CRAWFORD BIBLE COMMENTARY

BIBLE STUDY

Isaiah Chapter 62 — Jerusalem’s Glory and New Name

A Verse-by-Verse Bible Study from the Crawford Standard Bible

Introduction

Isaiah Chapter 62 continues the glorious restoration vision of:

Isaiah 60.

And the messianic proclamation of:

Isaiah 61.

Isaiah 60 declared:

> **“Arise, shine.”**

Isaiah 61 announced:

> **“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me.”**

Isaiah 62 now reveals the determination behind Zion’s restoration:

> **“For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent.”**

The chapter is filled with:

Zeal.

Prayer.

New identity.

Covenant love.

Vindication.

Protection.

Salvation.

Holiness.

And restoration.

The central idea is that God refuses to let:

Forsaken.

Desolate.

Rejected.

Remain the final names of:

His people.

Names matter in Isaiah 62.

At first Zion has names connected with:

Loss.

Forsaken.

Desolate.

But God gives:

New names.

Hephzibah:

> **“My delight is in her.”**

Beulah:

> **“Married.”**

Then at the end of the chapter more names appear:

The Holy People.

The Redeemed of the Lord.

Sought After.

A City Not Forsaken.

The chapter therefore moves from:

Old identity.

To:

New identity.

From:

Abandonment.

To:

Delight.

From:

Desolation.

To:

Covenant relationship.

From:

Silence.

To:

Persistent intercession.

From:

Enemy plunder.

To:

Enjoying the fruit of labor.

From:

Blocked roads.

To:

A prepared highway.

From:

Waiting.

To:

Salvation coming.

This chapter also contains one of Scripture's most beautiful pictures of:

God's joy over His people.

Verse 5 says:

> **"As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you."**

God is not pictured merely as:

Tolerating Zion.

Accepting Zion reluctantly.

Putting up with Zion.

He:

Rejoices.

This is covenant joy.

Then the chapter introduces:

Watchmen.

They are stationed on:

Jerusalem’s walls.

Their calling is:

Persistent.

Day.

Night.

Prayer.

Remembrance.

Intercession.

They are told:

“Give Him no rest.”

This does not mean God is:

Forgetful.

Weak.

Or unwilling.

It is vivid covenant language encouraging:

Persistent prayer based upon God’s own promises.

The watchmen pray because God has:

Spoken.

Their persistence does not overcome divine reluctance.

It participates in:

Divine purpose.

Then God swears by:

His right hand.

His mighty arm.

That His people will no longer labor only to have enemies consume:

Their harvest.

Instead:

The harvesters eat.

The gatherers drink.

And they praise:

The Lord.

Finally the command comes:

> **“Prepare the way.”**
>
> **“Build up the highway.”**
>
> **“Remove the stones.”**
>
> **“Lift up a banner for the nations.”**

Why?

Because:

> **“Your salvation comes!”**

The chapter ends with identity completely transformed.

They are not:

Forsaken.

They are:

Sought After.

They are not merely:

Former captives.

They are:

The Redeemed of the Lord.

They are not defined by:

Past shame.

They are:

The Holy People.

The central truth of Isaiah 62 is:

The Lord is relentlessly committed to Zion's restoration, giving His people a new identity of righteousness, glory, delight, covenant belonging, holiness, and redemption; He calls watchmen to persistent prayer, promises that enemies will no longer consume the fruit of His people's labor, prepares the way for salvation, and transforms the city once called Forsaken into one called Sought After and Not Forsaken.

I. FOR ZION'S SAKE I WILL NOT KEEP SILENT

Isaiah 62:1 — God's Relentless Purpose

> **"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, until her righteousness shines like the dawn, and her salvation blazes like a burning torch."**

The speaker refuses:

Silence.

Rest.

Inaction.

Until:

Righteousness shines.

Salvation burns brightly.

Cross References

Isaiah 60:1

Zion is commanded to arise and shine because the glory of the Lord has risen upon her.

Zechariah 2:5

God promises to be a wall of fire around Jerusalem and glory within her.

Psalm 102:16

The Lord rebuilds Zion and reveals Himself in glory.

Spiritual Principle

God is committed to:

Finishing His restorative purpose.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God does not begin restoration only to lose interest before the light appears.

II. “I WILL NOT REMAIN QUIET”

Divine purpose is:

Persistent.

Spiritual Principle

God’s promises are not:

Casual intentions.

III. UNTIL RIGHTEOUSNESS SHINES

The goal is not merely:

Prosperity.

Safety.

Population.

But:

Righteousness.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God is not satisfied merely to make Zion impressive; He intends to make Zion righteous.

IV. SALVATION LIKE A BURNING TORCH

Salvation becomes:

Visible.

Bright.

Public.

Spiritual Principle

God’s saving work produces:

Witness.

V. NATIONS SEE ZION’S RIGHTEOUSNESS

Isaiah 62:2 — The New Name

> **“The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name that the Lord Himself will give.”**

The nations:

See.

Kings:

See.

God:

Names.

Cross References

Revelation 2:17

Christ promises the faithful a new name associated with personal covenant identity.

Revelation 3:12

Christ promises to write upon the overcomer God’s name, the name of God’s city, and His own new name.

Isaiah 65:15

God speaks of His servants receiving another name while the old rebellious condition passes away.

Spiritual Principle

God has authority to:

Rename.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The people who knew you by your old name do not get the final vote when God gives you a new one.

VI. THE LORD HIMSELF GIVES THE NAME

Not:

Culture.

Enemies.

Past failures.

God.

Spiritual Principle

Identity ultimately belongs under:

Divine authority.

VII. NEW NAME

A new name represents:

New condition.

New reputation.

New relationship.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

When God changes your condition, He can also change the name attached to it.

VIII. A CROWN OF GLORY

Isaiah 62:3 — Held in God's Hand

> **"You will be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, a royal diadem in the hand of your God."**

Zion is pictured as:

A crown.

A diadem.

Something:

Precious.

Royal.

Beautiful.

Cross References

Isaiah 28:5

The Lord Himself becomes a glorious crown for the faithful remnant of His people.

Zechariah 9:16

God’s people are compared to jewels in a crown sparkling in His land.

Revelation 2:10

Christ promises the faithful the crown of life.

Spiritual Principle

God turns:

Shame.

Into:

Glory.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

What people treated like rubble, God can hold like a crown.

IX. “IN THE HAND OF THE LORD”

The crown is:

Held.

Secure.

Valued.

Spiritual Principle

Zion’s future rests in:

God’s hand.

X. FORSAKEN NO LONGER

Isaiah 62:4 — Hephzibah and Beulah

> **“You will no longer be called Forsaken, and your land will no longer be called Desolate. Instead, you will be called Hephzibah (‘My delight is in her’), and your land Beulah (‘Married’). For the Lord delights in you, and your land will be joined to Him.”**

This is one of the chapter’s greatest:

Reversals.

Old names:

Forsaken.

Desolate.

New names:

Hephzibah.

Beulah.

Cross References

Hosea 2:1

Hosea contains similar prophetic renaming imagery in which people once under judgment receive restored covenant identity.

Isaiah 54:6

The Lord calls back Zion like a grieving and deserted wife.

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord rejoices over His people with gladness, quiets them in His love, and delights over them with singing.

Spiritual Principle

God can remove:

Names given by pain.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Never let “Forsaken” become permanent when God says, “My delight is in her.”

XI. HEPhZIBAH — “MY DELIGHT IS IN HER”

God does not merely say:

I will tolerate her.

He says:

I delight.

Spiritual Principle

Covenant restoration includes:

Affection.

XII. BEULAH — “MARRIED”

Desolation gives way to:

Relationship.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s answer to desolation is not only population; it is covenant belonging.

XIII. THE LORD DELIGHTS IN ZION

The statement is:

Personal.

Spiritual Principle

God’s relationship with His people is not:

Cold.

XIV. GOD REJOICES LIKE A BRIDEGROOM

Isaiah 62:5 — Divine Covenant Joy

> **“As a young man marries a virgin, so will your sons be joined to you; and as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.”**

The image becomes:

Wedding joy.

Cross References

Hosea 2:19

God promises to betroth His people to Himself in righteousness, justice, love, and compassion.

Revelation 21:2

The New Jerusalem appears prepared like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Song of Solomon 3:11

Wedding celebration and the bridegroom’s joy provide imagery of covenant delight.

Spiritual Principle

God’s covenant includes:

Joy.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God does not merely save His people from judgment; He rejoices over restored relationship.

XV. BRIDEGROOM JOY

A bridegroom does not approach his wedding with:

Reluctance.

Spiritual Principle

Divine delight is:

Real.

XVI. GOD REJOICES OVER HIS PEOPLE

This should correct the false idea that God only:

Endures.

His redeemed people.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The God who disciplines His people is also the God who delights in restoring them.

XVII. WATCHMEN ON THE WALLS

Isaiah 62:6 — Persistent Intercession

> **“I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give Him no rest,”**

Watchmen traditionally:

Watch.

Warn.

Here they also:

Pray.

Remember.

Call.

Cross References

Ezekiel 3:17

The prophet is appointed as a watchman responsible to hear God’s word and warn the people.

Ezekiel 33:7

The watchman must faithfully communicate divine warning.

Habakkuk 2:1

Habakkuk takes his position like a watchman waiting attentively for God’s response.

Spiritual Principle

Prayer requires:

Watchfulness.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The watchman who prays must keep his eyes open while keeping his voice raised.

XVIII. NEVER SILENT DAY OR NIGHT

Persistent prayer.

Spiritual Principle

Some promises call for:

Long intercession.

XIX. “YOU WHO CALL ON THE LORD”

Intercessors are:

Remembrancers.

People who keep the promise:

Before themselves.

And before God in prayer.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Persistent prayer is not reminding a forgetful God; it is aligning a forgetful people with a faithful God.

XX. GIVE HIM NO REST

Isaiah 62:7 — Pray Until the Promise Is Established

> **“And do not let Him rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the whole earth.”**

This is bold:

Prayer.

Persistent:

Prayer.

Promise-shaped:

Prayer.

Cross References

Luke 18:7

Jesus teaches that God hears His chosen ones who cry out to Him continually.

Psalm 122:6

God’s people are commanded to pray for Jerusalem’s peace.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Believers are commanded to pray continually.

Spiritual Principle

Biblical persistence is grounded in:

God’s promise.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Do not stop praying merely because the promise has taken longer than you expected.

XXI. UNTIL JERUSALEM IS ESTABLISHED

The prayer has:

A goal.

Spiritual Principle

Intercession should be:

Specific.

XXII. PRAISE OF THE EARTH

The restored city becomes:

Testimony.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can turn a place once mocked by nations into a place that causes nations to acknowledge His work.

XXIII. THE LORD SWEARS BY HIS RIGHT HAND

Isaiah 62:8 — The Fruit of Labor Protected

> **“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 wine for which you labored.’”**

God attaches:

Oath.

Power.

Promise.

Cross References

Deuteronomy 28:33

Covenant judgment included foreigners consuming the produce for which Israel had labored.

Joel 2:19

God promises restored grain, wine, and provision so His people are no longer objects of shame.

Nehemiah 5:11

Nehemiah calls for restoration of property, produce, and what had been wrongfully taken from God’s people.

Spiritual Principle

God can restore:

The fruit of labor.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

There is a difference between laboring under curse and laboring under restored covenant blessing.

XXIV. RIGHT HAND AND MIGHTY ARM

God’s promise is backed by:

God’s power.

Spiritual Principle

He has strength to:

Keep His oath.

XXV. “NEVER AGAIN”

This is restoration language.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can end cycles that seemed permanent.

XXVI. HARVESTERS EAT THEIR HARVEST

Isaiah 62:9 — Labor and Worship Reunited

> **“Instead, those who harvest the grain will eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather the grapes will drink the wine in the courts of My sanctuary.”**

Labor.

Enjoyment.

Praise.

Worship.

Cross References

Deuteronomy 12:7

God’s people rejoice before Him in the fruit of their labor and the blessing He has given.

Psalm 22:26

The poor eat and are satisfied, and those who seek the Lord praise Him.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Whatever believers eat or drink should be done for the glory of God.

Spiritual Principle

God’s provision should lead to:

Praise.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The harvest reaches its highest purpose when the one eating it remembers who gave it.

XXVII. ENJOYING THE FRUIT OF LABOR

God is not against:

Joy.

Provision.

Celebration.

Spiritual Principle

Blessing becomes worship when:

Gratitude is present.

XXVIII. IN THE COURTS OF THE SANCTUARY

Work and worship are:

Reunited.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can take ordinary provision and turn it into sanctuary praise.

XXIX. PASS THROUGH THE GATES

Isaiah 62:10 — Prepare the Highway

> **“Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up the highway, remove the stones, lift up a banner for the nations.”**

Four actions:

Pass through.

Prepare.

Build.

Remove.

Lift.

Cross References

Isaiah 40:3

A voice calls for preparing the Lord’s way and making a straight highway in the wilderness.

Malachi 3:1

God promises a messenger who will prepare the way before Him.

Matthew 3:3

John the Baptist fulfills the voice-in-the-wilderness role of preparing the Lord’s way.

Spiritual Principle

God’s salvation creates:

A prepared road.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

When God is bringing people home, His servants should remove stones rather than add them.

XXX. BUILD UP THE HIGHWAY

Restoration needs:

Access.

Spiritual Principle

Preparation is part of:

Mission.

XXXI. REMOVE THE STONES

Some obstacles must be:

Removed.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Do not become the stone in the road while praying for people to come home.

XXXII. BANNER FOR THE NATIONS

The signal is:

Public.

International.

Spiritual Principle

God’s salvation is:

Announced widely.

XXXIII. SALVATION COMES

Isaiah 62:11 — Behold, Your Salvation Comes

> **“The Lord has proclaimed to the ends of the earth: ‘Say to the Daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes! Behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense accompanies Him.”’”**

This is:

Worldwide proclamation.

Cross References

Matthew 21:5

Jesus’ triumphal entry fulfills the announcement to Zion that her King comes to her.

Revelation 22:12

Christ says He is coming and His reward is with Him to repay according to deeds.

Zechariah 9:9

Zion is called to rejoice because her righteous and saving King comes humbly.

Spiritual Principle

Salvation is not merely:

A concept.

It comes:

Personally.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Zion’s hope is not simply that circumstances will improve; it is that her salvation comes.

XXXIV. “BEHOLD”

Look.

Pay attention.

Expect.

Spiritual Principle

Hope watches:

For God.

XXXV. HIS REWARD IS WITH HIM

The coming One brings:

Justice.

Reward.

Completion.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

When the Lord comes, He does not arrive empty-handed.

XXXVI. THE HOLY PEOPLE

Isaiah 62:12 — Redeemed, Sought After, Not Forsaken

> **“They will be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you will be called Sought After, A City Not Forsaken.”**

The chapter ends with:

Four identities.

Holy People.

Redeemed of the Lord.

Sought After.

City Not Forsaken.

Cross References

1 Peter 2:9

Believers are described as a chosen people, royal priesthood, holy nation, and God’s special possession.

Titus 2:14

Christ redeems a people for Himself who are purified and eager for good works.

Revelation 21:2

The holy city appears prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Spiritual Principle

Redemption changes:

Identity.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s final name for His people is not “Forsaken” but “Redeemed.”

XXXVII. “THE HOLY PEOPLE”

Restoration is:

Moral.

Spiritual Principle

God does not merely change:

Circumstances.

He forms:

A holy people.

XXXVIII. “THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD”

Identity rests on:

What God has done.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The redeemed are not self-rescued people; their name gives credit to the Redeemer.

XXXIX. “SOUGHT AFTER”

Once avoided.

Now:

Desired.

Spiritual Principle

God can reverse:

Rejection.

XL. “A CITY NOT FORSAKEN”

The chapter answers verse 4.

Not:

Forsaken.

Not:

Desolate.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s restoration is complete when the old name can no longer describe the new reality.

XLI. ISAIAH 60 AND ISAIAH 62

Isaiah 60

“Arise, shine.”

Isaiah 62

Righteousness shines like:

Dawn.

Salvation burns like:

Torch.

Key Truth

The light of Isaiah 60 becomes the visible righteousness and salvation of Isaiah 62.

XLII. ISAIAH 61 AND ISAIAH 62

Isaiah 61

Beauty instead of:

Ashes.

Isaiah 62

Hephzibah instead of:

Forsaken.

Beulah instead of:

Desolate.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Isaiah 61 changes the garments; Isaiah 62 changes the names.

XLIII. ISAIAH 54 AND ISAIAH 62

Isaiah 54

Maker as:

Husband.

Isaiah 62

God rejoices like:

Bridegroom.

Spiritual Principle

The marriage imagery develops:

Covenant intimacy.

XLIV. ISAIAH 49 AND ISAIAH 62

Isaiah 49

Zion says:

> **“The Lord has forsaken me.”**

Isaiah 62

God says:

> **“A City Not Forsaken.”**

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The fear voiced in Isaiah 49 receives a new name in Isaiah 62.

XLV. ISAIAH 58 AND ISAIAH 62

Isaiah 58

Repairers rebuild:

Walls.

Isaiah 62

Watchmen stand:

On walls.

Spiritual Principle

What is repaired must also be:

Guarded.

XLVI. ISAIAH 59 AND ISAIAH 62

Isaiah 59

The Redeemer:

Comes.

Isaiah 62

“Your salvation comes.”

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The Redeemer promised earlier becomes the salvation announced publicly to Zion.

XLVII. ISAIAH 40 AND ISAIAH 62

Isaiah 40

Prepare the way:

For the Lord.

Isaiah 62

Prepare the way:

For the people.

Key Truth

God prepares both His coming and His people’s return.

XLVIII. JESUS AND ISAIAH 62

The language:

“Behold, your salvation comes”

Resonates strongly with:

Messianic arrival.

Matthew connects Zion’s coming King with:

Jesus.

Spiritual Principle

Christian reading finds Zion’s ultimate salvation centered in:

Christ.

XLIX. REVELATION AND ISAIAH 62

New name.

Holy city.

Bride.

Open glory.

Coming reward.

These themes echo into:

Revelation.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Isaiah’s restored Zion becomes part of the vocabulary the New Testament uses for final redemption.

L. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT GOD’S ZEAL

He will not:

Keep silent.

Spiritual Principle

God is actively committed to:

Restoration.

LI. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS

It shines like:

Dawn.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Righteousness is meant to become visible enough that darkness cannot pretend it is absent.

LII. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT SALVATION

It blazes like:

Torch.

Spiritual Principle

God’s salvation becomes:

Public testimony.

LIII. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT IDENTITY

God gives:

New names.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Redemption does not merely change your destination; it changes what defines you.

LIV. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT DELIGHT

God says:

> **“My delight is in her.”**

Spiritual Principle

God’s restored relationship includes:

Affection.

LV. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT COVENANT

Beulah:

Married.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The opposite of desolation is not simply abundance; it is restored covenant relationship.

LVI. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT GOD’S JOY

He rejoices like:

Bridegroom.

Spiritual Principle

God takes joy in:

His restored people.

LVII. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT PRAYER

Watchmen pray:

Day and night.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Persistent prayer keeps God’s promises in front of the praying community.

LVIII. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT INTERCESSION

Do not give:

Rest.

Spiritual Principle

Intercession can be:

Persistent.

Bold.

Promise-centered.

LIX. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT PROVISION

Workers enjoy:

The fruit.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can restore the connection between labor and blessing.

LX. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT WORSHIP

Harvest becomes:

Praise.

Spiritual Principle

Provision should produce:

Gratitude.

LXI. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT PREPARATION

Highway.

Stones.

Banner.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Prepare for the people you are praying God will bring.

LXII. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT HOLINESS

The redeemed are called:

Holy People.

Spiritual Principle

Redemption produces:

Consecration.

LXIII. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT REDEMPTION

Their identity:

Redeemed of the Lord.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The safest identity is one based on what God has done, not what people have said.

LXIV. WHAT ISAIAH 62 TEACHES ABOUT FORSAKENNESS

It is:

Temporary.

Spiritual Principle

God can overturn:

Abandonment.

LXV. THE OLD NAME

Forsaken.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Do not frame your future with a name God has already decided to remove.

LXVI. THE NEW NAME

Hephzibah.

Spiritual Principle

God delights.

LXVII. THE OLD LAND NAME

Desolate.

Spiritual Principle

Loss.

LXVIII. THE NEW LAND NAME

Beulah.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can turn desolation into belonging.

LXIX. THE CROWN

Glory.

Spiritual Principle

God values:

His people.

LXX. THE HAND

Security.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

It is difficult to fall out of the hand that holds the crown.

LXXI. THE WATCHMEN

Vigilance.

Spiritual Principle

Restoration requires:

Watchfulness.

LXXII. THE WALLS

Protection.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

A restored wall without a watchman is still vulnerable.

LXXIII. DAY AND NIGHT

Continuity.

Spiritual Principle

Prayer should not be:

Occasional only.

LXXIV. GIVE HIM NO REST

Persistence.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Some prayers are answered not by intensity for one hour but faithfulness over many seasons.

LXXV. UNTIL

An important word.

Spiritual Principle

Prayer continues toward:

Fulfillment.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Never put a period where God writes: “Until.”

LXXVI. THE RIGHT HAND

Authority.

Spiritual Principle

God swears by:

His own strength.

LXXVII. MIGHTY ARM

Power.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The same arm that saves is strong enough to secure the promise.

LXXVIII. GRAIN PROTECTED

Provision preserved.

Spiritual Principle

God can end:

Cycles of loss.

LXXIX. WINE PROTECTED

Joy preserved.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Restoration includes the right enjoyment of what God has provided.

LXXX. THOSE WHO HARVEST EAT

Justice restored.

Spiritual Principle

The worker receives:

Fruit.

LXXXI. PRAISE THE LORD

Thanksgiving restored.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s best blessings travel from field to table to worship.

LXXXII. COURTS OF THE SANCTUARY

Provision becomes:

Sacred gratitude.

Spiritual Principle

All life can become:

Worship.

LXXXIII. PREPARE THE WAY

Readiness.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Expectation should change preparation.

LXXXIV. REMOVE THE STONES

Obstacles.

Spiritual Principle

Some barriers are:

Humanly removable.

LXXXV. LIFT THE BANNER

Public signal.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Do not hide the road to the salvation you want others to find.

LXXXVI. ENDS OF THE EARTH

Universal proclamation.

Spiritual Principle

God’s salvation has:

Global reach.

LXXXVII. DAUGHTER OF ZION

Tender covenant address.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The God who announces salvation speaks personally to the city He loves.

LXXXVIII. “YOUR SALVATION COMES”

Hope moving:

Toward Zion.

Spiritual Principle

God’s rescue is:

Active.

LXXXIX. REWARD WITH HIM

Justice accompanies:

Coming.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The Lord brings both salvation for His people and righteous recompense with Him.

XC. HOLY PEOPLE

Character.

Spiritual Principle

God’s people belong:

To Him.

XCI. REDEEMED

History.

Spiritual Principle

They were:

Bought back.

Rescued.

XCII. SOUGHT AFTER

Value.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can make the place people abandoned become the place people seek.

XCIII. NOT FORSAKEN

Final reassurance.

Spiritual Principle

God’s presence replaces:

Abandonment.

XCIV. ISAIAH 62 AS A RENAMING CHAPTER

Forsaken → Hephzibah.

Desolate → Beulah.

Rejected → Sought After.

Abandoned → Not Forsaken.

Key Truth

God’s restoration is so complete that old names no longer fit.

XCV. ISAIAH 62 AS A MARRIAGE CHAPTER

Delight.

Marriage.

Bridegroom.

Bride.

Rejoicing.

Spiritual Principle

God’s covenant is:

Relational.

XCVI. ISAIAH 62 AS AN INTERCESSION CHAPTER

Watchmen.

Day.

Night.

No rest.

Until.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Persistent prayer is one of the ways God’s people live inside God’s promised future before they see it fully arrive.

XCVII. ISAIAH 62 AS A RESTORATION CHAPTER

New name.

Crown.

Marriage.

Harvest.

Highway.

Salvation.

Spiritual Principle

Restoration reaches:

Identity.

Relationship.

Work.

Worship.

Community.

XCVIII. ISAIAH 62 AS A SALVATION CHAPTER

Righteousness shines.

Salvation burns.

Salvation comes.

Redeemed people emerge.

Key Truth

The entire chapter moves toward the visible arrival and effect of God’s saving work.

XCIX. ISAIAH 62 AS A HOLINESS CHAPTER

Holy People.

Spiritual Principle

The redeemed become:

Set apart.

C. ISAIAH 62 AS A JOY CHAPTER

God delights.

God rejoices.

Harvesters praise.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Restoration is not merely serious; it is joyful.

CI. TWELVE GREAT CONTRASTS IN ISAIAH 62

1. Silence → Proclamation

2. Darkness → Righteousness Shining

3. Old Name → New Name

4. Forsaken → Delighted In

5. Desolate → Married

6. Shame → Crown of Glory

7. Abandonment → Bridegroom Joy

8. Silence in Prayer → Day-and-Night Intercession

9. Enemy Consumption → Enjoyed Harvest

10. Obstacles → Prepared Highway

11. Waiting → Salvation Coming

12. Forsaken City → Sought-After Holy People

Key Truth

Isaiah 62 replaces every image of abandonment with an image of covenant belonging, visible salvation, persistent prayer, and restored identity.

CII. TWELVE GREAT LESSONS FROM ISAIAH 62

1. God Is Zealous for Restoration

Principle:

He does not abandon His promise halfway.

2. Righteousness Must Become Visible

Principle:

God’s restoration shines publicly.

3. God Gives New Identity

Principle:

Old labels need not survive redemption.

4. God Delights in His People

Principle:

Restored covenant relationship is affectionate and joyful.

5. God Rejoices Over His People

Principle:

His relationship is not reluctant tolerance.

6. Watchmen Must Remain Faithful

Principle:

Prayer requires vigilance.

7. Persistent Prayer Matters

Principle:

Intercession should continue until God’s purpose is fulfilled.

8. God Protects the Fruit of Labor

Principle:

Restoration includes justice and provision.

9. Provision Should Produce Praise

Principle:

Blessings belong in worship.

10. Prepare the Way for Others

Principle:

Remove obstacles from the road of return.

11. Salvation Is Coming

Principle:

Hope is centered in the coming Savior.

12. God’s People Receive New Names

Principle:

Holy, Redeemed, Sought After, Not Forsaken.

CIII. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR PERSONAL STUDY

Question 1

For whose sake will the speaker not remain silent?

Zion and Jerusalem.

Question 2

How long will the speaker continue?

Until Zion’s righteousness and salvation shine visibly.

Question 3

Who will see Zion’s righteousness?

The nations.

Question 4

Who will see her glory?

Kings.

Question 5

Who gives Zion her new name?

The Lord Himself.

Question 6

What is Zion compared to in verse 3?

A crown of glory and royal diadem in God’s hand.

Question 7

What old name is removed?

Forsaken.

Question 8

What old description of the land is removed?

Desolate.

Question 9

What does Hephzibah mean?

> **“My delight is in her.”**

Question 10

What does Beulah mean?

> **“Married.”**

Question 11

Why does Zion receive these names?

Because the Lord delights in her and restores covenant relationship.

Question 12

How does God rejoice over His people?

Like a bridegroom rejoicing over his bride.

Question 13

Who stands on Jerusalem’s walls?

Watchmen.

Question 14

How long do they remain active?

Day and night.

Question 15

What are intercessors commanded to do?

Continue calling on the Lord and give Him no rest.

Question 16

How long should they pray?

Until Jerusalem is established and becomes a praise in the earth.

Question 17

What has God sworn?

Enemies will no longer consume the grain and wine of His people.

Question 18

Who will eat the grain?

Those who harvest it.

Question 19

What will they do while enjoying God’s provision?

Praise the Lord.

Question 20

What must be prepared in verse 10?

The way and highway for the people.

Question 21

What must be removed?

Stones and obstacles.

Question 22

What must be raised?

A banner for the nations.

Question 23

How far does God proclaim the message?

To the ends of the earth.

Question 24

What message is given to Zion?

“Behold, your salvation comes!”

Question 25

What does the coming One bring?

Reward and recompense.

Question 26

What will God’s people be called?

The Holy People.

The Redeemed of the Lord.

Question 27

What will Jerusalem be called?

Sought After.

A City Not Forsaken.

Question 28

What is the main message of the chapter?

God’s restoration gives His people a new identity, renewed covenant joy, persistent intercession, protected blessing, and salvation.

CIV. PERSONAL APPLICATION

Isaiah 62 asks several searching questions.

What Name Have I Allowed My Past to Give Me?

Forsaken?

Rejected?

Failure?

Unwanted?

Forgotten?

Desolate?

Have I allowed a painful season to become:

My permanent identity?

Do I believe God has authority to:

Rename me?

Do I understand that God’s goal is not only to:

Help me feel better?

But to make:

Righteousness shine?

Is there visible evidence of:

God’s work?

Do I believe God can delight in:

Restored relationship?

Do I think God merely:

Tolerates me?

Or do I understand:

Covenant grace?

Am I standing faithfully as a:

Watchman?

Is my prayer life:

Persistent?

Have I stopped praying for something God has not told me to:

Stop praying for?

Am I willing to pray:

Day and night?

Do I pray based on:

God’s promises?

Or only:

My feelings?

Is there a harvest I have stopped believing God can:

Protect?

When God blesses me, does blessing become:

Praise?

What stones might I need to:

Remove?

Am I making it easier or harder for people to:

Come toward God?

Am I lifting a:

Banner?

Or hiding:

The message?

Do I believe:

Salvation comes?

Is holiness part of:

My identity?

Do I live like one who has been:

Redeemed?

Do I believe God sees me as:

Sought After?

Can I stop living as though I am:

Forsaken?

CV. A CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“Never Let an Old Name Outlive God’s New Work”

Forsaken.

Desolate.

Those names once described:

Reality.

But not:

Future reality.

Principle:

A name may accurately describe yesterday and still be completely wrong for tomorrow.

CVI. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“God Does Not Merely Take ‘Forsaken’ Away—He Replaces It With ‘My Delight Is in Her’”

This is more than:

Removal.

It is:

Replacement.

Principle:

Grace does not simply erase rejection; it speaks delight.

CVII. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“Persistent Prayer Is Not Trying to Wear God Down; It Is Refusing to Let Go of What God Has Promised”

The watchmen pray:

Because God has spoken.

Principle:

Promise produces perseverance.

CVIII. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“Never Put a Period Where God Writes ‘Until’”

Pray:

Until.

Watch:

Until.

Believe:

Until.

Principle:

Delay is not permission to abandon a promise.

CIX. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“Prepare the Road for the People You Are Asking God to Bring”

Build highway.

Remove stones.

Raise banner.

Principle:

Prayer for gathering should be accompanied by preparation for gathering.

CX. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“The City Once Called Forsaken Becomes the City Called Sought After”

Principle:

God can reverse the social and spiritual reputation of a place so completely that yesterday’s abandonment becomes tomorrow’s attraction.

CXI. SILENCE ENDS

God’s purpose moves:

Forward.

Spiritual Principle

Restoration has:

A voice.

CXII. RIGHTEOUSNESS SHINES

Morning imagery.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Dawn does not argue with darkness; it simply arrives and darkness retreats.

CXIII. SALVATION BURNS

Torch imagery.

Spiritual Principle

God’s salvation gives:

Light.

CXIV. NATIONS SEE

Visibility.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s work should be recognizable enough that outsiders can see its fruit.

CXV. KINGS SEE GLORY

Authority witnesses:

Restoration.

Spiritual Principle

God’s glory reaches:

Public life.

CXVI. NEW NAME

Transformation.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

When God gives a name, heaven’s verdict outranks earth’s vocabulary.

CXVII. CROWN OF GLORY

Honor.

Spiritual Principle

God can dignify:

The formerly shamed.

CXVIII. ROYAL DIADEM

Value.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Redemption can turn the object of ridicule into an object of royal honor.

CXIX. HELD BY GOD

Security.

Spiritual Principle

God’s people are:

Kept.

CXX. FORSAKEN

Old pain.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Some names describe what happened to you without describing who God intends you to remain.

CXXI. DESOLATE

Old condition.

Spiritual Principle

Emptiness can be:

Temporary.

CXXII. HEPhZIBAH

Delight.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

One word from God can overturn years of rejection.

CXXIII. BEULAH

Belonging.

Spiritual Principle

Covenant ends:

Isolation.

CXXIV. BRIDEGROOM JOY

Celebration.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s restoration is not paperwork; it is wedding joy.

CXXV. WATCHMEN

Guardians.

Spiritual Principle

Restoration requires:

Vigilance.

CXXVI. WALLS

Boundary.

Spiritual Principle

Prayer stands where:

Threats approach.

CXXVII. NEVER SILENT

Persistence.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

A silent watchman and a silent intercessor both leave important work undone.

CXXVIII. DAY AND NIGHT

Faithfulness.

Spiritual Principle

Some assignments require:

Endurance.

CXXIX. CALL ON LORD

Prayer.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Watchmen do not only watch the horizon; they speak to God about what they see.

CXXX. NO REST UNTIL

Tenacity.

Spiritual Principle

Faith keeps:

Asking.

CXXXI. JERUSALEM ESTABLISHED

Goal.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Prayer becomes stronger when it knows what it is praying toward.

CXXXII. PRAISE OF EARTH

Witness.

Spiritual Principle

God’s restoration brings:

Honor to Him.

CXXXIII. LORD SWEARS

Certainty.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God does not need to swear for His word to be trustworthy, but when He does, He emphasizes certainty for His people.

CXXXIV. MIGHTY ARM

Capacity.

Spiritual Principle

Promise and power belong:

Together.

CXXXV. ENEMIES NO LONGER EAT

Justice.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Restoration includes the ending of exploitation.

CXXXVI. LABOR NO LONGER STOLEN

Dignity.

Spiritual Principle

God cares about:

Fruit.

CXXXVII. HARVESTERS EAT

Equity.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The person who plants should not always be the person left empty.

CXXXVIII. PRAISE AFTER HARVEST

Thanksgiving.

Spiritual Principle

Abundance should deepen:

Worship.

CXXXIX. PASS THROUGH GATES

Movement.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The restored city is not meant to become stagnant.

CXL. PREPARE WAY

Mission.

Spiritual Principle

Make room.

CXLI. BUILD HIGHWAY

Access.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s people should help make the path to truth clear rather than unnecessarily difficult.

CXLII. REMOVE STONES

Obstacle removal.

Spiritual Principle

Repentance can involve:

Removing barriers.

CXLIII. BANNER FOR NATIONS

Visibility.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

A hidden banner cannot guide anyone.

CXLIV. PROCLAIM TO ENDS OF EARTH

Mission.

Spiritual Principle

God’s salvation is:

Public.

CXLV. SALVATION COMES

Hope embodied.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The deepest hope is not something coming but Someone coming.

CXLVI. REWARD

Justice.

Spiritual Principle

God remembers:

Faithfulness.

CXLVII. HOLY PEOPLE

Identity.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s new names come with a new calling.

CXLVIII. REDEEMED OF LORD

Ownership.

Spiritual Principle

Redeemed people belong to:

Redeemer.

CXLIX. SOUGHT AFTER

Reversal.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Grace can make yesterday’s neglected place tomorrow’s destination.

CL. NOT FORSAKEN

Security.

Spiritual Principle

God’s presence becomes:

Final identity.

CLI. ISAIAH 62 AS A WHOLE

The chapter moves:

From:

Silence.

To:

Proclamation.

From:

Forsaken.

To:

Delighted In.

From:

Desolate.

To:

Married.

From:

Prayer.

To:

Establishment.

From:

Stolen harvest.

To:

Enjoyed harvest.

From:

Blocked way.

To:

Prepared highway.

From:

Waiting.

To:

Coming salvation.

From:

Rejected city.

To:

Sought-After city.

Key Truth

Isaiah 62 is the story of God replacing every language of abandonment with the language of covenant delight, holiness, redemption, and salvation.

CLII. TEN GREAT MOVEMENTS IN ISAIAH 62

1. God Refuses Silence

His purpose for Zion continues until righteousness shines.

2. Zion Receives a New Name

God Himself defines her restored identity.

3. Zion Becomes a Crown

The shamed city becomes an object of glory in God's hand.

4. Forsaken Becomes Hephzibah

God declares His delight in His people.

5. Desolate Becomes Beulah

Covenant relationship replaces abandonment.

6. Watchmen Pray Without Ceasing

Persistent intercession accompanies restoration.

7. God Swears to Protect the Harvest

Enemies no longer consume the fruit of His people's labor.

8. The Highway Is Prepared

Obstacles are removed and a banner is raised.

9. Salvation Comes

The announcement reaches the ends of the earth.

10. Zion Receives Her Final Names

Holy.

Redeemed.

Sought After.

Not Forsaken.

Key Truth

Isaiah 62 moves from the memory of abandonment to the certainty of covenant restoration because the Lord Himself renames, rejoices over, protects, redeems, and glorifies His people.

CLIII. FINAL APPLICATION

Isaiah 62 begins with:

Determination.

> **"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent."**

God has not:

Forgotten.

Abandoned.

Lost interest.

His goal is:

Righteousness shining.

Salvation blazing.

Then He says:

A new name is coming.

Maybe people have called you:

Failure.

Rejected.

Broken.

Unwanted.

Forgotten.

Finished.

Maybe life itself seemed to call you:

Forsaken.

God says:

That name is not:

Final.

Then comes:

“My delight is in her.”

That is a radically different name.

Forsaken says:

Nobody wants me.

Hephzibah says:

God delights in me.

Desolate says:

Nothing remains.

Beulah says:

Covenant relationship has been restored.

Then comes one of the most beautiful statements in Isaiah:

> **“As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.”**

Do not reduce God’s grace to:

Reluctant tolerance.

He restores:

Joyfully.

Then:

Watchmen.

They stand.

They watch.

They pray.

Day.

Night.

They refuse:

Silence.

That is a picture of persistent:

Intercession.

Maybe you have been praying for:

A child.

A family.

A church.

A ministry.

A city.

A restoration.

A promise.

And you are tired.

Isaiah says:

“Do not let Him rest until…”

There is that word:

Until.

Do not confuse:

Delay.

With:

Denial.

If God has given biblical grounds for the prayer:

Remain faithful.

Then God swears:

The enemy will not always eat:

Your harvest.

What you labor for will not always be:

Taken.

What was exploited can become:

Protected.

Then comes:

Preparation.

“Build up the highway.”

If you are praying for people to:

Come—

Make room.

If you are praying for:

Restoration—

Remove stones.

If you are praying for:

Revival—

Raise the banner.

If you are praying for:

Gathering—

Prepare the road.

Then comes:

“Behold, your salvation comes!”

Not:

Maybe.

Behold.

Look.

Your salvation:

Comes.

And finally God says:

Here is what you will be called.

Not:

Forsaken.

Not:

Desolate.

But:

Holy People.

Redeemed of the Lord.

Sought After.

Not Forsaken.

What a journey.

The chapter begins with God refusing:

Silence.

It ends with God giving:

Names.

So Isaiah 62 asks:

What name am I living under?

The name of:

My past?

My critics?

My pain?

My failure?

Or:

God’s grace?

Am I willing to believe:

God delights in covenant restoration?

Am I praying:

Persistently?

Am I standing like:

A watchman?

Am I willing to pray:

Until?

Have I stopped because the promise seemed:

Slow?

Am I preparing for what I am asking God to:

Do?

Am I removing:

Stones?

Am I raising:

The banner?

And do I believe:

The God who once allowed discipline can also declare:

Not Forsaken?

The message of Isaiah 62 is:

God is not finished.

The old name does not have to remain.

The desolation does not have to remain.

The silence does not have to remain.

The enemy does not get the harvest forever.

The road will be:

Prepared.

Salvation will:

Come.

And the God who restores Zion will make His people known as:

Holy.

Redeemed.

Sought After.

Not Forsaken.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You that You do not:

Forget Your people.

Thank You for Your zeal to:

Restore.

Redeem.

Establish.

Glorify.

Father, let righteousness shine in:

Our lives.

Let salvation burn brightly like:

A torch.

Give us new identity where:

Shame.

Failure.

Loss.

Rejection.

Have named us wrongly.

Remove every name that no longer belongs.

Where we have felt:

Forsaken—

Speak:

Hephzibah.

Where we have felt:

Desolate—

Speak:

Beulah.

Remind us:

You delight in restored covenant relationship.

Father, teach us to understand Your:

Joy.

Thank You that You do not merely tolerate Your redeemed people.

You rejoice over:

Restoration.

Father, make us faithful:

Watchmen.

Teach us to pray:

Day.

Night.

Persistently.

Biblically.

Faithfully.

Help us not to abandon prayer because:

Answers take time.

Teach us:

Never to put a period where You write “Until.”

Father, protect the fruit of:

Faithful labor.

End cycles of:

Loss.

Exploitation.

Waste.

Teach us to receive Your provision with:

Praise.

Father, show us what stones need to be:

Removed.

What highways need to be:

Built.

What gates need to be:

Opened.

What banners need to be:

Raised.

Make us people who prepare the way for:

Others.

Father, thank You that:

Salvation comes.

Thank You for:

Jesus Christ.

Our Savior.

Our Redeemer.

Our King.

Make us:

Holy people.

Redeemed people.

People who belong to:

You.

And when our past tries to call us:

Forsaken—

Remind us what You say:

Sought After.

Not Forsaken.

Let Your name over us become louder than:

Every old label.

Every accusation.

Every wound.

Every loss.

And may our restored lives shine so brightly that:

Nations see.

Kings recognize.

And all glory goes to:

You.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Key Verse

> **"You will no longer be called Forsaken, and your land will no longer be called Desolate. Instead, you will be called Hephzibah ('My delight is in her'), and your land Beulah ('Married'). For the Lord delights in you, and your land will be joined to Him." — Isaiah 62:4**

Central Truth

The Lord is zealously committed to Zion's restoration and will not rest until her righteousness and salvation shine publicly; He replaces the names Forsaken and Desolate with Hephzibah and Beulah, rejoices over His people like a bridegroom, appoints watchmen to persistent prayer, protects the fruit of their labor, prepares the highway for salvation, and transforms them into a holy and redeemed people known as Sought After and Not Forsaken.

Isaiah 62 in One Sentence

Isaiah declares that God will not remain silent until Zion's righteousness and salvation shine before the nations, gives Jerusalem a new identity as His delight and covenant bride, rejoices over her, calls watchmen to persistent prayer until restoration is complete, promises that enemies will no longer consume the fruit of her labor, commands the way to be prepared for coming salvation, and finally renames His restored people Holy, Redeemed, Sought After, and Not Forsaken.