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The Redemption of Jerusalem and Isra'el 62:1 to 63:6



Chapter 62 continues the thoughts of **Chapters 60** and **61**, particularly **61:10-11**. The themes of light, revelation of **ADONAI's** righteousness and salvation to the nations, the joy of marriage, relief from oppression, and restoration of the land are all prominent. The chapter seems to be particularly concerned with the question raised in **61:11**. How sure can one be that these glorious promises will actually come true? **Chapter 60**, in particular, represents the redemption of **Jerusalem** as an accomplished fact. But that was still in the future from the hearers' point of view. Will it really happen? Yes, and not only will **Yerushalayim** be redeemed, but so will **her people Isra'el** be redeemed. To be sure, the enemies of **the LORD** must be destroyed if the people of **God** are to know **His** blessing.²⁴⁷

It is not unusual for **Isaiah** to alternate between different time periods. Normally he alternates between **near historical** and **far eschatological** prophecies. But here, **Isaiah** alternates between two **far eschatological prophecies** and a prophecy about **the Suffering Servant**. The way you can distinguish between the two is the context.

Far Eschatological Prophecy (58:1 to 60:1-22)

The Suffering Servant (61:1-11)

Far Eschatological Prophecy (62:1 to 66:24)