dealing with those who fought against them and Him. ULTIMATE JUDGMENT MUST ALWAYS BE SEEN AS SOLELY COMING FROM GOD. THIS WINEPRESS JUDGMENT WILL ALSO APPEAR IN Rev. God's anger and wrath are not out of control but a measured response to the sinfulness of man. God does not exempt Himself from confronting and dealing w/evil.
- ④ Vengeance is not used here as we use it. This is not about getting even, or settling a score. Vengeance would be better translated as justice. In the court of God you get either mercy by repentance or justice or what is due the person for their sins.
- ⑤ THE KEY HERE IS GOD ACTS ALONE AGAINST SIN AND HIS ENEMIES. THERE WAS NO ONE FOUND RIGHTEOUS IN THESE NATIONS. HIS WRATH, OR JUSTICE IS HERE DESCRIBED AS SALVATION. HERE WHAT IS BEING SAVED IS GOD'S HOLINESS AND HIS NAME. THOSE WHO MOVE AGAINST GOD IN WORD OR ACTION MUST BE PREPARED FOR HIS WRATH TO RIGHT THE SCORE AND PRESERVE HIS NAME.