

# Shalom AZ Ministries

In Pursuit of Israel's Redemption



## A New Name!

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### Devotion and Discussion Questions

**Key Texts (TLV):** Isa 62:1-5; Is. 61:10-11; Is. 60:1-3; Is. 59:9; Is. 1:4-7

Isaiah 62 continues the beautiful promises we have been seeing in Isaiah 60 and 61. Zion's light will shine. Her righteousness and salvation will be revealed before the nations. The mourning will be exchanged for joy, ashes for beauty, shame for a double portion, and desolation for restoration. And now, the imagery of a bride and bridegroom continues as the Lord declares that His people will receive a new name.

The question beneath all of this is simple: Will it really happen? Can the people of God truly move from darkness to radiance, from forsaken to delighted in, from desolate to married? Isaiah 62 answers with a resounding yes. The Lord will not stop until His purposes are accomplished in His people.

#### 1. HE WILL NOT STOP WORKING

*"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness shines out brightly, and her salvation as a blazing torch."* (Is. 62:1) The Lord says He will not keep silent and He will not rest. This is not only about words; it is about action. He is saying, "I will not remain inactive. I will not be still. I will not stop working until her righteousness shines and her salvation burns like a blazing torch." Sometimes God's patience can be mistaken for silence. Sometimes His mercy can feel like delay. But His seeming quietness is not abandonment.

Israel had once said, *"My way is hidden from ADONAI, and the justice due me escapes the notice of my God."* (Is. 40:27) But Israel's way was never hidden from Him. The Lord was never oblivious. He was never inactive. For Zion's sake, for Jerusalem's sake, for the love of His people, He continues working until what was once dark becomes radiant, and what was once broken becomes a testimony before the nations.

#### 2. He Gives a New Name

*"Nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name, which ADONAI's mouth will bestow."* (Is. 62:2). This new name is not a rebrand. It is not self-promotion. Zion does not hang a "new and improved" sign at the city gate and hope the nations forget the past. The new name comes from the mouth of ADONAI Himself. In Scripture, a new name is never a small thing. Abram becomes Abraham. Sarai becomes Sarah. Jacob becomes Israel. A new name speaks of a new status, a new condition, a new character, and a new identity marked by God.

And before the Lord even announces the name, He describes the beauty of what He is doing. *"You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of ADONAI, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God."* (Is. 62:3) Zion is not merely wearing a crown; Zion becomes a crown

in the palm of God's hand. Guarded. Precious. Gazed upon. Treasured. What a difference from the days when sin caused shame and distance. Now the Lord holds His people as something beautiful in His hand.

### **3. HE DELIGHTS IN WHAT HE HAS RESTORED**

*"No longer will you be termed 'Forsaken,' no longer your land termed 'Desolate.' Instead you will be called 'My Delight is in Her' and your land 'Married.' For ADONAI delights in you, and your land will be married."* (Is. 62:4). The old names were not empty insults. Israel had known desolation. The land had been laid waste. In Isaiah 1, the Lord said, *"Your land is desolate; your cities are burned with fire."* (Is. 1:7) But from Isaiah 1 to Isaiah 62, we see the transforming work of God. The one once called desolate is now called married. The one once seen as forsaken is now called, "My Delight is in Her."

And this is where it becomes personal. We often say, "I am saved, and I am made righteous," but still hold tightly to the old identity – to our old "name." We keep defining ourselves by scars, shame, failure, abandonment, or what others knew us to be at our worst. But the Lord does not save us only to keep reminding us of what a wreck we were. He gives us a new name. Not forsaken. Not desolate. Not guilty. Not abandoned. Loved by Him. Delighted in by Him.

### **CONCLUSION**

*"As a bridegroom rejoices over a bride, so your God will rejoice over you."* (Is. 62:5). This is tender, covenantal, joyful language. The Lord rejoices over His people. He cherishes what He has redeemed. He delights in what He has restored. The Anointed One brings good news to the afflicted, healing to the hurting, freedom to the captives, comfort to those who mourn, and then He gives them a new name.

Maybe you have believed that God can forgive you, but you have struggled to believe that He delights in you. Maybe you have accepted salvation, but still wear the old name: forsaken, desolate, guilty, rejected, unwanted. Today, the Lord is calling you to surrender that old identity to Him. Come to Yeshua, the Anointed One, who brings the full exchange. Bring Him the ashes, the mourning, the shame, and the old reputation. Let Him clothe you in salvation, wrap you in righteousness, and speak over you the name He gives: "My delight is in you."

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Why is it important that the new name in Isaiah 62 comes from the mouth of ADONAI and not from the nations or from Zion herself?
2. How does Isaiah 62:1 challenge the feeling that God is silent, inactive, or unaware of suffering?
3. What old "names" do people often continue to live under even after God has redeemed them?

4. In your own life, where are you most tempted to define yourself by your past instead of by what God has spoken over you?
5. What would it look like practically this week to live as someone in whom the Lord delights?

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, thank You that You do not abandon the work of Your hands. Thank You that You do not stop until righteousness shines and salvation burns like a blazing torch. Forgive us for the times we have mistaken Your patience for silence or Your mercy for inactivity. Yeshua, clothe us in Your salvation and wrap us in Your righteousness. Help us release the old names we have carried for too long. Teach us to believe what You have spoken over us, and let our lives shine with the beauty of Your restoring work.

*B'Shem Yeshua*, In the name of Yeshua, amen.