

Isaiah 62  
Jerusalem: The Praise of the Earth

The Righteous City (1-5)

Now made righteous (Dan. 9:24) ***We have been made righteous by His blood.***

Shining out like the dawn (Dan. 12:1-3) ***We are to shine (Philippians 2:14-16)***

Salvation like a blazing torch

New name

Glory seen by kings ***His Name exalted above all (Psalm 138:2)***

Given by the mouth of the LORD (Revelation 2:17; 3:12) ***We have His Name.***

Noticed by the LORD (Revelation 21:9-10) ***The Holy City is His Bride.***

A crown of splendor in His hand (John 6:39 / Hebrews 12:2 / Titus 2:14) ***We're His own.***

A royal diadem in His hand

No longer deserted or desolate

Called Hephzibah: sons will marry her (Genesis 17:8) ***He desires to be with us.***

Called Beulah: God will rejoice over her (Zephaniah 3:17) ***with singing***

The Praised City (6-10)

Posted watchmen on her walls

Never silent day or night (Psalm 121:4-8) ***He never sleeps!***

Never resting

Praise of the earth: established by the LORD (Ezekiel 43:10-12; 47:3-12; 48:35)

Protected

The sworn right hand and mighty arm of God (Psalm 44:3) ***He alone can save!***

To never again be trampled by enemies

Praised for her blessings ***The fruit produced by those who are His.***

Eating the harvest

Enjoying the wine – in the courts of His sanctuary ***In His presence.***

Preparing the way

Led through the gates (Matthew 7:13-14) ***Jesus is the only way (John 10:7-10)***

Leveling the highway (Isaiah 40:3-4) ***Level paths (Hebrews 12:12-13)***

Lifting up a banner for the nations (Isaiah 11:10-12) ***His people regathered***

The Holy City (11-12)

The Savior Comes

Announced to ends of the earth (Acts 1:8) ***Our commission (Matthew 28:19)***

Accompanied by His recompense (Revelation 22:12)

The sought after city (Isaiah 2:3) ***People longing for truth and justice***

Called the Holy people: the Redeemed of the LORD (Isaiah 35:10; 37:31-32)

Called the 'City No Longer Deserted' (Ezekiel 36:12)

## Discussion questions for Isaiah 62

How are we made righteous? (Include what it means to be given a new name and what it means to be noticed by our Lord) (Romans 3:19-22 / Philippians 3:7-11 / John 1:12-13 / Ephesians 3:14-15 / I John 3:1 / Revelation 2:17; 3:12 / Ezekiel 34:12 / Psalm 103:13-14; 136:23)

***Our righteousness comes only through faith in Jesus – no one is declared righteous by observing the law. Our own righteousness is a hindrance to obtaining the true righteousness from God. When we believe in Christ, we become children of God. We belong to Him and take on the family name (the Name of the Father). When we see Him, we will be given a new name. Our place in the Holy City will be how we are known, having His name upon us. He is our Great Shepherd and He watches over His sheep. He knows and understands our weakness and has compassion upon us. His love endures forever.***

How are we praised? (Include what it means to be protected, to be producing fruit, and to walk the pathway of hope) (Zephaniah 3:17-19 / Romans 2:29 / I Corinthians 4:5 / II Corinthians 9:13 / I Peter 1:7 / Psalm 3:3; 27:1-3 / Hebrews 13:5-6 / Matthew 13:22-23 / John 15:5-8 / Titus 2:11-14 / II Timothy 4:6-8) ***The Mighty God will rejoice over His people with singing! Praise from God is for those who are truly His, those whose hearts have been made new. When all things are brought into the light, God will praise those whose deeds and motives were for glorifying Him. (in other words, the things He did through us) When we are obedient to the Lord and are generous in our care for others it leads them to praise God for what they see in us. When our faith is tested and is proved genuine, it results in praise, glory, and honor at His coming. God is our shield, He is the lifter of our heads. God is our stronghold, no matter how dark the circumstances, He is our strength and light. God is our helper, we do not need to fear man because He is always with us. Those who take His word to heart and put it into practice will bear fruit for Him. We must abide in Him and in His word to see this happen. Our hope is in the blessed appearing of our Savior who has redeemed us and to whom we belong. As His chosen people, we are eager to follow Him and live in a manner that is pleasing to Him. May our faith stand firm, may we run the race marked out for us, and may we long for His appearing.***

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