

The Ministry of God's Anointed; Zion: Jerusalem Restored by God

Isaiah 61-62

In these chapters we find a promise from God to bring about restoration to His afflicted people and to Zion, the city of Jerusalem, especially related to His covenant keeping nature, resulting in His glory and praises from His people.

This is also the chapter that Jesus read from when He began His public ministry.

There and Then

Outline:

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People:

Chapter 61:

Spirit of the Lord GOD, LORD, Afflicted, Brokenhearted, Captives, Prisoners, God, Oaks of Righteousness, Planting of the LORD, Strangers, Foreigners, Farmers, Vinedressers, Priests of the LORD, Ministers of our God, Offspring whom the LORD has blessed, Bridegroom, Lord GOD,

Chapter 62:

Nations, Kings, LORD, God, Young Man, Virgin, Sons, Bridegroom, Bride, Watchmen, Foreigners, The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD,

Location(s):

Ancient Ruins, Former Devastations, Ruined Cities, Pastures, Farms, Vineyards, Garden, Zion, Jerusalem, Your Land, Walls,

Context:

Key Word(s):

Old Testament, Prophecy, Isaiah, God's Anointed, Zion, Restoration, Ministry

Instead - Used 5 times in chapter 61 and refers to the changes that will take place with the ministry of the God's Anointed, a reminder that blessings come through the ministry of God's Anointed.

¹ (NASB) "Group" column from the headings in the NASB text.

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Isaiah 61:3 To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, Giving them a garland **instead** of ashes, The oil of gladness **instead** of mourning, The mantle of praise **instead** of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Isaiah 61:7 **Instead** of your shame *you will have a double portion*, And **instead of** humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double *portion* in their land, Everlasting joy will be theirs.

Bridegroom - another important word because Jesus used it to describe Himself, John the Baptist used it to refer to Jesus and himself as Jesus' friend (or best man as it were), Paul used the same imagery to describe Christ and the Church in his letters (although not using the actual words bridegroom / bride but husband / wife or man / woman), and finally it is used by John in Revelation to describe Jesus and the Church.

Isaiah 61:10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a **bridegroom** decks himself with a garland, And as a **bride** adorns herself with her jewels.

Isaiah 62:5 For *as* a young man marries a virgin, *So* your sons will marry you; And *as* the **bridegroom** rejoices over the **bride**, *So* your God will rejoice over you.

Matthew 9:15 And Jesus said to them, "The attendants of the **bridegroom** cannot mourn as long as the **bridegroom** is with them, can they? But the days will come when the **bridegroom** is taken away from them, and then they will fast."

Mark 2:19-20 And Jesus said to them, "While the **bridegroom** is with them, the attendants of the **bridegroom** cannot fast, can they? So long as they have the **bridegroom** with them, they cannot fast. 20 "But the days will come when the **bridegroom** is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day."

Luke 5:34-35 And Jesus said to them, "You cannot make the attendants of the **bridegroom** fast while the **bridegroom** is with them, can you? 35 "But *the* days will come; and when the **bridegroom** is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days."

John 3:29 "He who has the bride is the **bridegroom**; but the friend of the **bridegroom**, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the **bridegroom's** voice. So this joy of mine has been made full."

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to understand that **Christ is the head of every man**, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as **Christ also is the head of the church**, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

Revelation 18:23 and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the **bridegroom and bride** will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery.

Revelation 19:7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the **marriage of the Lamb** has come and **His bride** has made herself ready."

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Revelation 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as **a bride adorned for her husband.**

Revelation 21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you **the bride, the wife of the Lamb.**"

Revelation 22:17 **The Spirit and the bride** say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

Called² - H7121 - qârâ', kaw-raw': a prim. root; *to call, proclaim, read:* **קָרָא**

It is interesting to note that here the use is in connection with the change wrought by the ministry of God's Anointed—their being transformed from one thing to another, usually from a negative to a positive. Note how often this is closely used with the word instead.

Isaiah 61:3 To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So **they will be called** oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Isaiah 61:6 But **you will be called** the priests of the LORD; You will be spoken of *as* ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, And in their riches you will boast.

Isaiah 62:2 The nations will see your righteousness, And all kings your glory; And **you will be called** by a new name Which the mouth of the LORD will designate.

Isaiah 62:4 It will no longer be said to you, "Forsaken," Nor to your land will it any longer be said, "Desolate"; But **you will be called**, "My delight is in her," And your land, "Married"; For the LORD delights in you, And *to Him* your land will be married.

Isaiah 62:12 And **they will call** them, "The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD"; And **you will be called**, "Sought out, a city not forsaken."

Key Verse(s):

Isaiah 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners; **2** To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, **3** To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Isaiah 61:10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Isaiah 62:1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet, Until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, And her salvation like a torch that is burning.

2 (NASB+; Strong)

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Isaiah 62:11-12 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."

Cross References³:

61:1—*The Spirit of the Lord God*

Luke 4:16-21 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. **17** And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, **18** "**THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,** **19** **TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.**" **20** And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. **21** And He began to say to them, "**Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.**"

Matthew 3:16-17 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him, **17** and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

John 1:32-34 John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. **33** "I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' **34** "I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

61:6—*Priests of Lord ... Ministers of our God*

Exodus 19:3-6 Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: **4** 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. **5** 'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; **6** and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

1 Peter 2:5, 9 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ... **9** But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Deuteronomy 10:8 At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to serve Him and to bless in His name until this day.

61:10—*as a bridegroom*

Isaiah 54:4-6 "Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you

³ (Smith 785-786)

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will not be disgraced; But you will forget the shame of your youth, And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. **5** "For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth. **6** "For the LORD has called you, Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, Even like a wife of *one's* youth when she is rejected," Says your God.

Revelation 19:7-9 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." **8** It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. **9** Then he *said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he *said to me, "These are true words of God."

Revelation 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:9-10 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." **10** And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

62:6—set watchmen

Isaiah 52:6-9 "Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore in that day I am the one who is speaking, 'Here I am.' **7** How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, *And* says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" **8** Listen! Your watchmen lift up *their* voices, They shout joyfully together; For they will see with their own eyes When the LORD restores Zion. **9** Break forth, shout joyfully together, You waste places of Jerusalem; For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 8:14 Now according to the ordinance of his father David, he appointed the divisions of the priests for their service, and the Levites for their duties of praise and ministering before the priests according to the daily rule, and the gatekeepers by their divisions at every gate; for David the man of God had so commanded.

Jeremiah 6:16-17 Thus says the LORD, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk *in it*.' **17** "And I set watchmen over you, *saying*, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.'

Ezekiel 3:17-21 "Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me. **18** "When I say to the wicked, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. **19** "Yet if you have warned the wicked and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself. **20** "Again, when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I place an obstacle before him, he will die; since you have not warned him, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. **21** "However, if you have warned the righteous man that the righteous should not sin and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; and you have delivered yourself."

Ezekiel 33:2-9 "Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them, 'If I bring a

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sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman, **3** and he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows on the trumpet and warns the people, **4** then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his *own* head. **5** 'He heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have delivered his life. **6** 'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman's hand.' **7** "Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me. **8** "When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand. **9** "But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your life.

1 Corinthians 12:27-28 Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. **28** And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, *various* kinds of tongues.

Ephesians 4:11-13 And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; **13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

62:12—the redeemed

Isaiah 43:1 But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!"

Psalms 107:1-3 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting. **2** Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary **3** And gathered from the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

1 Peter 1:17-19 If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay *on earth*; **18** knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, **19** but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.

Revelation 5:9-10 And they *sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. **10** "You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Difficulties:

Questions:

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Notes & Commentaries:

James Swanson⁴

Below is a table reflecting the changes that will take place among the people and the city, Zion, as a result of the ministry of God's Anointed. I found it most interesting why all of this was to be accomplished in 61:3, "that He may be glorified", and in 62:9, "and praise the LORD".

In chapter 61, God's anointed is going to transform the people to God's glory, and in chapter 62, God is being called upon to keep His covenant regarding Zion, Jerusalem, to His praise (61:10; 62:9), so that He will be recognized as God who keeps His promises (62:6-8, 12).

C:v	Former	Future
61:1	Afflicted	Good news
61:1	Brokenhearted	Bind up
61:1	Captives	Proclaim Liberty
61:1	Prisoners	Freedom
61:2	All who mourn	Comfort
61:3	To those who mourn in Zion	
	Ashes	Garland
	Mourning	Oil of Gladness
	spirit of fainting	Mantle of Praise
		Called "oaks of righteous"
		Called "the planting of the LORD"
61:3	"that He may be glorified."	
61:6		Called "priests of the LORD"
61:6		Called "ministers of our God"
61:7	Shame	Double portion
61:7	Humiliation	Shout for joy
61:8	For I, The LORD	
61:8	Hate robbery in burnt offering	Love justice
61:8	"will give them their recompense"	
61:8	"make an everlasting covenant with them."	
61:9	"offspring whom the Lord has blessed"	
61:10	"rejoice greatly in the Lord"	
61:10	"exult in my God"	
61:11	"The Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up"	
62:4	City was: "Forsaken"	Called, City: "My delight is in her" ⁵

4 Personal Notes and Comments.

5 (NASB+; Strong; Zhodiates, Baker, and Carpenter) Hebrew phrase: H2657 - Hephzibah, *khef-tsee' baw*; proper name only used here and in 2 Kings 21:1 - חַפְזִיבָה

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C:v	Former	Future
62:4	Land was: "Desolate"	Called, Land: "Married" ⁶
62:9	"and praise the Lord"	
62:12		Called "The holy people"
62:12		Called "redeemed of the Lord"
62:12		Called "Sought out, a city not forgotten"

There is still a future fulfillment of these chapters. Their fulfillment began with the ministry of Jesus while He was still in physical form on the earth, but not yet completed, since Jerusalem is still a site of conflict today, not yet fully restored. Thus we look forward to Jesus' future return and the restoration of Zion, Jerusalem, and the bride of Christ, the church.

Wiersbe⁷

Wiersbe makes the point that the ideas presented in chapter 61 are based on the Year of Jubilee out of Leviticus 25. He describes it like this.

"... During that year, all debts were canceled, all land was returned to the original owners, the slaves were freed, and everybody was given a fresh new beginning. This was the Lord's way of balancing the economy and keeping the rich from exploiting the poor."

Wiersbe also describes how Isaiah is depicting how the faithful remnant will praise "God for all He has done" in turning their lot from being a people were all but dead spiritually and even physically while in captivity, to a renewed covenant state of blessings. "They have gone from a funeral to a wedding!"

In chapter 62, it is God who is speaking and saying that He "promises to keep speaking and working till His purposes for Jerusalem are fulfilled." He does this for both Jerusalem and for the nations.

Wiersbe shows how the imagery of the people, city and land are being married to God and being restored and that they are given new names like a bride.

"... When a bride marries, she receives a new name. In the case of Israel, she is already married to Jehovah, but she will get a new name when she is reconciled to Him."

Finally, in referring to the watchmen, Wiersbe calls the reader to remember Psalm 122:6.

Psalms 122:6-7 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. ⁷
"May peace be within your walls, And prosperity within your palaces."

We know that the Jewish peoples don't fully understand that Jesus really is the Messiah but there will come a day when they will. Wiersbe points out what Paul said regarding this in 2 Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 3:14-18 But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. ¹⁵ But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; ¹⁶ but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with

6 (NASB+; Strong) H1166 - bâ'al, baw-al'; *to be master*; hence ... to marry: - Beulah have dominion (over), be husband, marry : בָּעֵל

7 (Wiersbe 68-69) on Isaiah 61-62.

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unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Wiersbe also reminds the reader that God always invites His people to join with Him in accomplishing His purposes here on earth. In particular this is seen in 62:10 where the people are told to make ready the highway and remove the stones and then raise a banner when the work is accomplished and the way is prepared for the Savior who is coming. God can do anything, but He always invites people along to partner with Him in doing His will on earth "as it is in heaven."

"God will have no rest till He accomplishes His purposes for His people, and the world will have no peace till He succeeds. He asks us to 'give Him no rest' (v. 7) but to intercede for Israel and Jerusalem, for the prayers of His people are an important part of the program of God."

Barnes⁸

61:2 - To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord - (see the notes at [Isa 49:8](#)). There is probably an allusion here to the year of Jubilee, when the trumpet was blown, and liberty was proclaimed throughout all the land (so [Lev 25:9-10](#)). In like manner the Messiah would come to proclaim universal liberty - liberty to all the world from the degrading servitude of sin. The time of his coming would be a time when Yahweh would be pleased to proclaim through him universal emancipation from this ignoble bondage, and to restore to all the privilege of being the freedmen of the Lord.

61:7 - You shall have double - A double inheritance or reward (see the notes at [Isa 40:2](#)).

[Isaiah 40:1-2](#) "Comfort, O comfort My people," says your God. [2](#) "Speak kindly to Jerusalem; And call out to her, that her warfare has ended, That her iniquity has been removed, That she has received of the LORD'S hand Double for all her sins."

62:4 - And thy land Beulah - Margin, as Hebrew, 'Married;' or rather, 'thou art married.' The Septuagint renders it, [Οἰκουμένη](#) *Oikoumenē* - 'Inhabited.' Lowth renders it, 'The wedded matron.' The figure is taken from a female who had been divorced, and whose appropriate name was Forsaken.' God says here that the appropriate name henceforward would not be the Forsaken, but the married one - the one favored and blessed of God (see the notes at Isa. 1. 1). Language like this is common in the East. 'A sovereign is spoken of as married to his dominions; they mutually depend on each other. When a king takes possessions from another, he is said to be married to them' - (Roberts).

62:4 - Thy land shall be married - See the notes at [Isa 54:4-6](#), where this figure is extended to greater length. By a similar figure the church is represented as the beautiful bride of the Lamb of God [Rev 21:9](#); [Rev 19:7](#).

62:7 - And give him no rest - Margin, 'Silence.' In Hebrew the same word ([דָמֵי](#) *dōmiy*) as in [Isa 62:6](#). The idea is, 'Keep not silence yourselves, nor let him rest in silence. Pray without ceasing; and do not intermit your efforts until the desires of your hearts shall be granted, and Zion shall be established, and the world saved.'

8 (Barnes) on Isaiah 61-62.

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Believer's Bible Commentary⁹

62:1-5 - ... The city called "Forsaken" will henceforth be called "My delight is in her" (**Hephzibah**) and the land named "Desolate" will be renamed "married" (**Beulah**). These names tell of God's tender affection and marital delight in His city and land. Jerusalem's citizens will be wedded to her, and the Lord will **rejoice over** Zion like a **bridegroom**.

62:12 - **A city not forsaken** - No longer given up to the invasions of a foreign enemy, and abandoned to long desolation. The idea is, that the church and people of God would be the object of his kind protecting care henceforward, and would enjoy his continued smiles.

The Jewish Study Bible¹⁰

** Note the difference in perspective from the Jewish viewpoint who is still looking for the Messiah, to that of the Christian who acknowledges that Jesus is the Messiah. **

61:1-9 - makes the connection to the Year of Jubilee in Leviticus 25 as well.

61:5-6 - "The nations serve the Judeans (cf. 60:4-16), and the Judeans in turn serve the nations as priests."

62:6-7 - "The postexilic setting is crucial for understanding these vv. The full redemption predicted for Zion has not yet arrived, even though some have returned. Therefore the watchmen remind God that Jerusalem still awaits aid, for the city is not yet fully established."

62:10 - "The road is for the use not only of Judeans who remain in exile but also for the divine Presence (v. 11). Cf. 40:3; 49:11. *Raise an ensign* or flag to guide the exiles back to the land of Israel."

Here and Now

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this study¹¹: *my LOG vs others SPECK*

S – Are there *sins* to avoid or confess?

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P – Are there *promises* from God to claim?

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E – Are there *examples* to follow?

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C – Are there *commands* to obey?

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K – How can this passage increase my *knowledge* about God / Jesus Christ / Holy Spirit?

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⁹ (MacDonald and Farstad) on Isaiah 61-62.

¹⁰ (Fishbane 905-908) on Isaiah 61-62

¹¹ (*The Navigators*) [with additions] & Matthew 7:1-5.

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Names¹² of God / Jesus / Holy Spirit:

Spirit of the Lord God: compound of 3 Hebrew words: **רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים יְהוָה**

1. Ruach, *roo'-akh*: H7306 - wind or breath or as in this case spirit: **רוּחַ**
2. Adonai, *ad-o-noy'*: H113 - only used as a proper name for God: **אֲדֹנֵי**
3. Jehovah, *yeh-ho-vaw'*: H1961 - given by God as His name first in Exodus, YHWH: **יְהוָה**
This is the only time this exact phrase is used in the Bible. In Luke 4 where Jesus reads from the scroll, the quote only has Spirit of the Lord, most likely from the Septuagint¹³ (*πνεῦμα κυρίου* - G4151 *pneuma, pnyoo'-mah*; G2962 *kurios, koo'-ree-os*).

LORD: H1961 - given by God as His name first in Exodus, YHWH: **יְהוָה**

God: H430 - elohim, *el-o-heem'*: plural form of a word typically translated as God but also used in reference to other deities and rulers: **אֱלֹהִים**

Lord God: compound of 2 Hebrew words: **אֲדֹנֵי יְהוָה**

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Other Application Questions

Are there principles to guide?

Are there warnings to heed?

Are there attitudes to adopt?

Are there actions to take?

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