

# God is Building His Kingdom

Isaiah 62 and Revelation 3:11-13

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**Introduction:** Is mankind building the Kingdom of God? What problems have occurred because people try to play God?

## I. God Orchestrates His Kingdom Building Plan (Isaiah 62)

### A. The Future City of God, Zion (Is. 62:1-5)

1. Righteousness shining to the world (1-2a) <sup>1</sup> *For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.*

<sup>2</sup> *The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory;*

2. Salvation for the people of the world (1b) *till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.*

3. A new name for a changed city (2b) *you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.*

4. God's coming reign in His people (3-5)  
- Splendor and beauty in God's care (3) **3** *You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.*  
- Satisfaction and abundance (4a) <sup>4</sup> *No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate.*

- Delight in God's covenant (4b-5) *As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.*

### B. The Ongoing Watch and Witness (Is. 62:6-7)

1. Watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem (6a) <sup>6</sup> *I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night.*

2. Witness by serving, Jesus is coming (6b) *You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest,*

3. Watch by praying, Jesus is establishing God's Kingdom. (7) <sup>7</sup> *and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.*

### C. The Sure Promise of God (Is. 62:8-9)

1. The Promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ (8a) <sup>8</sup> *The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm:*

2. Redemption comes eventually to Israel (8b-9) *"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;*

<sup>9</sup> *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."*

### D. Prepare the Way to the City of God (Is. 62:10)

*Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people.*

*Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations.*

- Enter God's promised city by faith (10a)
- Prepare the way by removing barriers (10b)
- Welcome the nations (10c)

### E. Proclaim the Coming of the Savior King (Is. 62:11-12)

1. The Great Commission of the Gospel (11) <sup>11</sup> *The LORD has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.'"*

2. The Great Transformation of God's people (12)

<sup>12</sup> *They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.*

- a. "Holy People"      b. The "Redeemed of the Lord"
- c. "Sought After" (GOD'S CALLING AFFIRMED – Dr. Michael Haynes)
- d. The "City No Longer Deserted"

## II. Jesus Prepares His Church for His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming (Rev 3:11-13)

A. Hold on to Christ for your reward (11) <sup>11</sup> *I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.*

B. Remain faithful to stand victorious (12a) <sup>12</sup> *Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it.*

C. The Promise of Christ to faithful believers: (12b) *I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.*

1. He will write the name of God
2. He will write the name of the city of God
3. He will write His new name

D. Listen to the message given by God's Holy Spirit. (13) <sup>13</sup> *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.* Does Jesus reign in your life? (Jesus at the door). Have we opened the door of our hearts to Him?