

Study 109: Isaiah, Part 65

Isaiah 61

⁹ Their descendants will be known among the nations
and their offspring among the peoples.
All who see them will acknowledge
that **they are a people the Lord has blessed.**"

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the Lord;
my soul rejoices in my God.
For he has clothed me with **garments of salvation**
and arrayed me in a **robe of his righteousness**, [Rev 6:9-11; cp. Job 29:14]
as a **bridegroom** adorns his head like a **priest**,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign Lord will make **righteousness**
and praise spring up before all nations.

Isaiah 62

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her **vindication** shines out like the dawn,
her **salvation** like a blazing torch.

² The nations will see your **vindication**,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will bestow [Acts 11:26, e.g. Abram → Abraham; Jacob → Israel].

³ You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ No longer will they call you Deserted,
or name your land Desolate.
But you will be called Hephzibah [*my delight is in her*],
and your land Beulah [*married* – this refers to being in a **covenant relationship** with God];
for the Lord will take delight in you,
and your land will be married.

⁵ As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you; [Builder = Creator]
as a **bridegroom** rejoices over his **bride**,
so will your God rejoice over you.

⁶ I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem;
they will never be silent day or night.
You who call on the Lord,
give yourselves no rest,
⁷ and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem
and makes her the praise of the earth.

⁸ **The Lord has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:**
**"Never again will I give your grain
as food for your enemies,
and never again will foreigners drink the new wine
for which you have toiled;**
⁹ but those who harvest it will eat it
and praise the Lord,
and those who gather the grapes will drink it
in the courts of my sanctuary." [This is only possible if Jerusalem/Israel is a spiritual (i.e., covenantally-defined) city/nation.]